TRANSSC 37 MEETING REPORT

A1/A2 Working Group – Chaired by Mr Tiberio Cabianca (UK)

Criticality Working Group – Chaired by Mathieu Milin (France)

20% increase in dose-rates during NCT – Chaired by Thierry Chrupek (France)

NORM Working Group – Chaired by Paul Hinrichsen (South Africa)

ESTABLISHED WORKING GROUPS – 26 TO 27 NOVEMBER 2018

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1.0 OPENING SESSION

1.1 Opening Remarks

The Chair (Hinrichsen) welcomed all to the Meeting and congratulated TRANSSC on the fact that the 2018 Edition of SSR-6 had been published by the Agency in June 2018. The Chair thanked TRANSSC for their hard work and dedication over the Review/Revision period.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2.1 Conduct of the Meeting and Agenda:

The Chair took TRANSSC through the Agenda for the Meeting (Draft 5) as proposed.

Secretariat (Whittingham) discussed the proposed process for reviewing DS-496 in TRANSSC 37. In this regard INF Paper 5b and INF Paper 5c would be important. TRANSSC was not required to Approve DS-496 at TRANSSC 37 but simply to review the document, together with any comments, as given and, where possible, to give further comment or direction. Secretariat (Capadona) explained that there would be a Consultancy Meeting held in Vienna in March 2019, at which an attempt will be made to finalise the review of DS-496. The output for the Consultancy Meeting would be posted at least 60 days prior to the TRANSSC 38 Meeting with a view to requesting TRANSSC approval at TRANSSC 38. The Consultancy Meeting at the end of March would discuss both the editorial and the technical comments.

Special Announcement: Mr Hirose Japan:

Japan (Hirose) informed TRANSSC that Ms Akiko Konnai had delivered a baby boy on the 6th November 2018. He informed TRANSSC that the baby’s name is “Kosaku” which means “spreading smiles” or “to fill the world with smiles”. She is looking forward to returning to TRANSSC as soon as she is able. The Chair
thanked Mr Hirose for the good news and asked him to convey the good wishes of TRANSSC to Ms Konnai.

2.2 REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.2.1 Previous Meeting Report

TRANSSC 35 Meeting Report:
The TRANSSC 35 Meeting Report was Approved by TRANSSC.

TRANSSC 36 Meeting Report (INF-01):
The Chair informed TRANSSC that the TRANSSC 36 Meeting Report had been posted to the TRANSSC website and that comments had been received from both Japan and from Ireland. The Report had been duly revised and re-posted. The Chair thanked Japan and Ireland for their comments. The Chair informed TRANSSC that since the re-posting of the Report had not been 60 days prior to the start of TRANSSC 37, he would not ask TRANSSC to approve the Report. Such approval would be requested at TRANSSC 37.

2.2.2 Action Record Sheet (INF-27)

Secretariat (Whittingham) took TRANSSC through the Actions as listed in the draft TRANSSC 36 Meeting Notes. The final status of the TRANSSC Action Record Sheet (as presented to TRANSSC) is posted as INF-27.

Switzerland (Koch) requested clarity on which working group items had been assigned to which TTEGS. The Chair offered a list which will be posted to the Members Page.

TRANSSC Action 37-01:
Secretariat to upload Table of TTEG items (INF-28).

2.3 Topical Briefing and Discussion on Member States Presentations, Sharing of Operational Experience and use of IAEA Safety Standards.

2.3.1 Member State Presentation from China (INF-02)
China (Zhan) gave a presentation on the Transport of Radioactive Materials in China.

2.3.2 Brazil (INF-03)
Brazil (Bruno) gave a presentation on the Transport of Disused Sources in Brazil.
2.3.3 India (INF-04)  
India (Manjunath) gave a presentation on a “New Concept of On-Line User’s Manuals for Effective Application of IAEA Transport Regulations”.

2.3.4 Member States Providing Presentations at TRANSSC 38  
Switzerland and Egypt offered to provide presentations at TRANSSC 38.

3.0 DEVELOPMENT OF DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS  
3.1 DPP Approval for Submission to CSS (STEP 3)  
DS-531 “Leadership, Management and Culture for Safety” was withdrawn and is to be re-submitted to all committees later in 2010.
DS-516 “Criticality Safety in the Handling of Fissile Material” was approved.

