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PROGRAMME OF WORK^{*/}

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat reproduces hereafter the draft programme of work for 2008-2012 for consideration by the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, the Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the

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International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN), before submission to the Inland Transport Committee at its seventieth session (5-7 February 2008).

The draft programme of work is based on the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 as contained in ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.7: TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Regulations on the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail, inland waterway and combined transport Pr

Priority: 1

<u>Description</u>: Consideration of regulations and technical questions concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods in the region. Preparation of new international agreements and harmonization of existing agreements in this field to enhance safety at the same time as facilitating trade, in cooperation with the Economic and Social Council's Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

Work to be undertaken: By the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15)

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

(a) Consideration of proposed amendments relating expressly to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and relating to administrative and technical questions pertaining to its implementation and the national and international implementation of its annexes, to ensure the necessary updating of legislation and the introduction of a uniform, harmonized and coherent system for the regulation of the national and international transport of dangerous goods by road. (Continuing) (WP.15).

<u>Output expected</u>: Adoption of a set of draft amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR by the end of $\frac{2007}{2009}$ for entry into force on 1 January $\frac{2009}{2011}$, and by the end of $\frac{2009}{2011}$ for entry into force on 1 January $\frac{2011}{2013}$.

Publication of revised consolidated editions of ADR in 2006 2008, 2008 2010 and 2010 2012. Priority: 1

(b) Consideration of proposed amendments relating expressly to the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (<u>ADN</u>) and pertaining to administrative and technical questions concerning their implementation, in order to ensure the necessary updating of those provisions and the introduction of a uniform, harmonized and coherent system for the regulation

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of the national and international transport of dangerous goods by inland waterway throughout Europe (Continuing) (WP.15/AC.2).

<u>Output expected</u>: Adoption of <u>a set of</u> draft amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 <u>2008, 2010 and 2012</u> for application by Member States as soon as possible and for submission to the ADN Administrative Committee as soon as ADN enters into force.

 Publication of revised consolidated editions of ADN in 2006 2008, 2008

 2010 and 2010 2012.
 Priority: 1

(c) Harmonization of the provisions of ADR, ADN and the International Regulations concerning the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), on the basis of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, and consideration of proposed amendments to the provisions common to ADR, RID and ADN in order to harmonize regulations governing the various modes of inland transport, in accordance with the provisions recommended by the United Nations for world-wide application to all transport modes, so as to facilitate multimodal transport and international trade under safety conditions in keeping with each mode of transport (Continuing) (WP.15/AC.1).

<u>Output expected</u>: Adoption of daft amendments to ADR, RID and ADN by the end of 2007 2009 for entry into force on 1 January 2009 2011 and by the end of 2009 2011 for entry into force on 1 January 2011 2013. <u>Priority</u>: 1