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Working Party on the Transport
of Dangerous Goods
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION*

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 5 November 2001**

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).

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* 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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-/Add.1 to -/Add.6
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(seventy-second session and 2002-2006)
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The provisional timetable for the plenary is as follows:

Monday, 5 November 2001:	a.m.: Items 1, 2, 5 and 3 (a) p.m.: 3 (a)
Tuesday, 6 November 2001:	Items 3 (a) and 3 (b)
Wednesday, 7 November 2001:	Items 3 (c), 3 (a) and 3 (d)
Thursday, 8 November 2001:	Items 3 (a) and 4 to 7
Friday, 9 November 2001:	Item 8

In view of the Working Party's decisions at its last session (see TRANS/WP.15/165, paras. 76 to 86), an ad hoc group of experts is scheduled to meet in parallel from 5 November (p.m.) to 8 November to consider questions relating to CRTD. The secretariat has arranged for simultaneous interpretation to be available.

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

With the accession of Kazakhstan (26 July 2001) and Morocco (1 June 2001), the number of Contracting Parties to ADR has risen to 38. The list of competent authorities and their particulars can be found in document TRANS/WP.15/2001/8, -/Corr.1 and -/Corr.2.

(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 24 States are Contracting Parties to the Protocol but the 14 States named below have not yet deposited the instruments in question:

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Morocco, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Yugoslavia.

(c) Special agreements

The consolidated list of special agreements (updated to 1 February 2001) was published under the symbol TRANS/WP.15/2001/16. 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 the Transport Division's Web site (<http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm>).

(d) Notifications in accordance with marginal 10 599

The Working Party will be informed of any notifications communicated by the Contracting Parties to ADR. These notifications may now be consulted on the Transport Division's Web site (www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm).

3. **Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR**

(a) Proposals for amendments resulting from the work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting and related documents

The Working Party will have before it the reports of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting on the following meetings:

- spring 2001 (Bern, 28 May-1 June 2001) TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/84 and
Add.1 and 2
- September 2001 (Geneva, 10-14 September 2001)

The proposals for amendments in question concern in particular the harmonization of RID, ADR and ADN with the twelfth revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.12) (see also documents ST/SG/AC.10/27/Add.1 and -/Add.1 and -/Add.2).

(b) Fire-fighting equipment

Report of the informal working group TRANS/WP.15/2001/29
(Munich, 27-18 June 2001)
(TRANS/WP.15/165, para. 46)

(c) Construction of vehicles

An informal working group on the revision of Part 9 will meet in Turin on 6 and 7 September 2001 (TRANS/WP.15/165, para. 68).

The request made by the Working Party to the WP.29 Working Party to postpone the decision on the amendment to annex 5 of Regulation No. 13 (see TRANS/WP.15/165, para. 68) was not favourably received by the latter Working Party. The secretariat has prepared a document on the consequences (TRANS/WP.15/2001/25).

Other proposals have been submitted as follows:

TRANS/WP.15/2001/26 (CLEPA) Temperature classification for
electrical equipment

(para. 9.2.2.5.1 (b))

TRANS/WP.15/2001/28 (Sweden)

Certificate of approval (9.1.2.1.2)

(d) Other proposals for amendments

TRANS/WP.15/2001/22 (France)

Chapter 6.8, thickness of tanks made with double walls, the space between being evacuated of air

TRANS/WP.15/2001/23 (France)

Chapter 1.4, Safety obligations of the participants

TRANS/WP.15/2001/24 (Poland)

Information concerning the quantity of goods carried (5.4.1.1 (g))

TRANS/WP.15/2001/27 (Austria, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, FIATA, IATA, IECC)

Acceptance of multimodal transport documents

4. **Safety in road tunnels**

This question was discussed at the two previous sessions (see TRANS/WP.15/163, paras. 65 to 71 and TRANS/WP.15/165, paras. 73 to 75) and it was decided to keep it on the agenda for 2001. No new proposals have been submitted to date.

5. **Follow-up of the Convention on Civil Liability for Damage caused during Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels (CRTD)**

The Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-third session (13-15 February 2001) requested the Working Party to consider the results of a questionnaire on the CRTD Convention, and, if it deemed appropriate, establish an ad hoc group of experts to consider how the Convention could be modified to encourage accessions. The Working Party decided to schedule for the forthcoming session a parallel session of an ad hoc group of experts to consider the question and, in the light of the replies to the questionnaire, formulate recommendations to the Inland Transport Committee on the course to follow.

The secretariat has prepared the following documents: TRANS/WP.15/2001/17 and addenda 1 to 6.

6. **Programme of work for the seventy-second session and 2002-2006**

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

7. **Any other business**

8. **Adoption of the report**

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



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