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PROGRAMME OF WORK

Note by the Secretariat */

The secretariat reproduces hereafter the draft programme of work for 2006-2010 for consideration by the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, the Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN), before submission to the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-eighth session (7-9 February 2006).

The draft programme of work is based on the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2004-2008 as contained in ECE/TRANS/156/Add.1.

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It should be noted that activities under each programme activity may be listed under "CONTINUING ACTIVITIES" or "ACTIVITIES OF LIMITED DURATION". In both cases, the work to be undertaken and its purposes have to be described, as well as the expected output and the time frame

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.7: TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Regulations on the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail, inland waterway and combined transport

Priority: 1

<u>Description</u>: Consideration of regulations and technical questions concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods in the region. Preparation of new international agreements and harmonization of existing agreements in this field to enhance safety at the same time as facilitating trade, in cooperation with the Economic and Social Council's Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

Work to be undertaken:

By the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15)

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

(a) Consideration of proposed amendments relating expressly to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and relating to administrative and technical questions pertaining to its implementation and the national and international implementation of its annexes, to ensure the necessary updating of legislation and the introduction of a uniform, harmonized and coherent system for the regulation of the national and international transport of dangerous goods by road throughout Europe. (Continuing) (WP.15).

Output expected: Adoption of a set of draft amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR by the end of 2005–2007 for entry into force on 1 January 20072009, and by the end of 2007–2009 for entry into force on 1 January 20092011.

Publication of revised consolidated editions of ADR in 20042006, 2006-2008 and 20082010. Priority: 1

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(b) Consideration of proposed amendments relating expressly to the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways and pertaining to administrative and technical questions concerning their implementation, in order to ensure the necessary updating of those provisions and the introduction of a uniform, harmonized and coherent system for the regulation of the national and international transport of dangerous goods by inland waterway throughout Europe (Continuing) (WP.15/AC.2).

Output expected: Adoption of draft amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN in 20042006, 20052007, 20062008, 2007–2009 and 2008–2010 for application by Member States as soon as possible and for submission to the ADN Administrative Committee as soon as ADN enters into force.

Publication of revised consolidated editions of ADN in 2006, 2008 and 2010. Priority: 1

(c) Harmonization of the provisions of ADR, ADN and the International Regulations concerning the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), on the basis of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, and consideration of proposed amendments to the provisions common to ADR, RID and ADN in order to harmonize regulations governing the various modes of inland transport—throughout—Europe, in accordance with the provisions recommended by the United Nations for world-wide application to all transport modes, so as to facilitate multimodal transport and international trade under safety conditions in keeping with each mode of transport (Continuing) (WP.15/AC.1).

Output expected: Adoption of draft amendments to ADR, RID and ADN by the end of 2005-2007 for entry into force on 1 January 2007-2009 and by the end of 2007-2009 for entry into force on 1 January 20092011.

Priority: 1
