

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF  
DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY  
HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION  
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

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**Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and  
on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of  
Chemicals**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1999/65 of 26 October 1999, [2001/34 of 26 July 2001, 2001/44 of 20 December 2001, ~~and~~ 2003/64 of 25 July 2003] and 2005/53 of 27 July 2005,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals<sup>1</sup> during the biennium ~~2003-2004~~ 2005-2006,

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Work of the Committee regarding the transport of dangerous goods**

*Recognizing* the importance of the work of the Committee for the harmonization of codes and regulations relating to the transport of dangerous goods,

*Bearing in mind* the need to maintain safety standards at all times and to facilitate trade, as well as the importance of this to the various organizations responsible for modal regulations, while meeting the growing concern for the protection of life, property and the environment through the safe transport of dangerous goods, including their security in transport,

*Noting* the ever increasing volume of dangerous goods being introduced into worldwide commerce and the rapid expansion of technology and innovation,

~~*Recalling its resolution 1973 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 whereby it requested the Committee to study, in consultation with other bodies concerned, in particular the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the then Inter-*~~

<sup>1</sup> E/2005/532007/...

~~Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Air Transport Association and the regional commissions, the possibility of a joint approach to the drafting of an international convention on the transport of dangerous goods by all modes of transport which would take into account the general scope of a future convention on international intermodal transport,~~

*Noting/Recalling* that the major international instruments governing the transport of dangerous goods by the various modes of transport and many national regulations are now reasonable harmonized with the Model Regulations annexed to the Committee recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods, but that the uneven progress in the updating process of national inland transport legislation in some countries of the world remains, inter alia, a reason for regulatory disharmony at the worldwide level and represents a serious legislative obstacle to international multimodal transport,]

Aware of activities initiated by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in order to address the problems caused by denial of shipments of radioactive material, including the creation of a senior level Steering Committee including representatives from international organizations,

Sharing the concern of the IAEA at the negative consequences of these denials and related transport delays which render radioactive isotopes useless for their intended application such as medical diagnosis, therapy, industrial applications, production of nuclear power and research,

Noting with satisfaction the action already taken by some specialized agencies, in particular the International Maritime Organization, to encourage the facilitation of such transport,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals with respect to matters relating to the transport of dangerous goods, including their security in transport;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To circulate the new and amended recommendations<sup>2</sup> on the transport of dangerous goods to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international organizations concerned;

(b) To publish the ~~fourteenth~~—fifteenth revised edition of the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Model Regulations*<sup>3</sup> and [the amendments to the fourth] revised edition of the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Manual of Tests and Criteria*<sup>4</sup> in all the official languages of the United Nations, in the most cost-effective manner, not later than the end of ~~2005~~2007;

\* IAEA General Conference resolution (...).

\*\* IMO Resolution (...).

<sup>2</sup> ST/SG/AC.10/~~3234~~/Add.1 and 2.

<sup>3</sup> ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.~~14~~15.

<sup>4</sup> ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.4/Amend.~~1~~2.

(c) To make those publications available on the website of the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe<sup>5</sup>, which also provides secretariat services to the Committee, and to make them available also on CD-ROM;

3. *Invites* all Governments, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other concerned international organizations to transmit to the secretariat of the Committee their views on the Committee's work, together with any comments that they may wish to make on the amended recommendations;

4. *Invites* all interested Governments, the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and the international organizations concerned to take into account, when developing or updating appropriate codes and regulations, the recommendations of the Committee;

5. *Requests* the Committee to continue to study, in consultation with the International Maritime Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental organizations concerned, the possibilities of improving the implementation of the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in all countries for the purposes of ensuring a high level of safety and eliminating technical barriers to international trade, including through the further harmonization of international agreements or conventions governing the international transport of dangerous goods, [or a possible joint approach to the development of an effective international instrument on multimodal international transport of dangerous goods, as appropriate;]

6. *Invites* United Nations programmes, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations concerned with transport of dangerous goods safety or transport facilitation, or by the negative impact of denials of shipments of radioactive material, as well as Non-Governmental Organizations representing transport associations, to take action, as deemed appropriate, to facilitate transport and quick delivery of such material and to enhance cooperation in this respect with the IAEA,

*xxth plenary meeting*

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm>