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**Programme of work****Programme of work, biennial evaluation and terms of reference****Note by the secretariat****I. Mandate**

1. In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being 2012 (ECE/TRANS/200, paragraph 120), the Working Party is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2012–2013 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation.

**II. Programme of work for 2012–2013****A. Introduction**

2. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for 2012–2013 of the Inland Transport Committee's subprogramme relating to "Transport of Dangerous Goods (ECE)". The Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods is invited to consider this programme for subsequent adoption at its current session. It will then be submitted to the Inland Transport Committee and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee for formal approval. The Working Party and the Inland Transport Committee will have the opportunity to adjust this programme of work during the course of the biennium, to be reflected in a separate document.

3. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities

proposed to be carried out in 2012–2013. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

4. The grouping of programme activities into clusters is exactly the same as that used by the Inland Transport Committee for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance.

5. The following clusters of activities make up the UNECE's subprogramme on transport:

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*Cluster No Subprogramme: 02 Transport*

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1. Overall coordination (Inland Transport Committee and Bureau)
  2. Transport trends and economics, land-locked countries and transit facilitation
  3. Road transport (Trans-European network for motorways (TEM) Project)
  4. Road traffic safety
  5. Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
  6. Rail transport (Trans-European network for rail (TER) Project)
  7. Inland waterway transport
  8. Intermodal transport and logistics
  9. Customs questions affecting Transport
  10. Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European programme (THE PEP)
  11. Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)
  12. Transport of dangerous goods (ECOSOC)
  13. Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (ECOSOC)
  14. Transport of perishable foodstuffs
  15. Transport statistics
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6. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2012–2013. As necessary, they are complemented by additional items to reflect more recent developments and needs of ECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities are clearly indicated as "additional".

7. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

8. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in section II of this document.

9. The present document is based in substance on the programme of work for 2010–2014 as adopted in 2010 by the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/2010/8 and Corr.1).

## B. Objective and strategy

10. The objective of the UNECE subprogramme of transport is to facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable transport.

11. The responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division.

## C. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2012–2013 biennium

### Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 11: Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
<p>Consideration of regulations and technical questions concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods in the region. Preparation of new international agreements and harmonization [and amendment] 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.</p> <p>Main actions by the Transport Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing secretariat services to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the UNECE Inland Transport Committee Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), which addresses mainly issues related to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) which are specific to road transport (construction and approval of vehicles, operation of vehicles, driver training, safety in road tunnels, etc),</li> <li>2. the Joint Meeting of WP.15 and the RID Committee of Experts ("RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting") (WP.15/AC.1) (in cooperation with the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) secretariat), for all matters common to the three modes of inland transport, such as classification, listing, packagings, tanks, freight containers</li> <li>3. the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (ADN Safety Committee) (WP.15/AC.2) and the ADN Administrative Committee (in cooperation with the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR)), for all matters specific to inland navigation,</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>Adoption of amendments to ADR and, through joint activities carried out with the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR), to RID and ADN respectively, intended to maintain the necessary level of safety, security and protection of the environment in a uniform, harmonized and coherent system of transport of dangerous goods regulations based on the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, and effective implementation through international and national legislation.</p> <p>[Additional: Adoption of a road map on how to set up the administrative structures required for implementation of ADR.</p> <p>Development of recommendations and/or guidelines based on this road map.][2013]</p>

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such as construction and approval of inland navigation vessels, carriage in tank-vessels, operation of vessels, training and examination of crew, etc

- Administering ADR and ADN (cooperation with UN Treaty Section, consolidation and checking of legal texts, amendments, depositary notifications, registration and notification of bilateral or multilateral agreements concluded by Parties by derogation to the requirements of ADR or ADN, special authorizations etc)
  - Publication of consolidated versions of ADR and ADN every two years,
  - Cooperation with governments and international organizations
  - Providing technical advice and training, or participating in conferences, seminars and workshops for technical assistance or awareness-raising (upon request and as resources allow)
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### **Outputs/activities**

#### *(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

11.1 Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (ninety-second and ninety-third sessions, 2012, ninety-fourth and ninety-fifth sessions, 2013) (40 half-day meetings)

*Documentation:*

Reports of the sessions (4). Two series of documents concerning amendments to the technical annexes of ADR or implementation of ADR. Consolidated list of all the amendments to ADR which will be adopted for entry into force on 1 January 2013.

