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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Meeting of Experts on the European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN) (Second session, Geneva, 18-22 January 1999)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION $\underline{1}/$

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 18 January 1999

- 1. Adoption of the agenda
- 2. Election of officers

<u>Important</u>: In view of the new security arrangements for access to the Palais des Nations, delegations are asked to inform the secretariat (ECE Transport Division) of their exact composition. Access to the Palais des Nations will only be granted to those in possession of an identity card issued by the Safety and Security Section, Villa les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix (see map on last page).

Each delegate listed on the members of delegation list is asked to fill out the registration form on page 5 in advance, and to send it by fax (41 22 917 00 39) or by E-mail (mireille.bassegana@unece.org) no later than one week before the meeting commences.

1/ For reasons of economy, documents sent by post will not be available in the meeting room. Representatives are asked to bring their own copy of the documents to the meeting.

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3. Proposals for amendments to ADN

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4. Restructuring of ADN

5. Cooperation with the Ad Hoc Working Group for the Elaboration of a draft and -/Add.2 European Agreement concerning the TRANS/AC.6/AC.2/2, annex 2 International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway

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- 6. Programme of work and calendar of meetings
- 7. Any other business
- 8. Adoption of the report

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/3).

Organization of work time:

The secretariat proposes that the work time should be divided up as follows:

18 and 19 January: Agenda items 1 to 4, 6 and 7 20 and 21 January: Agenda item 5 Agenda item 8. 22 January:

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure and established practice, the meeting will elect a Chairman and possibly a Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chairman of Working Party AC.6, Mr. G. Kafka (Austria), is scheduled to chair the discussion on agenda item 5.

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3. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE EUROPEAN PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAY (ADN)

The following documents have been submitted:

- a proposal for amendments submitted by the Russian Federation (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/1999/1);
- a document prepared by the secretariat on the basis of amendments adopted for ADNR (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/1999/4).

The Meeting of Experts may possibly wish to consider the consequences for ADN of the entry into force of the amendments to ADR scheduled for 1 January 1999 (TRANS/WP.15/151 and TRANS/WP.15/153, annex 2).

4. RESTRUCTURING OF ADN

A report will be made to the Meeting of Experts on progress in the work of restructuring RID and ADR. It may possibly wish to consider the consequences for ADN.

5. COOPERATION WITH THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR THE ELABORATION OF A DRAFT EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAY (ADN)

A report will be made to the Meeting of Experts on progress in the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group (AC.6) (see report of the eighth session TRANS/AC.6/16, -/Add.1 and -/Add.2).

The Ad Hoc Working Group AC.6 has expressed the wish that the Meeting of Experts should consider the provisions of ADN in order to adapt them to the needs of an agreement and to make them the subject of Annex 1 to the draft Agreement (see also TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2, annex 2).

The Meeting should also consider from a technical standpoint:

Annex 2, Chapter 3 of the draft Agreement (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/1999/2) (Special authorizations);

Annexes 3 and 4 of the draft Agreement (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/1999/3) (Transitional provisions).

6. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The dates scheduled for forthcoming meetings are:

Draft Agreement (Working Group AC.6): 2-5 March 1999 and 30 August-2 September 1999

Meeting of Experts (WP.15/AC.2): 17-21 January 2000.

The Meeting of Experts will review its programme of work in the light of this calendar.

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