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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION $\frac{1}{2}$

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 3 May 1999

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.bassegana@unece.org) at latest one week before the session opens.

 $[\]underline{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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(ii) Miscellaneous other proposals TRANS/WP.15/1998/14

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- 5. Transitional provisions
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The provisional timetable is as follows:

Monday, 3 May 1999 Items 1, 2, 3

Tuesday, 4 May 1999 Item 3

Wednesday, 5 May 1999 Items 3, 4(a), 4(b), 4(c)

Thursday, 6 May 1999 Items 4(d), 5, 6, 7, 8

Friday, 7 May 1999 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

Thirty-four ECE States are Contracting Parties to ADR. The list of competent authorities and their details can be found in document TRANS/WP.15/1999/4.

(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 (depositary 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 23 States are Contracting Parties to the Protocol but the 11 States named below have not yet deposited the instruments in question:

Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Yugoslavia.

(c) Special agreements

The consolidated list of special agreements is published only once a year (TRANS/WP.15/1999/5). Contracting Parties to ADR are informed quarterly of new agreements and revocations. Information on multilateral agreements (text and list of contracting States) may be obtained on Internet (http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm).

(d) Notifications in accordance with marginal 10 599

New notifications have been announced by Switzerland and the Russian Federation (TRANS/WP.15/1999/19 and -/1999/27).

3. Restructuring of ADR

A report will be made to the Working Party on the results of the Working Groups on the Restructuring of RID held in London from 24 to 27 November 1998 and in Cracow from 25 to 29 January 1999. The secretariat has prepared the following proposals for Annex B of ADR:

TRANS/WP.15/1999/7 (Secretariat) Chapter 12
TRANS/WP.15/1999/14 (Secretariat) Chapter 13.1

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

(a) <u>Tank-vehicles</u>

The Working Party will continue its study of miscellaneous questions relating to the construction of tank-vehicles raised during the last session (see also TRANS/WP.15/155, paras. 27 to 54).

TRANS/WP.15/1997/3	(Spain)	Marginal 211 125
TRANS/WP.15/1997/10	(AEGPL)	Reference to draft standard pr EN
		12493
TRANS/WP.15/1999/13	(Spain)	Marginal 211 127
TRANS/WP.15/1999/15	(Germany)	Rear protection of tanks, marginal
		10 220(1)

(b) <u>Electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres</u>

TRANS/WP.15/1998/13	(Sweden)	Report of informal Working Group on
		Electrical Equipment on Tank-
		Vehicles held in Sweden on 22-23
		April 1998
TRANS/WP.15/1999/12	(OICA/CLEPA)	Safety of electrical installations
		and permanently energised equipment

(c) <u>Stability of tank-vehicles</u>

The text of the draft regulation on "Uniform provisions concerning the approval of tank-vehicles of categories N and O with regard to rollover stability" as adopted by the Meeting of Experts on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) of the Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles (WP.29) (document TRANS/WP.29/1998/36 has not yet been finally adopted by the Administrative Committee (AC.1) of the amended 1958 Agreement.

The Working Party may wish to discuss how to amend marginal 211 128 to include a reference to the future Regulation, which is due to be discussed again by the Administrative Committee in March 1999.

TRANS/WP.29/1998/36 See above
TRANS/WP.15/1999/16 (Germany) Marginal 211 128, test procedure for lateral stability of tank-vehicles

(d) Other proposals

(i) Proposals related to the construction of vehicles

TRANS/WP.15/1999/10 (OICA) Marginal 220 536(3)(b)
Combustion heating
TRANS/WP.15/1999/24 (Sweden) Reference to Directive
94/20/EC

Regulation No. 105

At its 75th session held from 27 to 30 October 1998, the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) of WP.29 examined Regulation No. 105 with respect to developments in the EC and ADR (1999 edition). The Working Party agreed to incorporate the new provisions of Appendix B.2 of ADR into the Regulation, the revised draft text of which will be discussed by WP.29 in March 1999.

(ii) Miscellaneous other proposals

TRANS/WP.15/1998/14	(Austria)	Marginal 2301a(6)
TRANS/WP.15/1999/8	(FIATA)	Marginal 11 311, Driver's
assistant		
TRANS/WP.15/1999/9	(Austria)	Marginal 31 500(2)
TRANS/WP.15/1999/17	(Germany)	Marginal 11 500
TRANS/WP.15/1999/20	(UK)	Class 1, 1.4S
TRANS/WP.15/1999/23	(Switzerland)	Official languages in
		Switzerland
TRANS/WP.15/1999/25	(Austria)	Marginals 10 011(1) and 10
		381(1)
TRANS/WP.15/1999/26	(Austria)	Road signs for vehicles
		carrying dangerous goods

5. Transitional provisions

The secretariat has received no proposals under this item.

6. Follow-up to the Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/1998/5 (Secretariat) Vienna Conference

The Working Party has invited countries interested in organizing or contributing to organizing activities linked to the implementation of the recommendations of the Vienna Conference to make themselves known and to submit proposals, if appropriate.

7. Programme of work

The secretariat will make proposals on this question during the session.

8. Any other business

The secretariat has received no proposals under this item.

9. Adoption of the report

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



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