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Agenda Item 1: Development of proposals, if necessary, for amendments to Annex 18 — *The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*

AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINITION FOR UN NUMBER

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SUMMARY

This paper proposes to amend the definition for UN number in Annex 18 — *The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Chapter 1 of Annex 18 lists some definitions relevant to the transport of dangerous goods by air. UN number is defined as follow:

“UN number. The four-digit number assigned by the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to identify a substance or a particular group of substances.”

1.2 Paragraph 3.2.1 of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Model Regulations, 16th revised edition) under Part 3, Chapter 3.2, paragraph 3.2.1 states:

“UN Number-this column contains the serial number assigned to the article or substance under the United Nations system” (underline added for emphasis).

1.3 Since the provisions of Annex 18 are based on the Recommendations of the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, this paper proposes to amend the definition for UN number accordingly.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to consider amending the definition of UN number under Chapter 1 of Annex 18 as follow:

“*UN number.* The four-digit number assigned by the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to identify a(n) substance/article or a particular group of substances/articles.”

2.2 The above amendment will also align the definition for UN number appearing in Annex 18 with the one appearing in the Technical Instructions in Column 2 of Part 3;2.1.1. As Annex material is amended less frequently than the text of the Technical Instructions, it is suggested that such an amendment be introduced when other changes to the Annex are proposed.

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