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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN)*
(Fifth session, Geneva, 21-25 January 2002)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH SESSION**1

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 21 January 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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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/10).

Delegations may wish to provide themselves with the following basic documents:

(ECE/TRANS/ADN/CONF.10/Add.1	(Final Act of the Diplomatic Conference for the	
(CCNR/MD/ADN/CONF.15/Add.1	adoption of the ADN Agreement; resolution on the	
	follow-up to the Conference; text of the ADN	
	Agreement proper and Annexes C, D.1 and D.2 of	
	the annexed Regulations)	
TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/5 and -/Corr.1	(Annexes A, B.1 and B.2 of the Regulations	
	annexed to ADN)	
ECE/TRANS/150	(Consolidated text of the above documents) (in	
	preparation)	
TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/9 and -/Add.1	(Report of the Joint Meeting of Experts on its	
	fourth session)	
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/84 and Add.1 and 2	Reports of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting on its	
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/86 and Add.1 to 3	May and September 2001 sessions	

TRANS/WP.15/167 and addenda Report of the Working Party on the Transport of

Dangerous Goods on its seventy-first session

(5-9 November 2001)

ECE/TRANS/140, Vols.1 and 2 (2001 version of ADR)

Organization of work time:

The secretariat proposes that the work time should be divided up as follows:

21 January: agenda items 1 to 4

22-23 January: agenda item 4

24 January: agenda items 5 to 8

25 January: agenda item 9.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure and established practice, the meeting will elect a Chairman and possibly a Vice-Chairman.

3. STATUS OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAY

As of 23 October 2001, the Agreement had been signed (subject to ratification) by 10 States: Bulgaria; Croatia; Czech Republic; France; Germany; Italy; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Republic of Moldova; Slovakia.

The meeting will be informed of any further developments.

4. RESTRUCTURING OF ADN

The secretariat has prepared a number of documents concerning the restructuring of ADN taking into account the work done by CCNR on restructuring ADNR, the restructured ADR (ECE/TRANS/140, Vol.I and Vol.II) and the work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/84 and Add.1 and 2 and TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/86 and Add.1 to 3).

The core document is TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/1 and its addenda, containing the various parts and chapters of the draft restructured ADN, as follows:

- Part 1: General provisions (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/1/Add.1)
- Part 2: Classification (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/1/Add.2)
- Part 3: Dangerous goods list and exemptions concerning the carriage of dangerous goods packed in limited quantities (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/1/Add.3, -/Add.4 and -/Add.8)
- Part 4: Packing and tank provisions (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/1/Add.5)
- Part 5: Consignment procedures (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/1/Add.11)

- Part 6: Requirements for the construction and testing of packagings, intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) and tanks (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/1/Add.5)
- Part 7: Provisions concerning loading, carriage, unloading and handling of cargo (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/1/Add.10)
- Part 8: Requirements for vehicle crews, equipment, operation and documentation (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/1/Add.7)
- Part 9: Rules of construction (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/1/Add.6)
- Part 10: Recognition of classification societies (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/1/Add.9)
 NOTE: Some of these documents will only be available for the sixth session of the Joint Meeting of Experts.

5. MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

The meeting is required, in the terms of its mandate, "to appoint, amongst Contracting States and Signatory States, provisional committees of experts in accordance with Annex C, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2.2 of the annexed Regulations to consider on a preliminary basis requests from classification societies which wish to be recommended for recognition".

An ad hoc meeting of experts was convened at the invitation of the Government of Germany and its report has been submitted under the symbol TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2002/2.

6. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO ADN

The secretariat has not yet received any proposals in connection with this agenda item.

7. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The meeting may wish to discuss the programme of work and calendar of meetings for the forthcoming sessions. The sixth session of the Joint Meeting is scheduled from 27 to 31 May 2002.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No proposals have been received in connection with this agenda item.

9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with its usual practice, the meeting will adopt the report of its fifth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.



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