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Report of the Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways on its sixth session*

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I. Attendance

1. The Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways held its sixth session in Geneva on 27 January 2011. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, France, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine.

2. The Administrative Committee noted that the representatives of Contracting Parties attending the session had been accredited.

3. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 2 of ADN, and following a decision by the Committee (ECE/ADN/2, para. 8), representatives of:

- (a) Switzerland;
- (b) The European Union; and
- (c) The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR)

also took part in the session as observers.

II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

Documents: ECE/ADN/12 and Add.1

4. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda prepared by the secretariat.

III. Election of officers for 2011 (agenda item 2)

5. On the proposal of the representative of the Netherlands, Mr. H. Rein (Germany) was elected Chairman and Mr. B. Birklhuber (Austria) was elected Vice-Chairman for the sessions in 2011.

IV. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (agenda item 3)

6. The Administrative Committee noted with satisfaction that Serbia had deposited an instrument of accession to ADN on 6 January 2011.

7. The Administrative Committee noted that, following the accession by Serbia, the number of Contracting Parties to ADN had reached 15: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine.

V. Matters relating to the implementation of ADN (agenda item 4)

A. Recognition of classification societies

8. The Committee noted that there were still two outstanding issues regarding the request for recognition of the Shipping Registry of Ukraine and that a decision would be taken at the seventh session (see also ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/38, paras. 37-39).

B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents

9. No new requests for special authorizations had been received from Contracting Parties since the last session of the Committee. Multilateral agreement ADN M001 had been initiated by Germany and signed by Germany and the Netherlands. It was recalled that the text of special authorizations, special agreements, derogations and equivalents, as well as their status, and of notifications, was available on the secretariat website (<http://unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm>).

C. Miscellaneous notifications

10. The Committee requested new Contracting Parties which had not yet done so to transmit to the secretariat the information required by the annexed Regulations, notably as regards the competent authority (para. 1.8.4 of the annexed Regulations) and recognized classification societies (para. 1.15.2.4 of the annexed Regulations) (see also ECE/ADN/4, annex).

D. Other matters

11. No other matters were raised under this item.

V. Work of the Safety Committee (agenda item 5)

12. The Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the draft report on its eighteenth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/38).

VI. Programme of work and calendar of meetings (agenda item 6)

13. The Committee noted that its next session was scheduled to take place in the afternoon of 25 August 2011 and that the deadline for the submission of documents for that session was 27 May 2011.

VII. Any other business (agenda item 7)

14. The Committee had no other business to discuss under this item.

VIII. Adoption of the report (agenda item 8)

15. The Administrative Committee adopted the report on its sixth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat and sent to delegations for approval by e-mail after the meeting.