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## Economic Commission for Europe

### Inland Transport Committee

#### Conference of the Contracting Parties to the 1957 European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)

##### Second meeting

Geneva, 13 May 2019

Item 4 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Provisional agenda for the Conference

#### Addendum

#### Annotations to the provisional agenda

### 1. Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened on Monday 13 May 2019, at 14.30.

### 2. Election of officers

Following the precedent of the Conference of the Contracting Parties held on 28 October 1993, the Conference may wish to elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

### 3. Credentials

In line with the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe, each Contracting Party should be represented at the Conference by an accredited representative. A representative may be accompanied by alternate representatives and advisers and, when absent, he/she may be replaced by an alternate representative.

The credentials of each representative appointed to the Conference, together with a designation of alternate representatives, should be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. They should be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe without delay, and if possible,

not later than Friday 10 May 2019 to facilitate the verification process. In cases where formal credentials cannot be submitted prior to the Conference, Contracting Parties are invited to communicate the information concerning their representatives to the Conference to the secretariat before the session (e.g. copies of the original credentials, note verbal from the Permanent Mission) on the understanding that formal credentials will be submitted as soon as possible.

The secretariat will provide an oral report on credentials during the Conference.

#### **4. Adoption of the agenda**

The Conference may wish to adopt the provisional agenda for the Conference prepared by the secretariat.

#### **5. Rules of procedure**

Pursuant to the precedent of the Conference of the Contracting Parties held on 28 October 1993, the Conference may wish to apply, *mutatis mutandis*, the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) (E/ECE/778/Rev.5)<sup>1</sup>.

In addition, following the precedent of the Conference held in 1993, the Conference may wish to replace rules 39 and 43 of the rules of procedure of ECE by the following provisions:

- “(a) Decisions of the Conference on all matters of substance, including the adoption of a protocol to amend ADR, shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting.
- (b) Decisions of the Conference on all matters of procedure shall be taken by a majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting.
- (c) If the question arises whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, it shall be decided by the Conference by a majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting.
- (d) If a vote is equally divided, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.”.

#### **6. Consideration and adoption of a Protocol amending ADR**

The Conference may wish to consider the proposal from the Government of Portugal in document ECE/TRANS/ADR/CONF/2019/3 to align the current title of the Agreement with the provisions of its article 6 by removing the word “European” from its title, together with the related protocol of amendment to ADR in document ECE/TRANS/ADR/CONF/2019/4.

#### **7. Other business**

The Conference may wish to consider any other business under this agenda item.

#### **8. Adoption of the report**

The Conference may wish to adopt the report of the session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.unece.org/oes/nutshell/mandate\\_role.html](http://www.unece.org/oes/nutshell/mandate_role.html)