3.2 Draft Safety Standards Approval  
3.2.1 Submission to Member States (STEP 7)  
DS-497 “Nuclear Power Plants Operation” was approved to be sent for Member State review

3.2.2 Submission to CSS (STEP 11)  
DS 475 “Arrangements for Public Communication in Preparedness and Response for a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency” was approved for going forward to SPESS STEP 12.
DS-487 “Design of Fuel Handling and Storage System for Nuclear Power Plants” was approved for going forward to SPESS STEP 12.
DS-496; There will be a consultancy Meeting in March 2019 aimed at trying to resolve the last remaining issues from the Technical Editing. If these issues can be resolved, then DS-496 will be put to TRANSSC 38 for approval.

3.4 Update on Submission of SSR-6 (Rev.1) to UNECE (INF-07)  
Secretariat (Whittingham) informed TRANSSC that the version of SSR-6 (Rev 1) which had been approved by the IAEA Board of Governors had been submitted to the UNECE for their June 2018 Meeting. Everything that was in SSR-6 Rev 1 was approved by UNECE, except for paragraph 304 (emergency response).
Objection to the revised text of paragraph 304 was again raised in the November UNECE Meeting in which the text was amended as shown in INF-07.

3.5 REVIEW Cycle for SSR-6 (Rev 1)

Secretariat (Whittingham) reminded TRANSSC that the next Review cycle for SSR-6 would only be considered in 2020. This being the case he reminded members to bear this in mind during any discussions on SSR-6, either at home or in the TTEGs, as any suggestions for proposals for change would need to be prepared for 2020.

3.6 Work with Other Committees

3.6.1 Chairs Meeting (INF-24)

Point 1: Report on the Impact of the UNSCEAR Report

The IAEA Commission on Safety Standards (CSS) required an official viewpoint from each of the safety committees, as well as from the NSGC, on the extent to which the committee felt the 2012 UNSCEAR Report might have an impact on the work or output of the committee. In this regard a Consultancy Meeting would be held from the 4th – 8th March 2019, at which work would begin on a DPP in which the Agency would state its view on the subject. Each committee was required to nominate one expert to participate in this Meeting. Mr Cabianca (UK) would represent TRANSSC in this instance.

With respect to DS-513 “Leadership, Management and Culture for Safety” the Chair informed TRANSSC that, following discussions at the November 2018 Meeting of the Chairs, the document had been withdrawn from the process by the originating Technical Officer. The document is to be revised and re-submitted to all committees later in 2019.

The consensus opinion of TRANSSC was the 2012 UNSCEAR Report did not lead to any impact on the safety documents of TRANSSC.

Point 2: Agency Seeking TRANSSC Position on the Need to Revise the Safety Fundamentals SF-1.

Belgium had submitted an opinion on the question of the need for the Agency to consider revising the Safety Fundamentals (SF-1) in the light of the 2012
UNSCAR Report. This opinion was posted for TRANSSC on the Committee website as INF-24A. The overall conclusion from Belgium was that Belgium did not support any proposed revision of SF-1 at this time. **With the agreement of Belgium, TRANSSC concluded that INF-24A could be taken as the official TRANSSC position on this matter.**

### 3.6.2 44th CSS Meeting

Secretariat (Delattre) Provided plenary with feedback on the 44th Meeting of the Commission on Safety Standards (CSS).

### 3.6.4 Current SPESS Process (INF-21)

Switzerland (Koch) discussed Information Paper INF-21 being a proposal of suggested changes to the SPESS process which Switzerland felt would assist in the document revision processes if accepted. The request related to the perceived limited time offered to a member state wishing to obtain internal member state comments on any document in the review process. Following lengthy discussion on the proposal, Mr Delattre stated that it was not possible to change the current SPESS timetable as it had already been optimised. Secretariat (Capadona) suggested that a way to address the Swiss comment was for the lead committee, on any given document, to propose a workable production schedule, as this schedule would dictate when the document would be presented in the SPESS process.

