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I. Attendance

1. The Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways held its seventh session in Geneva on 25 August 2011. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

2. The Administrative Committee noted that the representatives of Contracting Parties attending the session had been accredited.

3. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 2 of ADN, and following a decision by the Committee (ECE/ADN/2, para. 8), representatives of:

- (a) the European Union; and
- (b) the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR)

also took part in the session as observers.

II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

Documents: ECE/ADN/14 and Add.1

4. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda prepared by the secretariat.

III. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (agenda item 2)

5. The Administrative Committee noted with satisfaction that Switzerland had deposited an instrument of accession to ADN on 8 February 2011.

6. The Administrative Committee noted that, following the accession by Switzerland, the number of Contracting Parties to ADN had reached 16: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

IV. Matters relating to the implementation of ADN (agenda item 3)

A. Recognition of classification societies

7. The Committee took note of the communication from the competent authority of Ukraine, the Ministry of Infrastructure, recognizing the body which had certified the compliance of the Shipping Register of Ukraine with standard EN ISO/IEC 17020:2004. The Committee agreed to include the Shipping Register of Ukraine in the list of recommended ADN classification societies by a vote of nine in favour, none against and one abstention.

B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents

8. No new requests for special authorizations had been received from Contracting Parties since the last session of the Committee.

9. Multilateral agreement ADN M002 (derogation on the carriage of fuel oil, heavy, and fuel oil, residual, in tank vessels) had been initiated by Germany on 21 February 2011 and signed by Austria, France, Germany and the Netherlands.

10. The Committee recalled the discussion of the ADN Safety Committee on granting an equivalence for vessels using liquefied natural gas as fuel based on documents presented by the Netherlands (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/38 and Informal documents INF.1, 2, 3 and 13) (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/40, paras. 51-56).

11. It was recalled that the text of special authorizations, special agreements, derogations and equivalents, as well as their status, and of notifications, was available on the secretariat website (<http://live.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/special-authorizations.html>).

C. Miscellaneous notifications

12. The Committee requested new Contracting Parties which had not yet done so to transmit to the secretariat the information required by the annexed Regulations, notably as regards competent authority (para. 1.8.4 of the annexed Regulations) and recognized classification societies (para. 1.15.2.4 of the annexed Regulations) (see also ECE/ADN/4, annex) (http://live.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/country-info_e.html).

D. Other matters

13. No other matters were raised under this item.

V. Work of the Safety Committee (agenda item 4)

14. The Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the draft report on its nineteenth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/40). It decided to adopt as a package at its eighth session in January 2012 all the proposed amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN for entry into force on 1 January 2013 which it had adopted since its seventeenth session. It noted that a quorum of not less than one half of the Contracting Parties is required for the purpose of taking decisions and consequently urged as many Contracting Parties as possible to attend the eighth session. It also recalled that the twentieth session of the Safety Committee in January 2012 would be the last opportunity to propose amendments for inclusion in ADN 2013.

VI. Programme of work and calendar of meetings (agenda item 5)

15. The Committee noted that its next session was scheduled to take place in the afternoon of 27 January 2012 and that the deadline for the submission of documents for that session was 28 October 2011.

VII. Any other business (agenda item 6)

16. The Committee had no other business to discuss under this item.

VIII. Adoption of the report (agenda item 7)

17. The Administrative Committee adopted the report on its seventh session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat and sent to delegations for approval by e-mail after the meeting.
