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Roundtable discussion on “Transport of dangerous goods: Global and regional dimensions”

Transport of Dangerous Goods – Global and Regional Dimensions

Note by the secretariat

1. The Bureau of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Inland Transport Committee (ITC) has selected "Transport of Dangerous Goods: Global and regional dimensions" as the theme of its policy-oriented segment (round table) for its 73rd session.

2. The secretariat has sought, through information of all organs dealing with transport of dangerous goods serviced by the UNECE secretariat, and through calls of papers, contributions from UNECE and non-UNECE countries, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs or the private sector presenting their vision of future developments, challenges and opportunities regarding the transport of dangerous goods in the UNECE region and the global context.

3. A first draft programme was issued as informal document INF.6 at the last session of the Bureau.

4. The final programme is reproduced below.
Programme of the ITC Round Table
Transport of Dangerous Goods – Global and Regional Dimensions

1 March 2011, 15.00–18.00

15.00 – 15.05
OPENING AND WELCOME
Ms. Eva Molnar
Director, UNECE Transport Division

15.05 – 16.05
I. THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

• The multi-modal framework in the context of sustainable development: the United Nations Recommendations and their implementation
  Mr. Claude Pfauvadel
  Chef de la Mission du Transport des Matières Dangereuses
  Direction Générale de la Prévention des Risques
  Ministère de l’Ecologie, du Développement durable, des Transports et du Logement
  France

• How are the United Nations Recommendations translated in maritime transport regulations at a global level
  Mr. Alfredo Parroquin-Ohlson
  Cargoes and Facilitation Section
  Maritime Safety Division
  International Maritime Organization

• Future developments and needs at the global scale
  Mr. Paul Wauters
  Chairman of the IRU Group of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
  International Road Transport Union (IRU)

• Safe and Sustainable Transport in the Chemical Industry
  Mr. Jos Verlinden
  Director
  Transport and Logistics
  European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)

• Future challenges for the safe transport of dangerous goods: Retention of expertise
  Mr. Jeff Hart
  Head of International Negotiations
  Dangerous Goods Division, Department of Transport,
  United Kingdom
16.05 – 16.20  Break

16.20 – 17.10  II. THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT and “A vision for the future of European legislation”
- Goals, principles and guidelines in European Union policy
  Ms. Isabelle Kardacz
  Head of the Road Safety and Transport of Dangerous Goods Unit
  DG Move
  European Commission
- Accession lessons about the ADR – Turkey
  Mr. Izzet Isik
  Head of Department
  Directorate General for Land Transport
  Ministry of Transport
  Turkey
- Dangerous goods transport by rail in the Euro-Asian trade (RID/SMGS).
  Mr. Jean Pierre Lehman
  Director for Legal Affairs
  International Union of Railways (UIC)
- Transport of dangerous goods in inland navigation: going beyond legislation
  Mr. Jean-Marie Woehrling
  Secretary-General
  Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR)
  Mr. Helmut Rein
  Head of the Transport of Dangerous Goods Section
  Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs
  Germany

17.10 – 17.40  III. PANEL DISCUSSION: Country and industry perspectives

Panelists:  Government officials, EU, industry representatives
Moderator:  Mr. Olivier Kervella
            Chief, Dangerous Goods and Special Cargoes Section
            UNECE Transport Division

17.40 – 17.55  QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

17.55 – 18.00  CONCLUDING REMARKS
Ms. Eva Molnar
Director, UNECE Transport Division