### 3.6.5 Interfaces with EPReSC and the NSGC (INF-20)

Switzerland (Koch) presented INF-20 on the need for TRANSSC to interface with the other Committees, particularly with EPReSC and with the NSGC. Spain (Zamora) requested that there should be an established mechanism for TRANSSC to communicate with other committees when there is a need. This should, if possible happen at the beginning of the process rather than at the end. In response the Secretariat informed TRANSSC of the intention to hold joint WASSC/TRANSSC meeting in November 2019 and that this had already been discussed with WASSC. Additionally, since all Safety Committees would be meeting in the same week in June 2019, this might be an opportune time to have a session with EPReSC. The Secretariat promised to investigate this possibility.
TRANSSC Action 37-02:
Secretariat to investigate possible joint sessions with other committees for June 2019 and for November 2019.

3.7 Information from other UN / International Bodies on their documents
3.7.1 UNECE
3.7.2 ICAO
3.7.3 IMO

3.7.4 ISO (INF-10)
ISO (Desnoyers) gave a presentation on ISO-TC 85 / SC 5 / WG 4 - Standards Relative to Transport of Radioactive Material, which included an update on the revision of ISO 7195 - Packaging of Uranium Hexafluoride (UF6) for Transport.

Germany (Wille) urged TRANSSC members to be as active as possible in the review of ISO Standards as many were referenced in SSR-6, and supporting documents, and there was a need to ensure consistency.

UK (Clark) reminded TRANSSC that the revision of ISO 7195 was likely to be published in mid-2020, and since the document was referenced in SSR-6 (Rev 1), this publication would already put SSR-6 out of date. This unfortunately could not be avoided but nevertheless TRANSSC needs to remain aware.

3.8 Update and feedback on Draft Transport Safety / Security Interface Document (INF-11a)
Secretariat (Whittingham) presented INF-011a, being feedback on the status of the TECDOC on the Transport Security Interface.

3.9 Update on Transport Safety eLearning Platform (INF-12)
Secretariat (Whittingham) presented INF-12, being feedback on the status of the e-Learning platform.

TRANSSC members may access the Platform at the following link:
http://elearning.iaea.org/m2/course/index.php?categoryid=83
3.10 Update on Agency work related to DPC (INF-25)

Secretariat (Guskov), of the Waste and Environmental Safety Section Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety, presented Information Paper INF-025, being an update of the status of the TECDOC on “Guidance for an Integrated Transport and Storage Safety Case for DPCs for Spent Nuclear Fuel”

3.11 Update on Agency work related to Spent Fuel (INF-13)

Secretariat (González Espartero) presented Information paper INF-13, being an update on the Agency work related to spent fuel, noting sub-programme 1.2.3: Management of Spent Fuel from Nuclear Power Reactors and Radioactive Material Transportation.

3.12 Update on Programme for Revision of Transport safety Documents (INF-14)

Secretariat (Whittingham) presented INF-14 on the Programme for Revision of Transport Safety documents. The Table of the Revision Programme had been combined with the TRANSSC Workplan, as requested previously by TRANSSC. The Secretariat explained that, due to the necessary time spent by TRANSSC reviewing the current draft of SSG-26, there may be a need to add 6 months to the proposed revision schedule for SSG-26.

Member States were encouraged to implement the 2018 Edition of SSR-6 particularly considering that the 2018 Edition would be implemented into both the IMO and ICAO regulations for international transport.

3.13 Conferences a Symposia

3.13.1 PATRAM 2019 (INF-23)

USA (Pstrak) presented INF Paper INF-023 on the forthcoming PATRAM 2019 Conference to be held in Louisiana in the USA in August 2019. All TRANSSC members were urged to attend.
3.13.2 Transport Safety Conference 2020

Mr Whittingham informed plenary of the Transport Safety Conference planned by the IAEA for 2020. The first meeting of the Programme Committee would take place in June 2019 after which further information would be provided to TRANSSC.


Secretariat (Whittingham) informed TRANSSC that there would be a Consultancy Meeting in Vienna in March to try to finalise the current draft of SSG-26. This Consultancy would review any technical comments as well as the editorial comments. A third item would be to consider if any of the historical text should be taken from SSG-26 and moved to the Technical Basis Document. Additionally, consideration could be given to the proposed future of the Technical Basis Document.

