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### **Report of the Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways on its eighteenth session\***

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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 eighteenth session in Geneva on 27 January 2017. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

2. The Administrative Committee noted that the quorum of not less than half of the Contracting Parties required for the purpose of taking decisions had been reached.

3. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 2 of ADN, and following a decision by the Committee (ECE/ADN/2, para. 8), a representative of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) took part in the session as an observer.

## **II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)**

*Documents:* ECE/ADN/39 and Add.1

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

## **III. Election of officers for 2017 (agenda item 2)**

5. On the proposal of the representative of the Netherlands, Mr. H. Rein (Germany) was elected Chairman and Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria) was elected Vice-Chairman for the sessions in 2017.

## **IV. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (agenda item 3)**

6. The Administrative Committee noted that there were still 18 Contracting Parties to ADN: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

7. The Committee also noted that the amendments proposed by the Administrative Committee (ECE/ADN/36 and Add.1 and Corr.1) had been deemed to be accepted and had entered into force on 1 January 2017 (depository notifications C.N.743.2016.TREATIES-XI.D.6 and C.N.897.2016.TREATIES-XI.D.6). The proposed corrections too had been carried out (C.N.980.2016.TREATIES-XI.D.6). The last corrections (C.N.823.2016.TREATIES-XI.D.6) would be deemed to be accepted only if no objections were received by 1 February 2017.

## **V. Matters relating to the implementation of ADN (agenda item 4)**

### **A. Classification societies**

*Informal documents:* INF.1 (Germany) and INF.2 (Ukraine)

8. The Committee noted that since its last session Ukraine has ratified its recognition of the Shipping Register of Ukraine. Germany has recognised DNV GL SE, Bureau Veritas Marine Belgium & Luxembourg N.V. subsidiary of Bureau Veritas Registre International de Classification de Navires et d'Aéronefs Société Anonyme à Directoire et Conseil de Surveillance and Lloyd's Register EMEA.

9. The lists of recommended and recognised classification societies can be found on the secretariat's website at the following link: [www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/adnclassifications.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/adnclassifications.html).

### **B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents**

10. It was recalled that the text of special authorizations, special agreements, derogations and equivalents, as well as their status, and of notifications, could be found on the secretariat's website at the following link: <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html>.

### **C. Miscellaneous notifications**

11. The Committee invited Contracting Parties to submit their model expert certificates to the UNECE secretariat so that the secretariat could make them available on the website. Model certificates had been received from Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia and Switzerland. The model certificates can be found at the following link: [http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/model\\_expert\\_certificates.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/model_expert_certificates.html). The Committee also invited countries to send the secretariat their statistics on examinations for experts.

### **D. Other matters**

12. No other matters were raised under this item.

## **VI. Work of the Safety Committee (agenda item 5)**

13. The Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the report on its thirtieth session which it approved on the basis of the draft report prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2017/CRP.1 and Adds. 1-5 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2017/CRP.2 and Add.1) adopted during the report reading (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/62). It also approved the proposed amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN for incorporation in the draft set of amendments that it should consider at its twentieth session in January 2018 for formal adoption and subsequent submission to Contracting Parties for acceptance and entry into force on 1 January 2019, as contained in annex I of that report. It also approved the corrections listed in annex II, and requested the secretariat to arrange for their communications to Contracting Parties so that

the texts may be rectified as soon as possible in accordance with the usual procedure for corrections.

14. The Committee endorsed the interpretation concerning the term “work on board” to cover all the work carried out on the structure of the vessel and its equipment, including, for example, the propeller and the anchor chain, as reflected in paragraph 13 of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/62 and requested the secretariat to include the revised text on its website. The Committee also endorsed the Safety Committee interpretation that the Contracting Parties could choose the recommended ADN classification societies that they agreed to recognize from the list referred to in 1.15.2.3, and were not obliged to recognize all of the societies as reflected in paragraph 22 of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/62.

15. The Committee approved the revised catalogue of questions adopted by the Safety Committee and welcomed the work done by the informal working group on the training of experts.

## **VII. Programme of work and calendar of meetings (agenda item 6)**

16. The Committee decided to hold its next session at 16.30 on 31 August 2017. It noted that the deadline for the submission of documents for that session was 2 June 2017.

## **VIII. Any other business (agenda item 7)**

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

## **IX. Adoption of the report (agenda item 8)**

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

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