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Any other business

Rules of Procedures for the ADN Safety Committee, proposal of corrections

Note by the secretariat * **

Introduction

1. Due to an editorial oversight when preparing the final version of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2022/12, a previous version of Rule 1 (a) was kept instead of the intended draft.
2. Rule 1 (a), as adopted by the ADN Safety Committee at its thirty-ninth session reads as follows:

"(a) **All contracting parties to the ADN** shall be considered full participants of the ADN Safety Committee."
3. Paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) then address participation of non-member states of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), international organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) leaving ECE member States that are not Contracting Parties to ADN without the right to participate in the sessions of the ADN Safety Committee.
4. ECE member States that are not Contracting Parties to ADN should at least have the same rights as those of non-member States of ECE participating under article 11 of the ECE Rules of procedure. But more importantly, the ADN Safety Committee is a Joint Meeting which, in the spirit of the resolution adopted by the Conference for ADN in 2000, should be open for full participation of experts from all member States of ECE, the Central Commission

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for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) and Danube Commission. In other words, the right to full participation in the work of the ADN Safety Committee should be granted to all ECE member States without distinction.

5. In addition, the second sentence of Rule 1 (b), albeit standard text in the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and subsidiary bodies rules of procedure, is not relevant for the ADN Safety Committee. Only member States of ECE whose territory contains inland waterways, other than those forming a coastal route, which form part of the network of inland waterways of international importance as defined in the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), can be Contracting Parties to ADN.

Proposed corrections

6. Therefore, the secretariat proposes to correct Rule 1, subparagraphs (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) **All ECE Member States** shall be considered full participants of the ADN Safety Committee.

(b) Non-member states of ECE as defined in paragraph 11¹ of the Terms of Reference of ECE may participate in a consultative capacity in the ADN Safety Committee on any matter of particular concern to them. ~~These countries may however participate as full members at sessions of the ADN Safety Committee devoted to matters relating to a legal instrument to which they are Contracting Parties."~~
