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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Ad hoc Working Group on the Harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN
with the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Geneva, 18-20 May 2009

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 18 May 2009

NOTE 1: The terms of reference of the working group are to check draft proposals prepared by the secretariat for the harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN with the sixteenth revised edition of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Refer also to ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.1 and -/Add.2) and to finalize them for submission to the September session of the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. The main objective is to facilitate the work of the Joint Meeting and to avoid lengthy discussions on editorial matters during plenary sessions. The working group has no mandate to accept or reject the proposed amendments on behalf of the Joint Meeting.

NOTE 2: Participation is open to all delegations who participate in the work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting. However, for reasons of efficiency, it is recommended that only delegations who intend to contribute substantially to this editorial work participate and that their composition should be as restricted as possible.

NOTE 3: The session will be held without interpretation, in English. The documentation, including the agenda, is available, or will be made available before the opening of the session, on the website of the UNECE Transport Division, but is not

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NOTE 4: The names of delegates who will participate should be communicated to the secretariat (Transport Division) at the latest two weeks before the session opens.

Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email (mireille.chavet@unece.org) or by fax (41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 71252). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>

NOTE 5: The Working Group session should be chaired by the Chairman of the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France).

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1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/HAR/4)**
2. **HARMONIZATION OF RID/ADR/ADN WITH THE UN RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS, MODEL REGULATIONS**

Background documents:

ADR 2009 (ECE/TRANS/202, Vol.I and II)
RID 2009
ADN 2009 (ECE/TRANS/203, Vol. I and II)

UN Model Regulations, 15th revised edition and corrigenda

Manual of Tests and Criteria (ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.4, -/amend.1 and -/amend.2)

Note: Copies of ADR, ADN, UN Model Regulations and Manual of Tests and Criteria will be available in the meeting room

ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.1

ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.2

ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.3.

Working documents

A working document is being prepared by the secretariat as informal documents:
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/HAR/2009/1 (Part 1 to Chapter 3.3)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/HAR/2009/2 (Chapter 3.4 to the end).

Comments on the above document may be transmitted to the secretariat before the session by all delegations participating in the RID/ADR/ADN work, even though they do not intend to participate in the working group session.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

4. REPORT TO THE RID/ADR/ADN JOINT MEETING

A brief report will be issued after the session and submitted to the September 2009 session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting together with the harmonization proposals developed by the working group.