Following this Consultancy, the Secretariat would post the final version of the Draft SSG-26 within the required 60-day window for TRANSSC approval at TRANSSC 38.

**TRANSSC Action 37-03:**

The Secretariat to post the version of the Draft SSG-26 (following the March Consultancy) allowing the required 60-day window for TRANSSC approval at TRANSSC 38. (withdrawn)

**Post TRANSSC 37 meeting note:**

**Action 37-03 was withdrawn.** The review of editorial comments by the March 2019 CSM was not completed and an additional meeting is scheduled for June 2019. Consequently, the revised draft of SSG26 (DS496) has been rescheduled for submission to TRANSSC 39 for approval at SPESS Step 11.

3.15 Present the ToR for TRANSSC Technical Expert Groups in Plenary (INF-015)

Following discussions on the ToR of the TTEGS, in the November TRANSSC Meeting, the document had been revised by the Secretariat. The revision had been posted as INF-015. All TTEGS were urged to review the ToR and to comment as necessary when reporting back to Plenary.
Feedback from TTEG Discussions.

The Chairs of the four TTEGS Reported back to TRANSSC on the following issues:

- Review of the current draft of the ToR for the TTEGs
- Review of the Resolution Table for SSG-26
- Any other matters

3.15.4 TTEG on Criticality

Chair: Mr Benjamin Ruprecht (Germany) for TRANSSC 38 only. Normally the Chair will be Mr Mathieu Milin (France).

Mr Ruprecht reported that the TTEG did not have any concerns related to the ToR as proposed.

- He also stated that the format of the Technical Basis Document was currently not suitable for use by the Criticality TTEG and asked about the future review/revision plan for the document. In response Mr Whittingham stated that time during the March Consultancy on SSG-26 will be set aside to discuss this.

3.15.5 TTEG on Transport Operational Matters

Chair: Mr Jon Templeton (Australia)

Feedback of the TTEG review of the Resolution Table for SSG-26 was provided by Australia (Templeton).

Mr Templeton reported that the TTEG did not have any concerns related to the ToR as proposed.

3.15.6 TTEG on Package Performance

Chair: Mr Frank Koch (Switzerland)

Feedback of the TTEG review of the Resolution Table for SSG-26 was provided by Switzerland (Koch).

A point of discussion was a comment from Japan (Japan 32) which noted that there was a difference between SSR-6 (as published) and the Draft SSG-26 for the A1/A2 values for Iridium 193m.
Ms Marianne Moutarde (France), representing the A1/A2 WG, explained that the A1/A2 WG had proposed a value which was 33% more than the value currently shown in the 2018 Edition of SSR-6. This value had been proposed to appear in the revised SSG-26.

TRANSSC agreed that there should not be any differences between the values shown in SSR-6 and those shown in SSG-26. TRANSSC accepted that the work of the A1/A2 WG was not finalised and hence any outputs from the WG should not be used to change any values currently in use. Hence TRANSSC agreed that the value in SSG-26 (draft) for Ir-193m, should be as in Table 2 in SSR-6 2018 Edition.

Mr Koch reported that the TTEG did not have any concerns related to the ToR as proposed.

Mr Koch requested that the list of issues to be discussed in the TTEGs for the June 2019 TRANSSC Meeting should be timely communicated to TRANSSC to provide enough preparation for plenary discussions.

**TRANSSC Action 37-04:**
Secretariat to notify TRANSSC of issues for discussion in the TTEGS to provide enough time for preparation by TTEG members.

### 3.16.7 TTEG on Radiation Protection

Chair for TRANSSC 37: Mr Jeff Ramsay (Canada)

Feedback of the TTEG review of the Resolution Table was provided by Canada (Ramsey).

Mr Ramsey reported that the Group had reviewed the ToR, as proposed, and felt that they needed some further discussion as they still placed a burden on chairs of the TTEG. The Secretariat emphasised that it was not the intention that any TTEG should be burdened unnecessarily.

### 4.0 PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR TRANSSC

#### 4.1 Freight Containers

The Corresponding Group on Freight Containers has been formed under the TTEG-OM, and respond to the inquiries from ICAO and IMO will be prepared by the Group
4.2 TRANSSC Workplan (INF-14)

The Chair noted that the TRANSSC Workplan had been posted as Information Paper INF-014. Since no one raised any issues from the Workplan it was not discussed.

