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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR**Section 1.2.1: Definitions****Belgian comments on document TRANS/WP.15/2005/3 and INF 21**

Belgium is also of the opinion that a definition of “member of the vehicle crew” in section 1.2.1 would be useful and agrees with IRU that the definition proposed in document TRANS/WP.15/2005/3 is not sufficient (a thief or terrorist who stole the vehicle would also be a crew member, for example).

The determining factor whether someone is a crew member or not, is his link with the carrier. IRU has taken account of this in its alternative proposal.

Belgium therefore prefers a definition along the lines of what is proposed by IRU, but would like to introduce some editorial corrections and simplifications:

- the terminology used throughout ADR is “member of **the** vehicle crew”;
- the subdivision in “a driver, a co-driver or any other person accompanying the driver” serves no practical purpose ; any person present in the vehicle is addressed by that description;
- “on behalf of” is more appropriate than “at the request of”;
- throughout ADR, the term “carrier” is used instead of “transport company”.

Proposal

The new definition under 1.2.1 would become:

“Member of the vehicle crew”, any person present in a vehicle on behalf of the carrier for security, safety, training or technical reasons.
