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**REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT  
CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS  
GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAYS (ADN) ON ITS THIRD SESSION\***

held in Geneva from 27-28 August 2009

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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 third session in Geneva on 27-28 August 2009 under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Rein (Germany) and the vice-chairmanship of Mr. B. Birkhüber (Austria). Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, France, Germany, Netherlands and Russian Federation.

2. The Administrative Committee noted that the credentials of delegations attending the session were in order.

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) Switzerland and Turkey;
- (b) The European Commission, the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine and the Danube Commission; and
- (c) The European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC);

also took part in the session as observers.

4. According to Article 17, paragraph 6 of ADN a quorum consisting of not less than half of the Contracting Parties is required for the purpose of taking decisions. This quorum was not reached at the present meeting since representatives of only five Contracting Parties were present and the ADN has a total of 11 Contracting Parties.

## **II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (agenda item 1)**

Documents: ECE/ADN/5 and Add.1

5. Because of the lack of a quorum, item 4 Work of the Safety Committee was deleted from the provisional agenda since this was an item that required decisions. Item 6 Election of officers for 2010 was also deleted since, according to Article 17, paragraph 4 of ADN, officers should be elected at the first session of the year. The agenda items were renumbered accordingly.

## **III. STATUS OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAYS (ADN) (agenda item 2)**

6. The Administrative Committee noted that, following the accession by Croatia, the number of Contracting Parties to ADN had reached 11: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Russian Federation.

7. The Administrative Committee reiterated its concern regarding the quorum and asked the secretariat to urge Contracting Parties to attend the fourth session in January 2010 so that the quorum could be reached. Otherwise it would not be possible to adopt the necessary amendments for 2011.

**IV. MATTERS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADN** (agenda item 3)

**A. Recognition of classification societies**

8. The Committee noted that since its last session, Austria had recognised the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping; France had recognised Bureau Veritas; Hungary had recognised the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping and the Russian River Register; and the Netherlands had recognised Bureau Veritas, Germanischer Lloyd and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

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

9. The Committee took note of the discussion of the Safety Committee on those questions (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/32, paras. 58 to 64).

**C. Miscellaneous notifications**

10. The Committee was informed that on 16 April 2009, the Secretariat had sent a letter to the Permanent Missions of ADN Contracting Parties in Geneva requesting countries to submit the various notifications required by ADN (see ECE/ADN/4, Annex). The Permanent Missions had been asked to forward the request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or other Ministries concerned by ADN. So far no reply had been received from any Contracting Party.

**V. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS** (agenda item 4)

11. The Committee was informed that its fourth session had been scheduled to take place in the afternoon of 28 January 2010 and in the morning of 29 January 2010 in Geneva and that its fifth session had been scheduled to take place in the afternoon of 26 August 2010 and in the morning of 27 August 2010 in Geneva.

**VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** (agenda item 5)

12. No issue was raised under this item.

**VII. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT** (agenda item 6)

13. The Administrative Committee adopted the report of its third session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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