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**Diplomatic Conference for the adoption
of a European Agreement concerning
the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods
by Inland Waterway */**
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agenda item 8 (b))

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT CONFERENCE RESOLUTION(S)

Note by the Secretariat **/

1. The secretariat reproduces below a draft resolution approved by the Ad hoc Working Group for the Elaboration of a draft European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (AC.6) at its tenth session (see TRANS/AC.6/20, paras. 70-72 and annex 3) (for the CCNR, see MD/INT(99)13, paras. 70-72 and Annex 3).
2. This draft resolution was approved by the Economic Commission for Europe Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-second session (15-17 February 2000) (ECE/TRANS/133, para. 91).

*/ Organized jointly by the Economic Commission for Europe and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR).

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Draft resolution of the Diplomatic Conference

“The Conference,

Recognizing that the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN) meet the level of safety required for navigation on European waterways covered by the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) at the time of adoption of this Agreement;

Considering, however, that, this level of safety might no longer be deemed suitable at the time of entry into force of the Agreement, depending on the evolution of safety and transport techniques;

Recognizing also the need for harmonization of the provisions of the Regulations annexed to this Agreement with those of other agreements governing other modes of transport for the purpose of facilitating multimodal transport;

Aware of the request by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine that the level of safety at the time of entry into force of the Agreement should correspond to that applicable at that time on the Rhine;

Aware also of the desire of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine [and the Danube Commission] to remain closely associated in the regulating process;

Noting that the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine have subsidiary bodies specialized in the transport of dangerous goods by inland waterway;

Considering that, once the Agreement has entered into force, any proposal relating to Annexes A, B.1, B.2, D.1 and D.2, should in principle, before submission to the Administrative Committee, be discussed at the meeting of experts of the Contracting Parties and, if necessary, of the other countries and international organizations mentioned in article 7, paragraph (2);

1. Invites the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine [and the Danube Commission] to establish a joint meeting of experts with the following mandate:
 - (a) before entry into force of the Agreement:
 - (i) to maintain Annexes A, B.1, B.2, D.1 and D.2 up to date in accordance with the level of safety deemed necessary by their member States, pending entry into force of the Agreement;
 - (ii) to recommend regular implementation, at national level, of the updated provisions of the relevant annexes by all countries interested in becoming parties to the Agreement;
 - (iii) to appoint, amongst Contracting States and Signatory States, provisional committees of experts in accordance with Annex C, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2.2 to consider on a preliminary basis requests from classification Societies which wish to be recommended for recognition;

- (b) after entry into force of the Agreement:

Variant 1 */

[to take the place of the Safety Committee referred to in article 18]

Variant 2 */

to consider all proposals related to amendments to Annexes A, B.1, B.2, D.1 and D.2 and to submit its recommendations with regard to such proposals to the Administrative Committee.

2. Requests the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to convene a meeting of the Administrative Committee as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Agreement with a view to:
- (a) considering and adopting amendments to Annexes A, B.1, B.2, D.1 and D.2 on the basis of the preliminary work carried out in accordance with paragraph 1 (a) (i) above for bringing them up to date before their effective application in accordance with article 11, paragraph 1;
- (b) adopting a list of recommended classification societies on the basis of the preliminary work carried out in accordance with paragraph 1 (a) (iii) above, or appointing new committees of experts in accordance with Annex C, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2.2 to consider requests from classification societies which wish to be recommended for recognition.

*/ Variant 1 : If article 18, which is the subject of a reservation entered by the Government of the Russian Federation, is kept by the Conference.

Variant 2: If article 18, which is the subject of a reservation entered by the Government of the Russian Federation, is not kept by the Conference.
