ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Ad hoc Meeting on the Convention on
Civil Liability for Damage caused during
Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road,
Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels (CRTD)
(Third session, 7-9 July 2003)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION*

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 7 July 2003

IMPORTANT

In view of the new security measures concerning access to the Palais des Nations, delegations are requested to inform the secretariat (UNECE 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.
1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Sixty-fifth session of the Inland Transport Committee  ECE/TRANS/152, paras. 119-126

3. Main obstacles to the entry into force of the CRTD
   (a) Limits of financial liability   TRANS/AC.8/2003/1
   (b) Definition of “Carrier” (Article 1, 8 (b) )   TRANS/AC.8/2003/2
   (c) Article 16   TRANS/AC.8/2003/3
   (d) Other CRTD articles that would need to be amended

4. Relation of the CRTD to other international regimes on liability for damage caused during transport of dangerous goods  TRANS/AC.8/2003/4

5. Programme of work

6. Any other business

7. 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 the adoption of the agenda.

   Delegations may wish to provide themselves with the following basic documents:

   - ECE/TRANS/84
   - TRANS/AC.8/2 and -/4
   - TRANS/WP.15/2001/17, -/Adds.l-8
   - TRANS/WP.15/167, annex 5
   - Explanatory Report on CRTD
   - Reports on first and second sessions
   - Results of the questionnaire related to the CRTD

   The text of the CRTD is available in English and French on the web site of the Transport Division of the Economic Commission for Europe (http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm).

2. **Sixty-fifth session of the Inland Transport Committee**

   At its last session (18-20 February 2003), the Inland Transport Committee noted the very low participation at the sessions of the Ad hoc Meeting of Experts on CRTD and that, as a consequence, its conclusions might not be representative enough so as to allow the adoption by consensus of a revised text of the Convention at the next Committee’s session.

   The Committee urged its members to ensure a better participation at the Ad hoc Meeting of Experts sessions scheduled for 2003. It also decided to request the Bureau to examine the existing conclusions of the Ad hoc Meeting of Experts, eventually to review its mandate and, if need be, to define new guidelines and objectives for 2003.

   At its session of 20 February 2003, the Bureau invited the secretariat to circulate a letter to member States asking for the designation of a focal point for the CRTD Convention.

3. **Main obstacles to the entry into force of the CRTD**

   (a) **Limits of financial liability**

   At its last session, the Ad hoc Meeting considered the draft amendments to article 9 of the CRTD in document TRANS/AC.8/2, annex 2. For more information on the amounts of liability and compulsory insurance, the delegations of Austria and the Netherlands agreed to produce a background document for this session (TRANS/AC.8/2003/1).
(b) **Definition of “Carrier” (Article 1, 8 (b))**

The Ad hoc Meeting may wish to consider a proposal submitted by OTIF (TRANS/AC.8/2003/2).

(c) **Article 16**

The Ad hoc Meeting may wish to consider a proposal prepared jointly by the delegations of the Netherlands, Poland and the Czech Republic (TRANS/AC.8/2003/3).

(d) **Other CRTD articles that would need to be amended**

The Ad hoc Meeting may wish to consider any other proposal of amendment to the CRTD articles.

4. **Relation of the CRTD to other international regimes on liability for damage caused during transport of dangerous goods**

At its last session, the delegation of the Netherlands agreed to produce in co-operation with the secretariat a document on the relation of the CRTD to other international regimes on liability for damage caused during transport of dangerous goods (TRANS/AC.8/2003/4).

5. **Programme of work**

The Ad hoc Meeting may wish to consider its programme of work.

6. **Any other business**

No document.

7. **Adoption of the report**

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