Note by the Secretariat

1. During the Spring session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting, the representative of Switzerland raised the problem of pressure receptacles not originating in a Member State of COTIF or a Contracting Party to ADR (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2008/2, para. 11).

2. The Joint Meeting agreed that, in the case of “non-UN” receptacles, reference to the competent authority meant the competent authority of a COTIF Member State or a Contracting Party to ADR in the event that the country where the receptacle was approved was neither a COTIF Member State nor a Contracting Party to ADR, and that the current footnote 2 to sub-section 6.2.1.4 should be re-instated.

3. Nevertheless no text was discussed during the meeting and no amendment to the new Chapter 6.2 (OTIF/RID/NOT/2009) was adopted, although the representative of Switzerland provided the secretariat with a draft proposal in this respect.

4. Like WP.15 (informal document INF.5), the RID Committee of Experts should discuss the amendment proposed by the representative of Switzerland, which is as follows:

Add a new paragraph 6.2.3.6.3 to read as follows:

"6.2.3.6.3 If the country of approval is not a COTIF Member State or a Contracting Party to ADR, the competent authority mentioned in 6.2.1.7.2 shall be the competent authority of a COTIF Member State or a Contracting Party to ADR."