

## RESOLUTION

### Follow up to the Conference

#### The Conference,

Recognizing that the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) meet the level of safety required for navigation on European waterways covered by the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), particularly on the Rhine, at the time of adoption of this Agreement;

Considering, however, that this level of safety might no longer be deemed suitable at the time of entry into force of the Agreement, depending on the evolution of safety and transport techniques;

Recognizing also the need for harmonization of the provisions of the Regulations annexed to this Agreement with those of other agreements governing other modes of transport for the purpose of facilitating multimodal transport;

Aware of the request by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine that the level of safety at the time of entry into force of the Agreement should correspond to that applicable at that time on the Rhine;

Aware also of the desire of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine and of the Danube Commission to remain closely associated in the regulating process;

Noting that the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine and the Danube Commission have bodies dealing with the transport of dangerous goods by inland waterways;

Considering that, once the Agreement has entered into force, any proposal relating to the annexed Regulations should in principle, before submission to the Administrative Committee, be discussed at meetings of experts of the Contracting Parties and, if necessary, of the other States and international organizations mentioned in article 17, paragraph (2);

1. Invites the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine and the Danube Commission to establish a joint meeting of experts with the following mandate:

- (a) before entry into force of the Agreement:
  - (i) to prepare the updates of the annexed Regulations in order to enable the Administrative Committee, once the Agreement has entered into force, to adapt them to the evolution of transport techniques and to the ongoing restructuring of the other European regulations governing the carriage of dangerous goods and to bring them into line with the level of safety required for navigation on European waterways covered by AGN, particularly on the Rhine;
  - (ii) to recommend regular implementation, at national level, of the updated provisions of the relevant annexes by all countries interested in becoming parties to the Agreement;
  - (iii) to appoint, amongst Contracting States and Signatory States, provisional committees of experts in accordance with Annex C, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2.2 of the annexed Regulations to consider on a preliminary basis requests from classification societies which wish to be recommended for recognition;
- (b) after entry into force of the Agreement:

to take the place of the Safety Committee referred to in article 18.

2. Requests the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to convene a meeting of the Administrative Committee as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Agreement with a view to:

- (a) adopting proposals for the revision of the annexed Regulations as prepared in accordance with paragraphs 1 (a) (i) and 1 (b) above so that the Regulations will be applicable on the date scheduled in Article 11, paragraph 1;
- (b) adopting a list of recommended classification societies on the basis of the preliminary work carried out in accordance with paragraph 1 (a) (iii) above, or appointing new committees of experts in accordance with Annex C, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2.2 to consider requests from classification societies which wish to be recommended for recognition.

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