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Item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda

Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN: Other proposals**Article 1.15.4 – Obligations of recommended classification societies^{1, 2}****Transmitted by the Recommended ADN Classification Societies**

1. During the last meeting of the Recommended ADN Classification Societies held in Brussels on 29 September 2011, the text relating to the obligations of recommended classification societies was examined, in particular the provisions adopted at the last Safety Committee meeting (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/40/Add.1).

2. The Recommended Classification Societies consider that some improvements are possible to better take into account the work practices of classification societies and to avoid difficulties in the application of these provisions.

3. The proposal is to amend 1.15.4 to read:

"1.15.4.1 Recommended classification societies shall undertake to cooperate with each other so as to guarantee equivalence from the point of safety of their technical standards which are relevant to the implementation of the provisions of the present Agreement.

1.15.4.2 They shall exchange experiences in joint meetings at least once a year. They shall report annually to the Safety Committee. The Secretariat of the Safety

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² In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106, ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.7 (b)).

Committee shall be informed of those meetings. The opportunity will be given to Contracting Parties to attend the meetings as observers.

1.15.4.3 Recommended classification societies shall undertake to apply the present and future provisions of the Agreement taking into account the date of their entry into force. In response to requests from the competent authority, recommended classification societies shall provide all relevant information regarding their technical requirements."
