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**Economic Commission for Europe**  
**Inland Transport Committee**  
**Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

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**Any other business**

**UNECE SPECA workshop on international transport of  
dangerous goods by road – Almaty (17 October 2013)**

**Note by the secretariat**

1. Two members of the secretariat (Rosa Garcia Couto and Sabrina Mansion) participated as main speakers in the UNECE SPECA workshop on international transport of dangerous goods by road – Almaty (17 October 2013).
2. The workshop, hosted by Kazakhstan, was organized by UNECE in the frame of the United Nations Special Program for the Economies of Central Asia SPECA following the outcome of 18<sup>th</sup> session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossings held in May 2013. At that time, the Project Working Group reaffirmed the importance of the international legal instruments and invited SPECA countries to accede to and effectively implement them. In particular, the Project Working Group encouraged SPECA member countries which are not yet Parties to ADR to take the necessary steps to do so as soon as possible.
3. The objectives of the workshop was to promote the ADR as the best tool for the development of national and international legislation on road transport of dangerous goods, assist countries in the process of accession and implementation, provide information to help them better understand the advantages and challenges of implementing ADR and encourage those who have not yet done so to become Contracting Parties to it.
4. Representatives of the Governments of Kazakhstan and of Azerbaijan participated in the workshop. Both countries are already contracting parties to ADR. Therefore, the workshop particularly focused on implementation issues (challenges faced by the two countries to achieve effective implementation of ADR and status of implementation at national level).
5. The participants recognized the need to follow closely the work of the WP.15. They particularly showed interest in exchanging information with other ADR Contracting Parties on ADR implementation status and best practices and suggested to include this item in the agenda for the next session of the WP.15.
6. They gave information on the status of implementation of ADR in their countries and indicated that they would be prepared to give more detailed information through a questionnaire (similar to that which was distributed to the Contracting Parties to ADR in 2007 for the biennial evaluations).
7. Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan provided updated information about ADR competent authorities in their countries. This information was updated on the UNECE website.