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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Sixty-eighth session, Geneva, 15-19 May 2000)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION*

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 15 May 2000

IMPORTANT

In view of the new security measures concerning access to the Palais des Nations, delegations are requested to inform the secretariat (ECE Transport Division) of their exact composition. Access to the Palais des Nations will be restricted to the bearers of an identity card which will be issued by the Security and Safety Section, Villa Les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix (please see the plan on the last page).

Each participant named on the list of members of the delegation is requested to complete in advance the enrolment form on the second-last page and forward it by fax (41 22 917 00 39) or by e-mail (mireille.chavet@unece.org) at latest one week before the session opens.

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^{*} As part of the secretariat's efforts to reduce expenditure, documents distributed prior to the session by mail will not be available in the conference room for distribution to session participants. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to the meeting.

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- 5. Work programme
- 6. Any other business
- 7. Adoption of the report

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The provisional timetable is as follows:

Monday, 15 May 2000 Items 1, 2 and 3

Tuesday, 16 May 2000 Item 3

Wednesday, 17 May 2000 Item 4

Thursday, 18 May 2000 Items 5 and 6

Friday, 19 May 2000 Item 7

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

- 2. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and related issues
 - (a) Status of the Agreement

Thirty-four ECE States are Contracting Parties to ADR. The list of competent authorities and their details can be found in document TRANS/WP.15/2000/1.

(b) Protocol of amendment of 1993

The entry into force of the Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of ADR, adopted at Geneva on 28 October 1993 (depositary notification C.N.448.1993-TREATIES-2) requires the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval and accession, as appropriate, of all Contracting Parties to ADR. To date 23 States are Contracting Parties to the Protocol but the 10 States named below have not yet deposited the instruments in question:

Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova and Yugoslavia.

(c) Special agreements

The consolidated list of special agreements is published only once a year (TRANS/WP.15/2000/2). Contracting Parties to ADR are informed quarterly of new agreements and revocations. Information on multilateral agreements (text and list of contracting States) may be obtained on Internet (http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm).

(d) Notifications in accordance with marginal 10 599

A new notification was transmitted by the Russian Federation (TRANS/WP.15/2000/3).

3. Restructuring of ADR

The RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting at its last session (14 to 24 September 1999) established a drafting group. The secretariat has finalized or will finalize the text of a number of parts or chapters of the restructured ADR on the basis of the work of this group and the decisions taken at the sixty-seventh session of the Working Party as Addenda 1 to 10 to document TRANS/WP.15/159. Other texts will be finalized following the next session of the Joint Meeting to be held in Geneva from 13 to 24 March 2000.

4. Proposals for amendment to Annexes A and B of ADR

(a) <u>Tank-vehicles</u>

TRANS/WP.15/1999/15 (Germany) Marginal 211 127

TRANS/WP.15/1999/33 (Italy) Marginal 211 127

TRANS/WP.15/1999/48 (Germany) Marginal 211 127

TRANS/WP.15/1999/49 (Germany) Marginal 211 127

TRANS/WP.15/1999/51 (Germany) Marginal 211 127

TRANS/WP.15/2000/4 Report of the informal

working group

TRANS/WP.15/2000/9 (Germany) Marginals 21x 100 and 21x 127(5)

TRANS/WP.15/2000/10 (Germany) Marginals 21x 127(3) and (4)

TRANS/WP.15/2000/12 (AEGPL) Marginal 21x 233

(b) <u>Miscellaneous proposals</u>

TRANS/WP.15/2000/5 (Germany) Marginal 10 240

TRANS/WP.15/2000/6 (Germany) Marginal 2002(3)(a)

TRANS/WP.15/2000/7 (Spain) Marginal 211 180

TRANS/WP.15/2000/8 (Germany and Spain) Marginal 10 500

TRANS/WP.15/2000/11 (Germany) Marginals 41 414(2) and 52 403(1)

5. Work programme

The secretariat will submit proposals in this regard during the session.

6. Any other business

7. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report on its sixty-eighth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.



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