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Any other business

Informal working group concerning crew reduced and unmanned vessels carrying dangerous goods

Submitted by the Government of Belgium***

Introduction

1. The Belgian delegation received up till 23 May 2022 two requests for projects concerning the carriage of dangerous goods by inland waterways with crew reduced vessels. One request was submitted by Seafar and the German shipping and logistics company (HGK Shipping) together with document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2022/47 and informal documents INF.2 and INF.3. The other request was submitted by the small navigation Committee (Committee RN) of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR). One of the outcomes of this discussion was that the Belgian delegation suggested submitting the request also to the ADN Safety Committee.

2. Considering the evolution of crew reduced vessels or even unmanned vessels the ADN Safety Committee may receive more requests also from other delegations.

Proposal

3. The Belgian delegation would like to request the ADN Safety Committee to consider an informal working group on crew reduced and unmanned vessels carrying dangerous goods. Pending the outcome of the discussion the Belgian delegation would submit draft terms of reference for such informal working group for consideration at the forty-first session of the Safety Committee.

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