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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday,
7 September 2015.

I. Provisional agenda

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2. Workshop on “Road and Rail transport corridors along Europe and Asia”.
3. Workshop on “Vulnerability and Security of Critical Transport Infrastructure”.
4. Ports Hinterland connections.
5. Monitoring developments in pan-European transport networks:

¹ Delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

² Delegates are requested to register online at: https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=eev_jC or to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat two weeks prior to the session by e-mail (maria.mostovets@unece.org) or by fax (+41-22-917 0039). Delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on our website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm).



- (a) The European Commission briefing on the progress made in developing the Trans-European Transport Network;
 - (b) Trans-European Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects.
6. Transport in the Mediterranean Region:
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 - (c) Report of the Union for the Mediterranean;
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8. Task force on benchmarking transport infrastructure construction costs;
9. Group of experts on urban mobility and Public Transport;
10. Climate Change and Transport:
 - (a) Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Transport Networks and nodes;
 - (b) Climate Change mitigation: UNECE ForFITS tool;
 - (c) Diesel engine exhausts.
11. Review of the transport situation, transport trends and economics in ECE region:
 - (a) Transport Trends and Economics 2012–2013: Sustainable Urban mobility and public transport;
 - (b) Transport Trends and Economics 2013–2015: Financing Transport Infrastructure;
 - (c) Transport Trends and Challenges in the road sector;
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 - (e) Transport Trends and Challenges in the inland waterways sector;
 - (f) UNECE Transport statistics analysis.
12. Technical assistance to countries with economies in transition.
13. Transport and Competitiveness.
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15. Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2016–2017
 - (a) Draft programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2016–2017;
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/57

2. Workshop on "Road and Rail transport corridors along Europe and Asia"

At this workshop, representatives from different initiatives and projects (program of workshop is in Informal document No. 1) on corridors development along Europe and Asia as well as experts from International Financial Institutions will have the opportunity to present and share their corridors development case studies and good practices. The workshop will take stock of initiatives by Governments and Regional International Organizations on development of international and regional transport corridors, their management, investment projects as well as their initiatives to eliminate border crossings delays and infrastructure missing links. The main objective is to bring together all decision- and policy-makers and experts related to corridors development and management to discuss challenges and new development concepts as well as agree on possible future activities and concerted actions.

The Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) may wish to consider presentations by invited experts. The Working Party may wish to review, discuss and adopt conclusions that reflect the presentations and subsequent discussions of workshop participants.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

3. Workshop on "Vulnerability and Security of Critical Transport Infrastructure"

In 2010, the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 91) recommended that the UNECE Transport Division — in partnership with member States, international organizations, private sector, and academia — continue its work aimed at enhancing inland transport security, in particular, by organizing events to exchange information and share best practices. Based on this mandate a workshop on vulnerability and security of critical transport infrastructure will be organized during the session of the Working Party. The outcome of the workshop will be a contribution to the Inland Transport Security Forum of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC).

Terrorist attacks and criminal activities can all disrupt the infrastructure on which we depend in our daily lives. This infrastructure – often called "critical infrastructure" - includes installations in the transport fields ranging from intermodal hubs and freight villages to rail and road bridges and tunnels. Representatives from Governments and international organizations (program of workshop is in informal document No. 2) specialized on transport infrastructure security will share their experience and good practices on how to further secure transport infrastructure.

The Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics may wish to consider presentations by invited experts. The Working Party may wish to review, discuss and adopt conclusions that reflect the presentations and subsequent discussions of workshop participants.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

4. Ports Hinterland connections

The Working Party may wish to recall that at its last year's session took note of the ports hinterland connections observatory prepared by MedNet programme. It requested the secretariat to examine the possibilities on how the working party could further cooperate with MedNet programme and its observatory on ports hinterland connections and present at the next session for consideration.

The Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/3 and provide guidance to the secretariat on how to further proceed with the observatory on ports hinterland connections.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/3

5. Monitoring of the developments in pan-European transport networks

(a) The European Commission briefing on the progress made in developing the Trans-European Transport Network

The European Commission will brief the Working Party about the recent progress of TEN-T activities and extending the network to countries neighbouring the European Union (EU).

Documentation

Informal document No. 3

(b) Trans-European Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects

The managers of the TEM (Trans-European Motorway) and TER (Trans-European Railway) projects will inform the Working Party about the activities implemented over the reporting period 2014–2015.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/4, ECE/TRANS/WP5/2015/5

6. Transport in the Mediterranean Region

(a) Report of the Mediterranean Transport Study Centre

The Mediterranean Transport Study Centre (CETMO) had been asked to prepare a report on CETMO activities for the twenty-eighth session of the Working Party. The information on recent activities of CETMO will be circulated for consideration by the Working Party.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4

(b) The Euro-Mediterranean transport network

The European Commission will brief the Working Party on its activities in developing the Euro-Mediterranean transport network.

(c) Report of the Union for the Mediterranean

The Union for the Mediterranean (UFM) secretariat will brief the Working Party on its activities in developing the Mediterranean transport network.

(d) Project for a Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar: report on activities carried out during the period 2006–2013 and programme proposed for the period 2013–2015.

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the Project for a Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar.

Documentation

Informal document No. 5

7. Euro-Asian Transport Links**(a) Progress on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) work**

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the progress of the work of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) and the recent developments of the EATL project Phase III (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/26). The Working Party may wish to consider, discuss and provide guidance on the effective implementation of the work plan of the Group of Experts.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/26

(b) Other Euro-Asian transport initiatives

Representatives of other Euro-Asian transport initiatives/projects will brief the Working Party about their activities and cooperation with the EATL Expert Group.

