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Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)*

Eighth session, Geneva, 26-30 January 2004

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 26 January 2004

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- 6. Programme of work and calendar of meetings
- 7. Any other business
- 8. Adoption of the report.

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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.2/16).

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

ECE/TRANS/170 and -/Corr.1	ADN 2003
TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/15 and Add.1	Report of the Joint Meeting of Experts on its seventh session
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/94 and Adds.1-7	Report of RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting
TRANS/WP.15/174/Add.1	Draft amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR (adopted in May 2002)

The text of the restructured ADN (ADN 2003) has been circulated in English, French and Russian as document ECE/TRANS/170, Vols. I and II, and -/Corr.1. It is also available on the web site of the Transport Division of the Economic Commission for Europe (<u>http://www.unece.org/trans/ danger/danger.htm</u>). It may be made available in German upon request (e-mail: e.fessmann@ccr-zkr.org).

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 WATERWAYS (ADN)

As of 31 October 2003, the Agreement had been signed (subject to ratification) by 10 States: Bulgaria; Croatia; Czech Republic; France; Germany; Italy; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Republic of Moldova; Slovakia.

There are two Contracting States: the Russian Federation which deposited an instrument of accession on 10 October 2002 (depositary notification C.N.1085-2002-TREATIES-1 of 11 October 2002), and the Netherlands which deposited an instrument of acceptation on 30 April 2003 (depositary notification C.N.395-2003-TREATIES-1 of 16 May 2003).

The meeting will be informed of any further developments.

4. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO ADN

(a) Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting

The Joint Meeting may wish to consider the draft amendments to ADR adopted by the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on the basis of the work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in 2002 to the extent they are also relevant for ADN (TRANS/WP.15/174/Add.1).

The Joint Meeting may also wish to consider the draft amendments adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in 2003 (Bern, 24-28 March 2003) (Geneva, 1-10 September 2003 and Bonn, 13-17 October 2003) (see TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/94 and –/Adds.1-7)

(b) Harmonization of tables A and C with UN Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The secretariat has prepared document TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2004/3 for the harmonization of tables A and C with UN Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, RID and ADR.

(c) Other proposals for amendments

The Government of Austria has submitted a proposal concerning reporting duty in 7.1.5.8 and 7.2.5.8 (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2004/1).

5. MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

The Joint Meeting may wish to consider the report of the Meeting of Experts for recognition of classification societies held in Bonn (Germany), 16-17 June 2003 (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2004/2).

6. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Joint Meeting will be informed of the date of its next session.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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

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