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Catalogue of questions

Informal working group on the catalogue of questions – proposal to rename the group “Informal working group on the training of experts”**Transmitted by the Government of Germany¹****I. Proposal**

1. It is proposed to revise the mandate for the creation of the informal working group on the "catalogue of questions" (document WP.15/AC.2/14/INF.12) issued by the Safety Committee at its fourteenth session from 26 to 29 January 2009 and to rename the informal working group the “informal working group on the training of experts”.

II. Justification

2. Due to the large number of individual tasks submitted by the Safety Committee, this group not only takes care of the elaboration, management and updating of the catalogue of questions drawn up according to 8.2.2.7.1.3 (ADN) by the Administrative Committee, but also of general questions concerning implementation and quality of training sessions and examinations.

3. The way of working of the “catalogue of questions” group has proved useful and led to good proposals for the ADN Safety Committee. However, in order to give the participants further planning certainty and acknowledgement of their considerable amount of work, to emphasize their importance for safe transportation according to ADN and to encourage further delegations to participate in the informal working group, the mandate should be updated.

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4. The proposals were presented and approved at the March session of the “catalogue of questions” group (See the session report; document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2012/23 (3) to (6))

III. Updated mandate for an informal working group on the training of experts

5. The mandate of the informal working group on the “training of experts” should consist of:

(a) managing and updating the catalogue of questions in line with the development of the provisions of the Regulations,

(b) continuous evaluation of the training of experts through the exchange of experiences on the organization and quality of training sessions and examinations between the Contracting Parties,

(c) the examination of the continuation of Chapter 8.2 with special consideration of the results of (b) and the objective to harmonize it with Chapter 8.2 of ADR,

(d) the processing of further individual mandates submitted to it by the Safety Committee.

6. The results of the work should lead to proposals for decisions by the Safety Committee (AC.2).

7. The representatives of all delegations of the Safety Committee should be invited to participate in the informal working group. Contracting Parties could also involve experts of training organizers and examination bodies.

8. Specialists on the training of experts should meet at least once a year to update the catalogue and to have an exchange of opinions on the training system and the exam for ADN experts. Germany is prepared to continue assuring the chairmanship of the informal working group on the “training of experts” and proposes Strasbourg as the primary meeting venue if the CCNR is in agreement.
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