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INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Working Party on the Transport
of Dangerous Goods
(Seventy-fourth session,
Geneva, 19-23 May 2003)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION¹

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 19 May 2003

IMPORTANT

In view of the new security measures concerning access to the Palais des Nations, delegations are requested to inform the secretariat (ECE Transport Division) of their exact composition. Access to the Palais des Nations will be restricted to the bearers of an identity card which will be issued by the Security and Safety Section, Villa Les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix (please see the plan on the last page).

Each participant named on the list of members of the delegation is requested to complete in advance the enrolment form on the second-last page and forward it by fax (41 22 917 00 39) or by e-mail (mireille.chavet@unece.org) at latest one week before the session opens.

¹ As part of the secretariat's efforts to reduce expenditure, documents distributed prior to the session by mail will not be available in the conference room for distribution to session participants. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to the meeting.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The provisional timetable for the plenary is as follows:

Monday, 19 May 2003:	Items 1, 2, 3, 4 (a)
Tuesday, 20 May 2003:	Items 4 (b) and 4 (c)
Wednesday, 21 May 2003:	Item 4 (c)
Thursday, 22 May 2003:	Items 5 to 8
Friday, 23 May 2003:	Item 9

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and related issues

(a) Status of the Agreement

ADR has 38 Contracting Parties including 37 member States of UN/ECE and Morocco. The list of competent authorities and their particulars may be consulted on the web site of the Transport Division (<http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adr/comp.htm>).

(b) Protocol of amendment of 1993

The entry into force of the Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of ADR, adopted at Geneva on 28 October 1993 (depository notification C.N.448.1993-TREATIES-2) requires the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval and accession, as appropriate, of all Contracting Parties to ADR. To date 26 States are Contracting Parties to the Protocol but the 12 States named below have not yet deposited the instruments in question:

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Kazakhstan, Morocco, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro and Ukraine.

(c) Special agreements

Information on multilateral agreements (text and list of contracting States) may be obtained on the Transport Division's web site (<http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm>).

- (d) Notifications in accordance with Chapter 1.9 of the restructured ADR

Notifications communicated by the Contracting Parties to ADR may be consulted on the Transport Division's web site (www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm).

The secretariat will prepare an informal document containing a consolidated list of the titles of the notifications communicated.

3. Interpretation of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)

The Government of Switzerland has submitted a proposal concerning the interpretation of the new provisions relating to fire-fighting equipment (TRANS/WP.15/2003/3).

4. Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR

- (a) Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting

The secretariat has prepared a list of the amendments proposed by the Joint Meeting (TRANS/WP.15/2003/6).

- (b) Miscellaneous proposals

TRANS/WP.15/2003/5 (FIATA)	New paragraph 1.1.4.2.3
TRANS/WP.15/2003/6 (Liechtenstein)	Chapter 8.2.1.1
TRANS/WP.15/2003/9 (Germany)	Part 8, Driver training

- (c) Construction and approval of vehicles

TRANS/WP.15/2003/1 (Secretariat)	Chapter 9.1 (Consolidated text)
TRANS/WP.15/2003/8 (Secretariat)	Chapters 9.2 and 9.3 (Consolidated text)
TRANS/WP.15/2003/4 (Norway)	Section 9.3.4

5. Safety in road tunnels

In its resolution No. 249 of 21 February 2002, the Inland Transport Committee requested its pertinent subsidiary bodies, in particular the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, to consider rapidly the recommendations prepared by the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in (Road) Tunnels (AC.7) pertaining to their sphere of competence and to identify those which could be included in existing legal instruments with the most appropriate formulation (see ECE/TRANS/139, annex 1). The recommendations in question can be found in documents TRANS/AC.7/9, TRANS/AC.7/9/Corr.1 and TRANS/AC.7/9/Add.1.

The following documents concerning these recommendations were introduced at the last session:

TRANS/WP.15/2002/21 (Austria)	Dangerous goods groupings
TRANS/WP.15/2002/23 (Spain)	Recommendations for safety in road tunnels

Following the consideration of these documents at the last session (see TRANS/WP.15/172, paras. 55 to 60), the representative of Austria invited an informal group of experts to meet in Feldkirch from 12 to 14 May 2003. The results of the work of this group may possibly be available in the form of an informal document.

6. Security in the transport of dangerous goods

This matter was discussed at the last session (see TRANS/WP.15/172, paras. 61 to 68). Since then, the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals has adopted recommendations on the subject (see ST/SG/AC.10/29/Add.1) which will be discussed by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting.

7. Programme of work for the seventy-fifth session

The secretariat will submit proposals in this regard during the session.

8. Any other business

9. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report on its seventy-fourth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.



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