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**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT  
OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**(7-16 December 1998)**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTIETH SESSION \*/**

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 7 December 1998**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions and recommendations made by it \*\*/, together with subsequent proposals arising therefrom; especially from international organizations concerned with regulations or recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods at an international level.

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\*/ The composition of this Committee is limited. Pursuant to decisions 1996/311 and 1997/212C of the Economic and Social Council, the membership of the Committee has been raised to 22. Experts from non-member States may be invited to participate as observers in accordance with Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

\*\*/ The reports of the Sub-Committee on its thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions have been or will be circulated under the symbols ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/26 and addenda 1 to 3, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/28 and addenda 1 to 3, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/30 and addenda 1 to 3.

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- (a) Multimodal portable tank transport
  - (b) Packing instructions
  - (c) Draft amendments to the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
    - (i) Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
    - (ii) Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
    - (iii) Manual of Tests and Criteriaand related proposals
  - (d) New proposals
3. Activities related to the implementation of Agenda 21
- (a) Global harmonization of systems of classification and labelling of chemicals
    - (i) General
    - (ii) Health hazards and hazards to the environment
    - (iii) Physical hazards
    - (iv) Labelling and hazard communication systems
  - (b) Hazardous wastes
  - (c) Miscellaneous
4. Implementation of resolution 1997/3 of the Economic and Social Council
- (a) Resolution 1997/3 of the Economic and Social Council
  - (b) Publication of the tenth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the 2nd revised edition of the Manual of Test and Criteria
  - (c) Activities of international organisations concerned with regulations or recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods at an international level

5. Programme of work
  - (a) Periodicity of amendments to the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
  - (b) Programme of work for the 1999/2000 biennium and related proposals
  - (c) Calendar of meetings for the 1999/2000 biennium
6. Draft resolution 1999/... of the Economic and Social Council
7. Election of officers for the 1999/2000 biennium
8. Any other business
9. Adoption of the report

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**Note 1:** Tentative timetable

**First week:**

Monday 7 December:	Items 1, 2(a), 2(c)
Tuesday 8 December:	Item 2(b)
Wednesday 9 December:	Items 2(b), 2(c)
Thursday 10 December:	Item 2(c)
Friday 11 December:	Items 2(c), 2(d), 5(a), 5(b)

**Second week:**

Monday 14 December:	Item 3
Tuesday 15 December	a.m.: Items 4, 5(b), 5(c), 6, 7, 8
	p.m.: no session
Wednesday 16 December:	Item 9

**Note 2:** For planning purposes, delegations are invited to inform the secretariat of any document they intend to submit, and of their length (number of pages), at the latest by **9 September 1998**. Documents and proposals submitted to the Committee should be received by the Secretariat in paper form, and/or preferably diskette, or via E.mail, at the latest by **23 September 1998**. Due to their poor quality for further reproduction, documents transmitted by telefax are not accepted.

- Note 3:** Submissions should be concise and as short as possible, they should include a justification. The number of proposals in a single document should be limited; they should all relate to the same subject under one agenda item or sub-item.
- Note 4:** An annotated provisional agenda will be circulated at a later stage on the basis of submissions received by **23 September 1998**. For reasons of economy, delegates are kindly asked to bring their own copies of pre-sessional documents to the meeting and not to request additional copies.
- Note 5:** Documentation may be consulted in their original language through INTERNET: <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger/htm>.
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