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I. Attendance

1. The Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) held its nineteenth session in Geneva on 31 August 2017 under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria). Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia and Switzerland.

2. The Administrative Committee noted that the representatives of Contracting Parties attending the session had been accredited and that the quorum of half the number of Contracting Parties required for taking decisions had been reached.

3. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 2 of ADN, and following a decision by the Committee (ECE/ADN/2, para. 8), a representative of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) also took part in the session as an observer.

II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

Documents: ECE/ADN/41 and Add.1

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

III. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (agenda item 2)

5. Corrections to ADN 2015 contained in annex III of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/58 and annex IV of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/60 were notified on 3 November 2016 (depository notification C.N.823.2016.TREATIES-XI.D.6) and were deemed accepted on 10 February 2017 (depository notification C.N.53.2017.TREATIES-XI.D.6).

6. Corrections to ADN 2017 contained in annex I of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/62 were notified on 1 March 2017 (depository notification C.N.112.2017.TREATIES-XI.D.6) and were deemed accepted on 5 June 2017 (depository notification C.N.296.2017.TREATIES-XI.D.6).

7. The Administrative Committee noted that the number of Contracting Parties remained at 18: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

IV. Matters relating to the implementation of ADN (agenda item 3)

A. Classification societies

8. The representative of Germany informed the Administrative Committee that RINA Germany GmbH was still recognised in accordance with 1.15.2.4 of the Regulations annexed to ADN but was not active on the German territory since recognition.

9. As noted by the ADN Safety Committee (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/64, para. 19), the Russian River Register had obtained a certificate of conformity with the ISO 9001:2015 standard in the framework of the requirements under paragraph 1.15.3.8 of the Regulations annexed to ADN and that accreditation under the ISO 17020:2012 standard was under way.

10. The Administrative Committee recalled that all Recommended ADN Classification Societies had to provide evidence, directly to the Administrative Committee, of their certification in accordance with standard EN ISO/IEC 17020: 2012 (except clause 8.1.3).

B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents

11. It was noted that since the last session one multilateral agreement had been initiated for the use of LNG as fuel for the propulsion and auxiliary systems of inland navigation vessels carrying dangerous goods, under the condition that these propulsion and auxiliary systems comply with Chapter 30 and Annex 8, Section 1 of the European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN) as amended (M 020).

12. 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 UNECE website at the following link: <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm>.

C. Miscellaneous notifications

Documents: ECE/ADN/2017/1 and informal document INF.1

13. Examination statistics were provided by the governments of Switzerland, Belgium and Slovakia and Germany. As noted by the ADN Safety Committee (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/64, para. 15), examinations statistics were considered extremely useful and it was suggested that the statistics should be compiled by the secretariat, in a single document for all the Contracting Parties. The Administrative Committee noted that the informal working group on the training of experts had been invited to propose a standard format for such consolidation and a procedure for (periodically) collecting the information.

14. The Committee noted that the governments of Slovakia and Germany had provided their model expert certificates. It was recalled that model expert certificates received by the secretariat were available on the UNECE website at the following link: http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/model_expert_certificates.html

15. Contracting Parties were reminded to send the secretariat their model expert certificates and ADN examination statistics if they have not already done so.

D. Other matters

16. The Committee invited countries to check the contact information for their competent authorities and if necessary to recognise classification societies from the recommended list in accordance with 1.15.2.4 of the annexed Regulations if they had not already done so.

V. Work of the Safety Committee (agenda item 4)

17. The Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the report on its thirty-first session which it approved on the basis of the draft report prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2017/CRP.3 and Add. 1-6 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2017/CRP.4 and Add. 1-2) adopted by the Safety Committee during the report reading (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/64).

18. The Committee decided to consider the proposed amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN for entry into force on 1 January 2019, as contained in annex I of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/64/Add.1, along with all other draft amendments adopted in 2016 and 2017 that had not yet been approved by the Administrative Committee, as a package at its twentieth session on 26 January 2018.

VI. Programme of work and calendar of meetings (agenda item 5)

19. The Committee noted that its next session was scheduled to take place at 14.30 on 26 January 2018 and that the deadline for submission of documents for that meeting was 27 October 2017.

VII. Any other business (agenda item 6)

20. No other business was discussed.

VIII. Adoption of the report (agenda item 7)

21. The Administrative Committee adopted the report on its nineteenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat and circulated to participants for approval after the session.
