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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
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SAFETY IN ROAD TUNNEL

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat reproduces below part of the draft report of the forty-fifth session of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) which may be of interest to the Working party.

"The secretariat informed WP.1 about work within the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) on the introduction of a panel additional to the signs for the transport of dangerous goods in the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals, namely signs C,3h and D,10a, b and c. In particular, it was noted that the ad hoc working group on the safety of the transport of dangerous goods in road tunnels had submitted its report (TRANS/WP.15/179/Add.1) and that it contained proposals for amendments to Chapters 1.9 and 8.6 of the Appendix to Annexes A and B of ADR concerning the signs that would be introduced to take account of the new traffic restrictions related to the creation of dangerous goods groupings A, B, C, D and E. The opinion of WP.1 was requested in the report (paragraph 35) as to whether the new interpretation to be given to the signs to be established following the introduction of these groupings should appear in ADR, R.E.2 or in both. It was recalled that the existing interpretation of sign C,3h, to be found in R.E.2, came from WP.15.

On the basis of this information, WP.1 requested WP.15:

- To inform it officially about this matter;
- To provide an explicit document with concrete proposals for inclusion in R.E.2;
- To submit for its opinion the provisions on signs to be included in ADR, since the field of signs and signals is part of the competence of WP.1.

Lastly, WP.1 requested its members to contact their opposite numbers in WP.15 rapidly about this matter which would be discussed in October at the latter's next session."
