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I. Attendance

1. The Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) held its twenty-second session in Geneva on 25 January 2019.
2. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Romania, Russian Federation and Switzerland.
3. The Administrative Committee noted that the representatives of Contracting Parties attending the session had been accredited and that the quorum of not less than half of the Contracting Parties required for the purpose of taking decisions had been reached.
4. 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 observer.

II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

Documents: ECE/ADN/47 and Add.1

5. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda prepared by the secretariat after amending it to take account of informal documents INF.1 to INF.3.

III. Election of officers for 2019 (agenda item 2)

6. On the proposals of the representatives of Germany, Switzerland and France, the Safety Committee elected Mr. H. Langenberg (Netherlands) and re-elected Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria) and as vice-chair for its sessions in 2019.

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

7. The Administrative Committee noted that the number of Contracting Parties to ADN remained at 18: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.
8. The Committee noted that the proposed amendments adopted at its two previous sessions (ECE/ADN/45 and ECE/ADN/45/Add.1) had entered into force on 1 January 2019 (depository notifications C.N.489.2018.TREATIES-XI-D-6 and C.N.583.2018.TREATIES-XI-D-6). It also noted that the proposed corrections in ECE/ADN/45/Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/64/Add.1 (Annex II) and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/68 (Annex IV) had been carried out (depository notifications C.N.637.2018.TREATIES-XI.D.6 and C.N.636.2018.TREATIES-XI.D.6).

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

A. Classification societies

1. Compliance with ISO/IEC 17020:2012

Informal document: INF.1 (Russian Federation)

9. The Administrative Committee took note of the certificate of conformity by the Russian River Register with EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012.

10. The Administrative Committee recalled that all recommended classification societies had to provide evidence of such certification.

2. Recognition of classification societies

Informal document: INF.3 (Netherlands)

11. The Administrative Committee was informed that a meeting of a Committee of Experts had been held in Vienna on 14 and 15 November 2018 to consider the request from Croatia for inclusion of the Croatian Register of Shipping in the list of classification societies recommended for recognition in accordance with chapter 1.15 of the Regulations annexed to ADN.

12. The Administrative Committee took note of the information and the recommendation of the Committee of Experts in informal document INF.3. Put to the vote, the proposal to include the Croatian Register of Shipping in the list of classification societies recommended for recognition was adopted by a majority of members present and voting.

13. Some delegations noted with concern that the conclusions of the Committee of Experts had been circulated rather late in an informal document and expressed the wish that, in the future, this type of information be submitted in an official document. The Administrative Committee took note of this request.

14. It was noted that the lists of recommended and recognised classification societies were available on the secretariat's website at the following address: www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/adnclassifications.html.

B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents

15. The Administrative Committee did not receive any requests for special authorizations, derogations and equivalents for consideration at this session.

16. 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

1. Examination statistics

Document: ECE/ADN/2019/1 (Czech Republic)

Informal document: INF.2 (Netherlands)

17. The Administrative Committee took note of the examination statistics provided by the Czech Republic and the Netherlands.

2. Other notifications

18. The Administrative Committee invited countries to check the contact information for their competent authority and if necessary to recognise classification societies from the recommended list in accordance with 1.15.2.4 of the annexed Regulations if they had not already done so.

19. It was recalled that, according to 1.16.4.3 of the Regulations annexed to ADN, the Administrative Committee is expected to maintain an updated list of the inspection bodies appointed. Information received so far is available on the secretariat's website at <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html>.

20. It was also recalled that model expert certificates received by the secretariat were available on the UNECE website at the following link: http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/model_expert_certificates.html. Contracting Parties that have not yet done so, were invited to send their model expert certificates and ADN examination statistics to the secretariat.

D. Other matters

21. No other matters were raised under this item.

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

22. The Administrative Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the report on its thirty-fourth session which it approved on the basis of the draft report prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2019/CRP.1 and Adds. 1-5 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2019/CRP.2 and Add.1) adopted during the report reading (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/70).

23. 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 twenty-fourth session in January 2020 for formal adoption and subsequent submission to Contracting Parties for acceptance and entry into force on 1 January 2021, as contained in annex I of that report. It also approved the corrections to the ADN 2019 publication (not requiring acceptance by Contracting Parties) listed in annex II as well as the proposed corrections to the Regulations annexed to ADN listed in annex III (requiring acceptance by Contracting Parties) and requested the secretariat to arrange for their communication to Contracting Parties so that the texts may be rectified as soon as possible in accordance with the usual procedure for corrections.

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

24. The Administrative Committee decided to hold its next session on 30 August 2019 (from 12:00 to 13:00) and noted that the deadline for submission of documents is 31 May 2019.

VIII. Any other business (agenda item 7)

A. Work of the Inland Transport Committee

25. The Administrative Committee was informed that the eighty-first session of the Inland Transport Committee will be held in Geneva from 19 to 22 February 2019. It was noted that, in addition to questions relating to the its work and that of its subsidiary bodies, the Committee will have the opportunity to consider and adopt its strategy and action Plan until 2030 and to revise its Terms of Reference. The annotated provisional agenda (ECE/TRANS/287/Add.1) as well as the documentation for the session is available at the UNECE secretariat's website¹.

B. 2019 edition of the ADN

26. The Administrative Committee noted with satisfaction that the secretariat had issued the 2019 edition of ADN and that the electronic versions were available on the website².

IX. Adoption of the report (agenda item 8)

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

¹ <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=49440>

² http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/adn2017/19files_e.html