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## COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Fifteenth session, Geneva, 29 June-10 July 1998)

#### OTHER BUSINESS

### Application for consultative status made by the European Petroleum Industry Association (EUROPIA)

### Note by the secretariat

The secretariat has received the following request from EUROPIA:

"The European Petroleum Industry Association (EUROPIA) would like to request the status of accredited observer in order to take part in the work of the UN Committee and the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

EUROPIA was founded in 1989 as an international association in accordance with Belgian law. EUROPIAs 29 Member Companies all operate in the refining and marketing sector of the oil industry in the European Union.

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The aims of EUROPIA are as follows:

- to contribute to the study and solution of issues from the manufacture, marketing and use of petroleum products in terms of quality control, environmental protection, health and safety.
- to give its views on proposed regulations or directives of the European Communities concerning the oil industry, as well as on guidelines, position papers/memoranda and proposals laid down by the European authorities, public authorities or international organisations on public policy matters relating to energy on the scientific and technical research in the energy field as well as to make proposals of its own on those matters.
- to promote understanding of the oil industry's contribution to economic, technological and social progress with the public opinion and public authorities. The Association shall act as a spokesman for its members addressing public and private bodies concerned by these issues.

If EUROPIA is granted the status of observer, our organisation will be represented in the person of Dipl. Ing. Gerhard Sasse (Technics, Logistics), Mineralölwirtschaftsverband e.V. Steindamm 55, 20099Hamburg."