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TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF**

**Final report of the 53<sup>rd</sup> session of the RID Committee of Experts  
(Berne, 22 May 2014)**

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**ITEM 1: Approval of the agenda**

*Document:* A 81-03/503.2014 (Secretariat)

1. The provisional agenda contained in calling notice A 81-03/503.2014 dated 11 March 2014 was adopted.

**ITEM 2: Presence and quorum**

2. The Secretariat noted that of the 44 Member States entitled to vote, 18 States (see Annex I) were present. In addition, the Secretariat had been informed in a letter from the European Commission dated 13 May 2014 that in accordance with the agreement between OTIF and the European Union concerning the EU's accession to COTIF, the European Union would exercise the voting rights **on behalf** of **all** its Member States **entitled to vote**. The quorum in accordance with Article 20 § 1 of the Rules of Procedure ( $\frac{1}{3}$  of the Member States) was therefore reached.

**ITEM 3: Election of the Chairmen**

3. The Chairman of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Berne, 20 and 21 May 2014), Mr Helmut Rein (Germany) and the deputy Chair, Mrs Caroline Bailleux (Belgium) were also elected Chairman and deputy Chair for this session of the RID Committee of Experts.

**ITEM 4: Approval of the amendments to RID suggested by the first, second and third sessions of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Riga, 12 to 15 November 2012, Copenhagen, 18 to 22 November 2013 and Berne, 20 and 21 May 2014) for a date of entry into force of 1 January 2015**

*Document:* [OTIF/RID/NOT/2015] (Secretariat)

*Informal document:* INF.12 (Secretariat)

4. The RID Committee of Experts had in front of it the draft notification texts (document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2015]) containing all the amendments to RID proposed by the first and second sessions of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Riga, 12 to 15 November 2012 and Copenhagen, 18 to 22 November 2013) for a date of entry into force of 1 January 2015. This document also contained all the texts adopted by the last RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (Berne, 17 to 21 March 2014).
5. The RID Committee of Experts also had before it informal document INF.12, which contained the amendments made to document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2015] and all the additional texts adopted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the standing working group (Berne, 20 and 21 May 2014).
6. The RID Committee of Experts agreed in particular on the following minor editorial amendments, which, for the sake of simplicity, were integrated directly into Annex II to the report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the standing working group (document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2014-A).
  - Amendment of the definition of "wagon" as a result of the new definition of "railway vehicle";
  - Format of the new definition of "**SMGS Annex 2**";

- Clarification that the new special provision 665 is in each case assigned to packing group III of UN numbers 1361 and 3088.
7. The RID Committee of Experts unanimously adopted all the amendments contained in the two documents referred to with the editorial amendments listed in paragraph 6, for a date of entry into force of 1 January 2015.
  8. The Secretariat explained that it would send the Member States the final notification texts by 30 June 2014.

### **Thanks**

9. The Chairman thanked the Secretariat for the efforts it had made in connection with submitting informal document INF.12 in all three working languages in good time.
10. Mr Szabolcs Schmidt, the Head of Unit C.4 of the European Commission's Directorate-General Mobility and Transport, thanked the dangerous goods experts from the OTIF Member States for the extensive work on the revision of RID, which would improve safety in the transport of dangerous goods. He also said that cooperation in the context of the new basic conditions, which had arisen as a result of the coordination required between the EU Member States, had worked well.

### **Departure of Mr Timo Aaltonen**

11. The Chairman thanked Mr Timo Aaltonen for all his work. In recent years, he had taken part in many meetings of the RID Committee of Experts and its standing working group as the representative of the European Commission. He recalled that in the past, it had been necessary to overcome some difficult situations in connection with the RID Committee of Experts' way of working that had arisen as a result of the European Union's accession to COTIF. But thanks to Mr Aaltonen's cooperation, this way of working was now well underway and promised to continue to work well in future.
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