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## Inland Transport Committee

**Conference of the Contracting Parties to the  
1957 European Agreement Concerning the  
International Carriage of dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)****Second meeting**

Geneva, 13 May 2019

Item 6 of the provisional agenda

**Consideration and adoption of a Protocol amending ADR****Draft protocol amending the title of the European Agreement  
on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road  
(ADR)****Note by the secretariat**

The secretariat has prepared the draft protocol amending the title of the ADR reproduced below, on the basis of the proposal made by the Government of Portugal (see ECE/TRANS/ADR/CONF/2019/3).

PROTOCOL AMENDING THE TITLE OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT OF 30 SEPTEMBER 1957 CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD (ADR)

The Parties to the present Protocol,

*Having considered* the provisions of article 6 of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), done at Geneva on 30 September 1957 (hereafter referred to as “the Agreement”), relating to the eligibility of a country for accession to the agreement;

*Noting* that, in accordance with such article, the Agreement is open for accession not only to countries members of the Economic Commission for Europe and countries admitted to the Commission in consultative capacity under paragraph 8 of the Commission’s mandate, but also to countries members of the United Nations (not members of the Commission) that participate in the Commission’s work, in application of paragraph 11 of the Commission’s mandate;

*Taking into account* the General Assembly Resolution 72/271 of 12 April 2018 on Improving global road safety, reaffirming the role and importance of ADR as one of the main United

Nations legal instruments contributing to road safety and encouraging Member States that have not yet done so to consider becoming contracting parties;

*Noting further* the views of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the Inland Transport Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the proposal from the Government of Portugal, that the mention “European” in the title of the agreement is not consistent with the conditions for the participation of non-European States stipulated on its article 6 and may represent an obstacle for accession to the agreement of States that are not members of the Commission;

*Agree* as follows,

#### ARTICLE 1

##### Amendment to the title of the Agreement

The title of the Agreement shall be amended to read “Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road”. The acronym “ADR” remains unchanged.

#### ARTICLE 2

##### Entry into force

1. The amendment in Article 1 shall be deemed to be accepted provided that none of the Parties have given the Secretary-General written objection to it within six months from the date on which the Secretary-General circulates the adopted Protocol.
2. The Secretary-General shall notify all Parties as soon as possible whether an objection to the proposed amendment has been expressed within the six months following the date of notification. If an objection to the proposed amendment has been expressed during that period, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall be of no effect whatsoever.
3. If no such objection has been expressed, the amendment shall enter into force for all Parties to the Agreement on the expiry of a further period of one month following the end of the period for notification of objections given in paragraph 1 of this article.
4. Any State that becomes a party to the ADR following the expiry of the six months period mentioned in paragraph 1 above but before the entry into force of this Protocol, shall become party to this Protocol upon its entry into force. Any State that becomes a party to the ADR after the entry into force of the Protocol shall be bound by the ADR, as amended by this Protocol.

#### ARTICLE 3

The original of this Protocol, which is authentic in English and French, shall be deposited with the depositary of the treaty.

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