8. Group of experts on benchmarking transport infrastructure construction costs

The Working Party may wish to recall that at its last session and during the workshop on Good practices and new tools for Financing Transport Infrastructure the participants agreed that the benchmarking of transport infrastructure construction costs is significant for having realistic construction costs and a stable investment programme with no cost explosions; agreed that the use of benchmarking of construction costs could be for cost estimates and for control of projects' cost developments.

The Working Party requested the secretariat to draft a formal document based on inputs received by the experts on benchmarking of transport infrastructure construction costs for the next session. Proposals for possible further actions to be taken by the Working Party on this issue should be included.

The Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/2 which provides the terms of references for the development of a Group of experts on benchmarking transport infrastructure construction costs and provide guidance to the secretariat on further actions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/2

9. Urban mobility and Public Transport

In the course of the last three years the Working Party addressed the topic of sustainable urban mobility and public transport by organizing a workshop on “Urban Transport and Mobility” during its twenty fifth session (3-5 September 2012) and by preparing a report-publication on “Sustainable urban mobility and public transport” which was published by ECE during 2015.

The Inland Transport Committee during its seventy-sixth session (25–27 February 2014) encouraged governments and municipalities to support further research on urban transport and mobility provided by UNECE, and suggested that this topic be addressed in the agenda of WP.5 (ECE/TRANS/240, para 11). Furthermore at its seventy-seventh session (24–26 February 2015) decided to regularly review the developments in urban mobility and transport, and particularly, the inter-linkages between urban, regional, national and international transport networks and services. In this regard, the Committee requested WP.5 to follow-up on this matter (ECE/TRANS/248, para 18).

The Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/6 which provides information on main challenges that urban mobility and public transport faces and provide guidance to the secretariat on further actions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/6

10. Climate Change and Transport

(a) Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Transport Networks and nodes

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the work during the second phase of the group of experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Transport Networks and nodes (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/14).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/14

(b) Climate Change mitigation: UNECE ForFITS tool

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the developments in the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) project during 2014–2015.

(c) Diesel engine exhausts

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the developments in the discussion paper “Diesel engine exhausts: Myths and realities” prepared by the secretariat.

11. Review of the transport situation, transport trends and economics in ECE region

(a) Transport Trends and Economics 2012–2013: Sustainable Urban mobility and public transport

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the 2012–2013 publication Transport Trends and Economics 2012–2013 Sustainable Urban Mobility and Public Transport prepared by the secretariat on the basis of national inputs.

Documentation

UNECE publication

(b) Transport Trends and Economics 2013–2015: Financing Transport Infrastructure

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the 2014-2015 publication “Transport Trends and Economics: Financing Transport Infrastructure”. The Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/1 which contains a questionnaire to be addresses to member States on financing transport infrastructure. The Working Party may wish to provide guidance to the secretariat on this issue.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/1

(c) Transport Trends and Challenges in the road sector

A representative of the International Road Transport Union will present recent road transport trends and challenges.

Documentation

Informal document No. 6

(d) Transport Trends and Challenges in the rail sector

A representative of the International Union of Railways will present recent rail transport trends and challenges.

Documentation

Informal document No. 7

(e) Transport Trends and Challenges in the inland waterways sector

A representative of an international organization will present recent inland waterways transport trends and challenges.

(f) UNECE Transport Statistics analysis

The secretariat will present its work and transport statistics data for 2014.

12. Technical assistance to countries with economies in transition

The Working Party will be informed about activities of the Regional Adviser (Informal document No. 8) on technical assistance provided by ECE to countries with economies in transition.

Documentation

Informal document No. 8

13. Transport and Competitiveness.

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the progress of the UNECE project “Supply Chain Challenges for National Competitiveness through Transport” approved by ITC at its seventy-second session in February 2010.

14. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions of the seventy-sixth session of the Inland Transport Committee (25–27 February 2015) on issues of interest to the Working Party.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/248

15. Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2016–2017

(a) Draft programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2016–2017

The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its twenty-sixth session on 10–12 September 2013, it had approved indicators of achievement for measuring its expected accomplishments in 2014 and 2015 (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/54, para. 77). In accordance with the decision of the ITC to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being in 2016, the Working Party may wish to review and adopt its programme of work for 2016–2017 as well as the relevant parameters for its biennial evaluation. The draft programme of work for 2016–2017 and the expected accomplishment indicators are contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/8.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/8

(b) Draft work plan for 2016–2020

As requested by the ITC Bureau on 20 June 2011, the Working Party should review and approve its traditional 4-year work plan for 2016–2020, in addition to the mandatory programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2016–2017 (see above). Document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/9 has reproduced the work plan adopted by the Working Party on 12 September 2013 (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/54, para. 77) and approved by the ITC on 27 February 2014 (ECE/TRANS/240, para. 105), indicating also proposed deletions, modifications and additions, as appropriate. The Working Party may wish to review its work plan for 2016–2020 for adoption and transmission to the ITC.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/9

16. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no proposals under this item.

17. Date of next session

The Working Party's twenty-ninth session is tentatively scheduled to take place in Geneva from 5 to 7 September 2016.

18. Adoption of the report

In accordance with the decision of the Working Party taken at its fifteenth session (TRANS/WP.5/32, para. 56), decisions taken at the session will be adopted at the end of the session. The report of the session, including the decisions, will be established by the Chair and Vice-Chair with the assistance of the secretariat, for submission to the Inland Transport Committee.
