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Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the
European Agreement concerning the International Carriage
of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)*

Eleventh session
Geneva, 23-24 January 2007
Agenda item 1

**EXPLANATORY NOTES: PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE ELEVENTH SESSION****

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 January 2007*****

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat reproduces below the annotations to the provisional agenda for the eleventh session.

* This meeting is organized jointly by the Economic Commission for Europe and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR).

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*** Because of the limited number of documents transmitted, the ECE and CCNR secretariats have agreed to reduce the time of the session to one and a half days.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/22 and Add.1).

The text of the restructured ADN (ADN 2007) has been circulated in English and French and will be circulated in Russian under the symbol ECE/TRANS/190, Vols. I and II. It is also available on the website of the Transport Division of the Economic Commission for Europe (<http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm>). It is available in German on request from CCNR (e-mail: e.fessmann@ccr-zkr.org).

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe and established practice, the Meeting will elect a Chairman and possibly a Vice-Chairman.

3. STATUS OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAYS (ADN)

As of 10 November 2006, the Agreement had been signed (subject to ratification) by 10 States:

Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Moldova, Netherlands and Slovakia.

The Netherlands deposited an instrument of acceptance on 30 April 2003. Bulgaria deposited its instrument of ratification on 7 March 2006. The Russian Federation, Hungary and Austria acceded to ADN on 10 October 2002, 4 May 2004 and 9 November 2004, respectively.

The secretariat has been informed that ratification or accession procedures are well under way in several countries; it is thus possible that the Agreement will enter into force in the near future, after two more States deposit the appropriate legal instruments.

The Meeting will be informed of any further developments. It may wish to discuss the impact of entry into force on regulatory developments in the countries concerned, and in other countries.

4. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO ADN

No documents have been submitted under this agenda item.

5. MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

The Joint Meeting will wish to consider the report of the Meeting of Experts for the recognition of classification societies, held in Bonn (Germany) from 22 to 23 May 2006 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2007/1).

6. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Joint Meeting will be informed of the date of its next session.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No proposals have been received in connection with this agenda item.

8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with its usual practice, the Joint Meeting will adopt the report of its eleventh session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