A few TRANSSC members raised concerns about the efficiency of the current new TTEG process. There may be a need to schedule a discussion on the matter in plenary at a future TRANSSC Meeting. During the discussion the question of a possible TRANSSC SharePoint site was raised (separate from the proposed TTEG SharePoint sites). On this point TRANSSC was informed that the Agency was investigating transferring the current safety committee websites to another platform which may be a SharePoint site. Consequently, TRANSSC was advised to be patient and wait the outcome of this process.

4.3 Deliverables for TRANSSC 38

The following items were listed.

- Topics form Member States: Egypt and Switzerland.
- Table of resolutions by TRANSSC 37 on the Member States comments on DS-496 Step 11.
- Consultancy meeting in March on DS496 and TBD.
- Questionnaire on criticality assessment (will be posted on the meeting web before TRANSSC 38).
- Consideration on the joint session with EPReSC.
- TTEG to confirm ToRs and establish work plans. Progress will be reported to TRANSSC 38 plenary.

The Secretariat noted that in TRANSSC 38 three final drafts related to transport (DS496 – revision of SSG-26 Advisory, DS-506 – revision of SSG-33 Schedules and DS-493 PDSR Guide) would be subjected to approval.

4.4 TRANSSC 38 and 39 – Dates

TRANSSC 38 is scheduled to be held in the week of 24 – 30 June 2019.
5.0 INTERACTIONS WITH IAG, IAEA SAFETY COMMITTEES AND SECRETARIAT

5.1 Report on IAG Meeting 27 November 2018 (INF22).

TRANSSC were referred to Information Paper INF-022.

5.2 Joint Meeting with WASSC in 2019.

Secretariat (Whittingham) informed TRANSSC that a Joint Meeting was planned with WASSC for November 2019.

6.0 REVIEW OF DRAFT MEETING REPORT

6.1 Review of the TRANSSC 37 Meeting Report.

The Chair stated that since the Meeting had been recorded for drafting the Meeting Notes, consequently the Notes would only be available after the Meeting.

Actions for TRANSSC 38

Secretariat (Whittingham) had noted the following Actions for TRANSSC 38, in addition to any already noted above:

TRANSSC Action 37-05:
Secretariat to upload the Information Paper on the status of the DPC Guide.

TRANSSC Action 37-06:
Presentation by Egypt on the use of the Regulations in Egypt.

TRANSSC Action 37-07:
Presentation by Switzerland on the use of the Regulations in Switzerland.

TRANSSC Action 37-08:
Criticality Questionnaire for TRANSSC 38.

TRANSSC Action 37-09:
The Secretariat to collect any TRANSSC comments on the ToR for the TTEGS and to report back to TRANSSC 38 as appropriate.

TRANSSC Action 37-10:
The Secretariat to post all SSG-26 Resolution Tables on the TRANSSC website. It was noted that there may be a need for TRANSSC 38 to review the resolution Tables for the following documents;
• SSG-26
• SSG-33
• PDSR

This being the case the presentation of these Tables to TRANSSC would need to be done timely to give enough time to prepare for TRANSSC plenary discussions.

Post TRANSSC 37 meeting note:

**Action 37-10:** The review of editorial comments on DS496 was not completed by the March 2019 CSM and an additional meeting is scheduled for June 2019. Consequently, the revised draft of SSG26 (DS496) has been rescheduled for submission to TRANSSC 39 for approval at SPESS Step 11. Similarly, the editorial review comments on DS496 are also being reflected in the draft DS493 (PDSR) before its submission for editorial comment, consequently DS493 has been rescheduled for submission to TRANSSC 39 for approval at SPESS Step 11.

7.0 **AGENDA FOR TRANSSC 38**

The Secretariat will propose the Agenda for TRANSSC 38, well in advance of the Meeting and post for TRANSSC consideration.

8.0 **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair noted, with regret, that Anne Preston, WNTI, would be leaving the WNTI TRANSSC Delegation. He thanked Anne for her valuable contributions to TRANSSC over the years and wished her well for the future.