11.2 Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Spring and Autumn sessions, 2012, Spring and Autumn sessions, 2013) (45 half-day meetings)

*Documentation:*

Reports of the sessions (4). Two series of documents concerning amendments to ADR, RID and ADN.

11.3 Joint Meeting of experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (fortieth and forty-first sessions, 2012, forty-second and forty-third sessions, 2013) (32 half-day meetings)

*Documentation:*

Reports of the sessions (4). Two series of documents concerning amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN or implementation of ADN.

11.4 Administrative Committee of the ADN (eighth and ninth sessions, 2012, tenth and eleventh sessions, 2013) (8 half-day meetings)

*Documentation:*

Reports of the sessions (4). Two series of documents concerning amendments or administration of ADN. Consolidated list of all the amendments to ADN which will be adopted for entry into force on 1 January 2013.

*(b) Publications and other information material*

11.5 Consolidated 2013 revised edition of ADR (applicable as from 1 January 2013).

11.6 Consolidated 2013 revised edition of ADN (applicable as from 1 January 2013).

11.7 Electronic versions of the ADR (applicable as from 1 January 2011) made available on the internet with related information.

11.8 Electronic versions of the ADN (applicable as from 1 January 2011) made available on the internet with related information.

11.9 CD ROM containing the electronic version of the ADR and related information.

*(c) Technical cooperation*

11.10 Legal data related to the implementation of the ADR and ADN maintained by the secretariat and made available on the internet (Status of the Agreement, Competent authorities, Instructions in writing, Notifications, Bilateral or Multilateral agreements, special authorizations, etc...).

11.11 Legal and technical assistance to Contracting Parties to ADR and ADN for effective implementation, as well as to UNECE or non-UNECE countries interested in accession.

11.12 Cooperation with governments and international organizations: providing technical advice and training, or participating in conferences, seminars and workshops for technical assistance or awareness-raising (upon request and as resources allow).

### **III. Biennial evaluation**

12. On the basis of decisions taken at its fifty-eighth session in June 2007 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/194, paragraphs 61-63 and annex III), the activities of the Working Party are measured, as part of the biennial evaluation, against one expected accomplishment, two indicators of accomplishment and corresponding performance measures. In February 2010, this approach was approved by the Inland Transport Committee as part of the performance planning for evaluation of the biennium 2010–2011 (ECE/TRANS/2010/7).

13. The Working Party may wish to review these parameters as well as the actual performance measures for 2010–2011 as provided below with a view to either maintaining them or establishing new ones for the biennium 2012–2013.

<i>Biennial Assessment</i>			
<i>Review of performance measures for 2010–2011 and establishment of targets for 2012–2013</i>			
<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
11. Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)	Adoption of amendments to ADR and, through joint activities carried out with the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR), to RID and ADN respectively, intended to maintain the necessary level of safety, security and protection of the environment in a uniform, harmonized and coherent system of transport of dangerous goods regulations based on the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, and effective implementation through international and national legislation.	(a) Amendments to ADR, RID and ADN adopted in 2011 and 2012 and entered into force by 1 January 2013 for international transport and made applicable to domestic traffic in all European Union and EEA countries by 1 July 2013, reflecting, inter alia, the 2011 United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (17th revised edition). <i>Performance measures:</i> Target 2012–2013: 1 set of amendments of each legal instrument	Baseline 2010–2011: 1 set of amendments of each legal instrument
		(b) Publication of consolidated 2013 revised edition of ADR and ADN before end 2012. <i>Performance measures:</i> Target 2012–2013: 1 ADR, 1 ADN	Baseline 2010–2011: 1 ADR, 1 ADN

#### IV. Status and characteristics of the Working Party

14. In accordance with the Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within UNECE, the mandate and extension of these Working Parties should be reviewed every five years (ECE/EX/1, para. 1 (c)).

15. As the first five year cycle will end in 2012 and on the basis of a comprehensive review of its activities, the Working Party may wish to propose to the Inland Transport Committee to renew the mandate and status of the Working Party (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1 and ECE/TRANS/192, paragraph 99) for another cycle of five years as of 2013 (ECE/EX/1, para. 3 (d)).