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Item 5 (b) of the provisional agenda:
**Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN**

**new proposals**

 Online refresher training for drivers of dangerous goods

 Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)

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|  *Summary* |
| **Executive summary:** Provide for online refresher training for the renewal of the ADR training certificate. |
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 Introduction

1. Based on the ADR Chapter 8.2 requirements, drivers/experts carrying dangerous goods have the obligation to attend a basic training course and to pass an examination accordingly.
2. Prior to twelve months before the date of expiry of the certificate, drivers/experts shall attend and pass an examination in the framework of a refresher training programme, as indicated in 8.2.2.5 and 8.2.2.7.1.6 of the ADR.

 3. Due to advanced technologies in general, more possibilities are foreseen in all sectors for transport operators, even in training courses. To improve and facilitate the professionalism of the education for all parties, IRU is looking to facilitating training through innovative technologies such as e-learning without endangering training quality and standards.

 Background

4. During the March 2019 session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting, IRU presented its proposal to amend the ADR to allow new methods of training, such as online and videoconference courses, to be used in the future and it has been confirmed that online driver training for dangerous goods in some contracting parties is already an option for the driver when applying to refresher training

5. IRU received several comments from delegations attending the Joint Meeting and decided to make a new proposal as informal document. The proposal has been developed together with the ADN committee in order to enlarge the possible number of participants in the joint proposal.

 Proposal

6. IRU has identify the process to amend the text of the Ch. 8.2 and to link the amendments with a guidelines

7. The guidelines could be uploaded in the UNECE website and Member States (MS) can provide their suggestions

8. IRU proposes to amend 8.2.2.5 of ADR to read as follows, with the inclusion of the **bold** text:

**8.2.2.5. X a specific guidelines is proposed to promote the use of e-learning, refer to the following annex (iperlink)**

 Justification

National development: the guidelines has started in order to give the possibility to all MS to provide their best practice

Safety:Clear text helps the driver to demonstrate foresight and lend a modern appearance to the refresher training of drivers engaged in the transport of dangerous goods by roads and will, in accordance with applicable provisions, improve transport safety.

Feasibility: The training content, the mechanism of their application, as well as the obligations of the respective parties, are clearly stated.