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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 twenty-first session in Geneva on 31 August 2018.
2. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, France, Germany, Netherlands, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia and Switzerland.
3. The Administrative Committee noted that the representatives of Contracting Parties attending the session had been accredited and that the quorum of not less than half of the Contracting Parties required for the purpose of taking decisions had been reached.
4. 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) took part in the session as observer.

II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

Documents: ECE/ADN/46 and Add.1

5. 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)

6. The Administrative Committee noted that the number of Contracting Parties to ADN remained at 18: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.
7. The Committee also noted that the proposed amendments adopted by the Administrative Committee at its last session (ECE/ADN/45) had been communicated to the Contracting Parties on 1 July 2018 for acceptance under depositary notification C.N.297.2018.TREATIES-XI-D-6. Unless a sufficient number of objections was received by 1 October 2018, they would be deemed to be accepted for entry into force on 1 January 2019.

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

A. Classification societies

1. Certification of compliance with ISO/IEC 17020:2012 and list of references to ADN

8. The Administrative Committee noted that the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping had submitted information to the Safety Committee at its thirty-third session regarding certification of compliance with ISO/IEC 17020:2012 but that after discussion, the Safety Committee has concluded that additional information was necessary and had invited the Russian Federation to exchange views and seek advice from other member of the Safety

Committee to achieve compliance (refer to the report of Safety Committee ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/68, paragraphs 26 and 27).

9. The Committee also noted that the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping had also submitted the list of references to ADN in its Class Rules (refer to the report of Safety Committee ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/68, paragraph 28).

10. Other Recommended ADN Classification Societies were requested to provide such evidence as discussed during past sessions of the Safety Committee. It was noted that the lists of recommended and recognised classification societies were available on the secretariat's website at the following address: www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/adnclassifications.html.

11. Finally, the Committee noted that none of the Recommended ADN Classification Societies from the Russian Federation had participated in the last meetings of the informal working group. Recalling the obligations of recommended classification societies in 1.15.4 and that, according to 1.15.4.2, they “shall exchange experiences in joint meetings at least once a year”, the Committee reiterated the invitation made by the Safety Committee to the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping and the Russian River Register to comply with this obligation.

2. Recognition of classification societies

Informal document: INF.1 (Croatia)

12. The Committee took note of the request from Croatia for inclusion of the Croatian Register of Shipping in the list of classification societies recommended for recognition in accordance with chapter 1.15 of the Regulations annexed to ADN and decided to appoint a committee of experts to examine the request.

B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents

13. The Administrative Committee did not receive any requests for special authorizations, derogations and equivalents for consideration at this session.

14. It was recalled that the text of special authorizations, special agreements, derogations and equivalents, as well as their status, and of notifications, could be found on the secretariat's website at the following link: <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html>.

C. Miscellaneous notifications

15. The Administrative Committee invited countries to check the contact information for their competent authority 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.

16. It was recalled that, according to 1.16.4.3 of the Regulations annexed to ADN, the Administrative Committee is expected to maintain an up-to-date list of the inspection bodies appointed. Information received so far is available on the secretariat's website at <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html>.

17. It was also 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.

18. Contracting Parties that have not yet done so, were reminded to send their model expert certificates and ADN examination statistics to the secretariat.

D. Other matters

19. No other matters were raised under this item.

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

20. The Administrative Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the report on its thirty-third session ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/68 and adopted:

(a) Proposed amendments for the purpose of bringing the Regulations annexed to ADN in line with the amended versions of ADR and RID that should be applicable as of 1 January 2019 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/68, annex II). The secretariat was requested to publish them as an addendum to document ECE/ADN/45 (ECE/ADN/45/Add.1) and to ensure their communication to Contracting Parties no later than 1 September 2018 in accordance with the procedure outlined in article 20, paragraph 5 (a) of ADN, so that they could enter into force on 1 January 2019, i.e. one month after acceptance by Contracting Parties;

(b) All proposed corrections to the previously notified amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN (ECE/ADN/45) (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/68, annex III). As these corrections are subject to the acceptance of the amendments listed in ECE/ADN/45, the secretariat was requested to publish them as a corrigendum to document ECE/ADN/45 (ECE/ADN/45/Corr.1) and to arrange for their communication to Contracting Parties on 1 October 2018 (expected date of acceptance of the amendments) for acceptance in accordance with the usual procedure for corrections so that they could become effective at the latest by 1 January 2019; and

(c) All proposed corrections to the Regulations annexed to ADN, as listed in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/68, annex IV. The secretariat was requested to arrange for their communication no later than 1 October 2018 to Contracting Parties for acceptance in accordance with the usual procedure for corrections so that they could become effective at the latest by 1 January 2019.

(d) All proposed corrections to the ADN 2017 publication (ECE/TRANS/258) not requiring acceptance by Contracting Parties (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/68, annex V).

21. The Committee noted that the ADN Safety Committee had also adopted amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN for entry into force on 1 January 2021 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/68, annex I). Since additional amendments were expected to be adopted by the Safety Committee at its future sessions for entry into force on 1 January 2021, the Committee decided to consider them at a later stage.

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

22. The Administrative Committee decided to hold its next session on 25 January 2019 and noted that the deadline for submission of documents was 26 October 2018.

VII. Any other business (agenda item 6)

A. Work of the Inland Transport Committee

23. The Committee noted the invitation from the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) to Working Parties to send their inputs after their annual sessions “as contributions for the development of the strategy and road map of the ITC with a view to its final adoption during the restricted sessions of its eighty-first annual session, as reflected in the report on its eightieth session (ECE/TRANS/274, paragraph 17). It was noted that the document would be circulated by email to the representatives of Governments attending the Committee and that the deadline for submission of comments was 30 September.

B. 2019 edition of the ADN

24. The Committee requested the secretariat to take account of all corrections and the relevant amendments adopted at the session in the new consolidated "2019" edition of ADN which was being prepared.

VIII. Adoption of the report (agenda item 7)

25. The Administrative Committee adopted the report on its twenty-first session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat and sent to delegations for approval by e-mail after the session.
