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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Seventy-third session, Geneva, 4-8 November 2002)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION¹

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 November 2002

IMPORTANT

In view of the new security measures concerning access to the Palais des Nations, delegations are requested to inform the secretariat (ECE Transport Division) of their exact composition. Access to the Palais des Nations will be restricted to the bearers of an identity card which will be issued by the Security and Safety Section, Villa Les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix (please see the plan on the last page).

Each participant named on the list of members of the delegation is requested to complete in advance the enrolment form on the second-last page and forward it by fax (41 22 917 00 39) or by e-mail (mireille.chavet@unece.org) at latest one week before the session opens.

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¹ As part of the secretariat's efforts to reduce expenditure, documents distributed prior to the session by mail will not be available in the conference room for distribution to session participants. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to the meeting.

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Safety in the transport of dangerous goods		
Safety	in the transport of dangerous goods	TRANS/WP.15/2002/17

- 7. Any other business

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8. Adoption of the report

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The provisional timetable for the plenary is as follows:

Monday 4 November 2002:	Items 1, 2, 3 (a)
Tuesday 5 November 2002:	Item 3 (b)
Wednesday 6 November 2002:	Items 3 (b), 4
Thursday 7 November 2002:	Items 5 to 7
Friday 8 November 2002:	Item 8

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and related issues

(a) Status of the Agreement

ADR has 38 Contracting Parties including 37 member States of UN/ECE and Morocco. The list of competent authorities and their particulars may be consulted on the web site of the Transport Division (http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adr/comp.htm).

(b) Protocol of amendment of 1993

The entry into force of the Protocol amending articles l (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of ADR, adopted at Geneva on 28 October 1993 (depositary notification C.N.448.1993-TREATIES-2) requires the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval and accession, as appropriate, of all Contracting Parties to ADR. To date 25 States are Contracting Parties to the Protocol but the 13 States named below have not yet deposited the instruments in question:

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Kazakhstan, Morocco, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Yugoslavia.

(c) Special agreements

Information on multilateral agreements (text and list of contracting States) may be obtained on the Transport Division's web site (<u>http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm</u>).

(d) Notifications in accordance with Chapter 1.9 of the restructured ADR

Notifications communicated by the Contracting Parties to ADR may be consulted on the Transport Division's web site (<u>www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm</u>).

The secretariat will prepare an informal document containing a consolidated list of the titles of the notifications communicated.

3. Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR

(a) Miscellaneous proposals

TRANS/WP.15/2002/20 (Liechtenstein) Formation of vehicle crew TRANS/WP.15/2002/22 (FIATA) Transport of fireworks UN No. 0336 TRANS/WP.15/2002/25 (Germany) Orange-coloured plate marking (5.3.2)Exemptions related to quantities carried TRANS/WP.15/2002/26 (Germany) per transport unit (b) Construction and approval of vehicles TRANS/WP.15/2002/15 (France) Thickness of tanks made with double walls, the space between being evacuated of air TRANS/WP.15/2002/24 (Germany) Requirements concerning wiring (9.2.2.6.1)Combustion heaters (Chapter 9.2) TRANS/WP.15/2002/27 (France) TRANS/WP.15/2002/3 (Norway) EX vehicles TRANS/WP.15/170, annex 2 TRANS/WP.15/2002/18 (Italy) Revision of Part 9

4. Safety in road tunnels

In its resolution No. 249 of 21 February 2002, the Inland Transport Committee requested its pertinent subsidiary bodies, in particular the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, to consider rapidly the recommendations prepared by the Ad Hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in (Road) Tunnels pertaining to their sphere of competence in existing legal instruments, and give them the most appropriate formulation (see ECE/TRANS/139, annex 1). The recommendations in question can be found in documents TRANS/AC.7/9, TRANS/AC.7/9/Corr.1 and TRANS/AC.7/9/Add.1.

The following documents concerning the recommendations were introduced:

TRANS/WP.15/2002/21 (Austria)	Dangerous goods groupings
TRANS/WP.15/2002/23	Safety in road tunnels

The Working Party will note that the Inland Transport Committee has also established a new Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels (Rail) (AC.9) which met on 27 and 28 June 2002 (see TRANS/AC.9/2).

5. Safety in the transport of dangerous goods

The Inland Transport Committee requested all its subsidiary bodies to identify, within their respective fields of competence, the differences between the concepts of "security" and "safety" and the relevant concrete questions to be addressed in that respect (ECE/TRANS/139, para. 19). A first discussion took place at the previous session on the basis of a document prepared by the Chairman (see TRANS/WP.15/2002/17 and TRANS/WP.15/170, paras. 71 to 76).

The Chairman had invited delegations to reflect and to submit proposals and initiatives for the current session, but no new documents have been submitted.

6. **Programme of work for the seventy-fourth session**

The secretariat will submit proposals in this regard during the session.

7. Any other business

8. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report on its seventy-third session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.



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