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CHAPTER X

TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

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1. The Economic and Social Council considered the question of the transport of dangerous goods at its first regular session of 1981 under agenda items 1 and 15.
2. For its consideration of the item, the Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods at its eleventh session (E/1981/35).
3. At its 4th meeting, on 14 April 1981, the Council allocated the item to the First (Economic) Committee, which considered it at the 3rd and 4th meetings, on 22 and 23 April 1981. For the report of the Committee on this item, see document E/1981/63.

ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

Publication of the revised recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

4. In response to Council decision 1981/105 of 6 February 1981, the Council, at its 4th meeting, was informed of the status of publication by the Secretary-General of the revised recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, called for in Council resolution 1979/42 of 11 May 1979 (see E/1981/SR.4).
5. After hearing statements by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada, the Council decided to continue discussion of the matter during consideration of agenda item 15, "Transport of dangerous goods" (see E/1981/SR.4).

ACTION BY THE FIRST (ECONOMIC) COMMITTEE

Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

6. At its 4th meeting, the Committee adopted a draft resolution entitled "Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods", which was sponsored by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, and submitted it to the Council. For action by the Council, see paragraph 9 below.

Publication of the revised recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

7. At the same meeting, the Committee considered an oral proposal made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the publication of the revised recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. 1/

1/ For particulars of the proposal, see the report of the Committee on this item (E/1981/63).

8. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the proposal and submitted it to the Council as a draft decision. For action by the Council, see paragraph 9 below.

ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

9. At its 13th meeting, on 4 May 1981, the Council adopted the draft resolution and draft decision recommended by the Committee in its report (E/1981/63, para. 7). For the final texts, see the annex below, Council resolution 1981/3 and Council decision 1981/111.

10. At the 14th meeting, on 6 May 1981, the Council considered the recommendations contained in paragraph 18 of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods at its eleventh session (E/1981/35).

Meetings of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and its subsidiary bodies

11. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the President, the Council approved the proposed revisions to the calendar of meetings for 1981 of the subsidiary bodies of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and decided to consider the calendar of meetings for 1982 of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies at its second regular session of 1981 in the context of its over-all consideration of the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1982 and 1983. See the annex below, Council decision 1981/129.

ANNEX

Resolution and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social
Council under agenda item 15 a/

Resolution 1981/3. Work of the Committee of Experts on the
Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Economic and Social Council.

Recalling its resolutions 468 G (XV) of 15 April 1953, 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1959, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, 1483 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970, 1744 (LIV) of 4 May 1973, 1973 (LIX) and 1974 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, 2050 (LXIII) of 5 May 1977 and 1979/42 of 11 May 1979,

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on the harmonization of codes and regulations relating to the transport of dangerous goods and on the question of an international convention on the transport of dangerous goods,

Noting the programme of work for the period 1981-1983 proposed by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in paragraphs 199 to 212 of the report on its eleventh session, b/ and noting the report of the Secretary-General c/ bringing to the attention of the Council the report of the Committee of Experts,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

2. Takes note of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its eleventh session respecting the listing, classification, packaging and transport of additional products, and other matters amending its recommendations;

3. Takes note with interest of the recommendation of the Committee of Experts to postpone at this time further consideration of the question of a multimodal world-wide convention on the transport of dangerous goods;

4. Notes with satisfaction the expression of appreciation of the Committee of Experts concerning the support it has received from the Economic Commission for Europe at Geneva during the past 19 years;

a/ A compilation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council in 1981 will be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplements Nos. 1, 1A and 1B (E/1981/81 and Add.1 and 2).

b/ ST/SG/AC.10/5 and Add.1-6.

c/ E/1981/35.

5. Takes note of the Committee of Experts' desire for improved administrative and secretarial support for its activities;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the contents of the report of the Committee of Experts;

(a) To incorporate in the revised recommendations prepared by the Committee of Experts d/ the amendments set forth in the reports of the Committee of Experts on its tenth and eleventh sessions, together with the consequential changes necessary to eliminate inconsistencies;

(b) To publish the recommendations as soon as possible, without financial implications for the programme budget for 1980-1981, as decided by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

(c) To circulate the recommendations as soon as possible to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international organizations concerned;

(d) To work closely with the Committee of Experts and the Economic Commission for Europe in improving administrative and secretarial support, both for the Committee's meetings and the regular publication of its recommendations;

7. Invites the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the amended recommendations;

8. Urges the Governments of Member States and international organizations concerned to take account of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods when developing both national and international codes and regulations.

13th plenary meeting
4 May 1981

Decision 1981/111. Publication of the revised recommendations
of the Committee of Experts on the
Transport of Dangerous Goods

At its 13th meeting, on 4 May 1981, the Council decided to invite the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions urgently to examine the question of the earliest possible publication of the revised recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, requested by the Council in its resolutions 1979/42 of 11 May 1979 and 1981/3 of 4 May 1981, bearing in mind the previous recommendations of the Advisory Committee e/ and the decision of the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on resources and publishing the recommendations.

d/ Transport of Dangerous Goods (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.VIII.1).

e/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/34/7/Add.1-28), document A/34/7/Add.9, para. 9.

Decision 1981/129. Meetings of the Committee of Experts on the
Transport of Dangerous Goods and its
subsidiary bodies

At its 14th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1981, the Council decided:

- (a) That the Group of Rapporteurs of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods should meet for two weeks in August, instead of for one week in March and one week in August 1981, as previously scheduled, and that the Group of Experts on Explosives should meet in October, instead of August 1981;
- (b) To consider the calendar of meetings for 1982 of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and its subsidiary bodies at the second regular session of 1981 in the context of its over-all consideration of the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1982 and 1983.
