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Working Party on the Transport
of Dangerous Goods
(Seventieth session,
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTIETH SESSION*

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday 7 May 2001**

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.

* 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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Tuesday 8 May 2001	Items 3 (a) and 3 (b)
Wednesday 9 May 2001	Items 3 (b) and 3 (c)
Thursday 10 May 2001	Items 4 to 7
Friday 11 May 2001	Item 8

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-six ECE States are Contracting Parties to ADR. The list of competent authorities and their details can be found in document TRANS/WP.15/2001/8 and -/Corr.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 (depository 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 24 States are Contracting Parties to the Protocol but the 12 States named below have not yet deposited the instruments in question:

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

(c) Special agreements

The consolidated list of special agreements (updated to 1 February 2001) was published under the symbol TRANS/WP.15/2001/16. 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 the Internet (<http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm>).

(d) Notifications in accordance with marginal 10 599

The Working Party will be informed of any notifications communicated by the Contracting Parties to ADR.

(e) Amendments scheduled for 1 July 2001

The series of amendments scheduled by the Working Party (restructured ADR) was transmitted by the Government of Portugal to the Secretary-General of the United Nations as a proposal for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR, in accordance with article 14 of ADR. The Contracting Parties were notified of this proposal by depositary notification C.N.1078.2000.TREATIES-3 of 1 January 2001. If these amendments are deemed to have been accepted in accordance with the procedure of article 14, they will enter into force on 1 July 2001.

The secretariat has prepared a consolidated text of the restructured ADR in English and French (ECE/TRANS/140, Vol. I and II) which is in the process of publication, while the Russian version is being prepared by the translation services. This text contains corrections to the notification text; the list of corrections can be found in document TRANS/WP.15/2001/20 in English and TRANS/WP.15/2001/21 in French.

3. Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR

(a) Miscellaneous proposals

Part 1

TRANS/WP.15/2001/12 (CEFIC)	Exemptions (1.1.3.1)
TRANS/WP.15/2001/18 (FIATA)	Section 1.1.4.2 (Use of maritime or air transport documents)

Part 5

TRANS/WP.15/2001/3 (CEFIC)	Instructions in writing (5.4.3 and 8.1.5)
TRANS/WP.15/2001/5 (Norway)	Expressions of quantity in the transport document (5.4.1.1)

Part 7

TRANS/WP.15/2000/11/Rev.1 (Germany)	Stowage of packages containing substances of Classes 4.1 and 5.2 (7.5.2.1, 7.5.11 (CV21))
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TRANS/WP.15/2000/14 (Germany)	Special provision V1 (7.2.2) for substances of Class 9
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TRANS/WP.15/2001/19 (Norway)	Carriage in packages (Special provision V7 (7.2.4))
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Part 8

TRANS/WP.15/2000/5 (Germany)	Fire-fighting appliances (8.1.3)
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TRANS/WP.15/2001/1 (IRU)	
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TRANS/WP.15/2001/17 (United Kingdom)	Supervision of vehicles (8.4; 8.5)
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TRANS/WP.15/2000/18 (United Kingdom)	Safety distances (8.5)
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TRANS/WP.15/2001/6 (Norway)	Additional requirement S3 (8.5)
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TRANS/WP.15/2001/9 (Norway)	Training of the vehicle crew (petroleum products) (8.2)
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(b) Proposals concerning the construction of vehiclesPart 9

TRANS/WP.15/2001/2 (Austria)	9.2.3.4, Note
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TRANS/WP.15/2001/7 (Norway)	Speed limitation device (9.2.5)
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TRANS/WP.15/2001/10 (Austria)	Certificate of approval (9.1.2.1.5)
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TRANS/WP.15/2001/11 (Norway)	EX/III vehicles (9.3.4)
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TRANS/WP.15/2001/14 (Norway)	EX/II vehicles (9.3.3)
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TRANS/WP.15/2001/15 (Norway)	EX/II and EX/III vehicles (9.3.3 and 9.3.4)
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TRANS/WP.15/2000/15 (Italy)	Revision of Part 9
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(c) Proposals concerning tank-vehicles

TRANS/WP.15/2001/4 (United Kingdom)	Carriage of chlorine and sulphur dioxide
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TRANS/WP.15/2001/13 (ITCO)	Double shell aluminium vessels
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Equivalent thickness, alternative arrangements

The Working Party agreed that documents (TRANS/WP.15/1999/15 (Germany), -/1999/33 (Italy), -/1999/48 (Germany), -/1999/49 (Germany), -/1999/51 (Germany) and TRANS/WP.15/161/Add.2 would remain pending while awaiting the results of the work of a technical group under the auspices of the Joint Meeting.

The Government of Germany invited interested experts to take part in a first session of the working group in late January 2001 (see also TRANS/WP.15/163, paras. 51 to 56).

The Working Party will be informed of the progress of the work of this group.

4. Safety in road tunnels

This item was discussed at the last session (see TRANS/WP.15/163, paras. 65 to 71) and it was decided to keep it on the agenda for 2001. No new proposals have been submitted in this regard but the Working Party will be informed, as necessary, of the progress of the work of the Ad hoc Meeting of the Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels and that of the joint group of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses (PIARC).

5. Follow-up of the Convention on Civil Liability for Damage Caused during Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels (CRTD)

The Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-third session (13-15 February 2001) requested the Working Party to consider the results of a questionnaire on the CRTD Convention, and, if it deemed appropriate, to establish an ad hoc group of experts to consider how the Convention could be modified to encourage accessions.

The secretariat has prepared the following documents: TRANS/WP.15/2001/17 and Addenda 1 and 2.

6. Programme of the seventy-first session

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

7. Any other business

8. Adoption of the report

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



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