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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 Waterways (ADN)* (Ninth session, Geneva, 24-28 January 2005, agenda item 1)

EXPLANATORY NOTES: PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINTH SESSION**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 24 January 2005

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat reproduces below the annotations to the provisional agenda for the ninth session.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/18 and -/AC.2/18/Add.1).

The text of the restructured ADN (ADN 2005) has been circulated in English and French and will be circulated in Russian under the symbol ECE/TRANS/182, Vols. I and II. 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 is available in German on request from CCNR (e-mail: <u>e.fessmann@ccr-zkr.org</u>).

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe 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 29 October 2004, 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 Netherlands deposited an instrument of acceptance on 30 April 2003. The Russian Federation acceded to ADN on 10 October 2002 and Hungary on 4 May 2004.

The Meeting will be informed of any further developments.

4. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO ADN

The Joint Meeting may wish to consider the following proposals for amendments:

TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/2 (CCNR)	Amendments to various sections of the Regulations annexed to ADN
TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/3 (CCNR)	Table C
TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/4 (Danube Commission)	Security of the transport of dangerous goods

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/5 (Secretariat) Various

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/6 (Secretariat) Various

5. MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

The Joint Meeting may wish to consider the report of the Meeting of Experts for the recognition of classification societies held in Bonn (Germany) from 30 June to 1 July 2004 (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/1).

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 Joint Meeting will adopt the report of its ninth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
