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### **Report of the Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways on its fifth session\***

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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 fifth session in Geneva on 26 August 2010 under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Rein (Germany) and vice-chairmanship of Mr. B. Birkhüber (Austria). Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation and Slovakia.

2. The Administrative Committee noted that the representatives of Contracting Parties attending the session had been accredited.

3. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 2 of ADN, and following a decision by the Committee (ECE/ADN/2, para. 8), representatives of:

- (a) Switzerland;
- (b) The European Union;
- (c) The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR); and
- (d) The Danube Commission;

also took part in the session as observers.

## **II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)**

*Documents:* ECE/ADN/10 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. The Administrative Committee noted with satisfaction that Poland had deposited an instrument of accession to ADN on 25 June 2010.

6. The Administrative Committee noted that, following the accession by Poland, the number of Contracting Parties to ADN had reached 14: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia and Ukraine.

7. The Committee noted also with satisfaction that Belgium, Serbia and Switzerland had initiated procedures for accession.

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

### **A. Recognition of classification societies**

8. The Committee noted that the Committee of experts for the recognition of classification societies had met near Frankfurt on 28-29 June 2010 at the invitation of the Government of Germany to consider the request of Ukraine for recommendation of the

Shipping Register of Ukraine as a recognized classification society (see also ECE/ADN/8, paras 13-14). The Shipping Register of Ukraine had been requested to provide some missing information that would be considered at the next session of the ADN Safety Committee.

## **B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents**

9. No new request had been received from Contracting Parties since the last session of the Committee.

## **C. Miscellaneous notifications**

10. The Committee requested new Contracting Parties which had not yet done so to transmit to the secretariat the information required by the annexed Regulations, notably as regards the competent authority (para. 1.8.4 of the annexed Regulations) and recognized classification societies (para. 1.15.2.4 of the annexed Regulations) (see also ECE/ADN/4, annex).

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

11. The Committee took note of the report of the Safety Committee on its seventeenth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/36) and adopted:

(a) All proposed amendments, as listed in annex I to the report. As these amendments modify those previously adopted for entry into force on 1 January 2011 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 2011, the secretariat was requested to publish them as a corrigendum to document ECE/ADN/9 (ECE/ADN/9/Corr.2) and to communicate them to Contracting Parties no later than 1 September 2010 in accordance with the procedure outlined in article 20, paragraph 5 (a) of ADN, so that they may enter into force on 1 January 2011, i.e. one month after acceptance by Contracting Parties.

(b) All corrections to the Regulations annexed to ADN, as listed in annex II to the report of the Safety Committee. The secretariat was requested to transmit these corrections no later than 1 October 2010 to Contracting Parties for acceptance in accordance with the usual procedure for corrections so that they would become effective at the latest by 1 January 2011.

12. The Committee noted that the Safety Committee had adopted amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN for entry into force on 1 January 2013 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/36, annex III). Since additional work had to be performed in relation to some of these amendments, and since additional amendments were expected to be adopted by the Safety Committee at its three next sessions for entry into force on 1 January 2013, the Committee decided to consider them at a later stage.

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

13. The Committee noted that its next session was scheduled to take place in the afternoon of 27 January 2011 and the morning of 28 January 2011 and that the deadline for documents for that meeting was 22 October 2010. The Committee decided that the next session should be shortened to not more than one half-day meeting on 27 January 2011, preferably in the afternoon.

**VII. Any other business (agenda item 6)**

14. The Committee requested the secretariat to take account of all corrections and amendments adopted at the session in the new consolidated "2011" edition of ADN which was being prepared.

**VIII. Adoption of the report (agenda item 7)**

15. The Administrative Committee adopted the report on its fifth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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