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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday,
5 September 2016.

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4. Ports Hinterland connections.
5. Monitoring of the 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: www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=hgLLfK 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).



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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.5/59

2. Workshop on “Transport Research and Innovations”

At this workshop, representatives from different Universities, Transport Research Centres, Transport think tanks as well as the automotive industry (program of workshop is in Informal document No. 1) will have the opportunity to present and share the results of transport research projects, innovations and technological developments. The workshop will take stock of initiatives, research projects and innovations that promote sustainable transport; contribute to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals; and might provide to Governments useful and efficient tools in order to enhance mobility, improve road safety and transport infrastructure development.

The Working Party may wish to consider presentations by invited experts. It may also 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 “Critical Transport Infrastructure and Cyber Security”

In 2010, the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 91) recommended that the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (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 Critical Transport Infrastructure and Cyber Security 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).

Cyberspace and its underlying infrastructure are vulnerable to a wide range of risk stemming from both physical and cyber threats and hazards. Cyberspace is particularly difficult to secure due to a number of factors: the ability of malicious actors to operate from anywhere in the world, the linkages between cyberspace and physical systems and the difficulty of reducing vulnerabilities and consequences in complex cyber networks. Of growing concern is the cyber threat to critical infrastructure, which is increasingly subject to sophisticated cyber intrusions that pose new risks. As information technology becomes increasingly integrated with physical infrastructure operations, there is increased risk for wide scale or high-consequence events that could cause harm or disrupt services upon which National economies and the daily lives of millions of people depend. Representatives from Governments and international organizations (program of workshop is in informal document No. 2) specialized on cyber security will share their experience and good practices on how to further secure critical 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 (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/3) as well as that MedNet's end of lifetime was in May 2015. It noted also that the secretariat had already received an unofficial confirmation from MedNet project in taking over the hosting, maintenance and further expansion to all UNECE countries of the ports hinterland connections observatory.

The Working Party requested the secretariat while waiting for the official reply from the MedNet project to analyse and inform the Working Party at its next session for the cost implications that the hosting and maintenance of such observatory would mean for the secretariat. The Working Party may wish to be informed on the above mentioned issues (Informal document No. 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, Informal document No. 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. 4

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

The managers of the TEM (Trans-European Motorway) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/1) and TER (Trans-European Railway) (ECE/TRANS/WP5/2016/2) projects will inform the Working Party about the activities implemented over the reporting period 2015–2016.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/1, ECE/TRANS/WP5/2016/2

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-ninth 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. 5

(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.

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 (Informal document WP.5/GE.2 (2016) No. 2). 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

Informal document WP.5/GE.2 (2016) No. 2

(b) Road and Rail transport corridors along Europe and Asia

The Working Party may wish to recall that during its last session a workshop on “Road and Rail transport corridors along Europe and Asia” took place. The workshop showed the complexity of the substantive issues involved in the development of transport corridors along Europe and Asia and the need for further analysis. The Working Party requested the secretariat to elaborate a formal document based on inputs received by the experts and discussions made during the workshop for consideration by the Working Party at its 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.5/2016/3 and provide guidance for further actions on this topic.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/3

(c) 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 approved the establishment of the group of experts on benchmarking transport infrastructure construction costs and its terms of reference. The Inland Transport Committee at its February session and the UNECE Executive Committee at its May session approved the terms of reference of the Group.

The Working Party may wish to be informed on developments on this Group of Experts and review the draft work plan of the group (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/ GE.4/2016/1).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/ GE.4/2016/1

9. Urban mobility and Public Transport: pan-European master plan for cycling

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 2016. At its seventy-seventh session the Inland Transport Committee (24–26 February 2015) decided that WP.5 should regularly review the developments in urban mobility and transport, and particularly, the inter-linkages between urban, regional, national and international transport networks and services (ECE/TRANS/248, para 18).

The Working Party as follow up to the mandate given by ITC, may wish to consider cooperation with the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) on the development of the pan-European master plan for cycling.

At the 4th High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Paris, April 2014) governments adopted the Paris Declaration, including a clear call for Member States to promote cycling and to develop a pan-European master plan for cycling within the framework of the THE PEP. The development of the pan-European master plan would be coordinated by the lead partners of THE PEP Partnership on Cycling: the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management and the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, in close collaboration with the European Cyclists Federation and THE PEP Secretariat. During the Team Leader Meeting of THE PEP Partnership on Cycling (Cologne, 2 June 2016), the experience of UNECE to develop master plans such as the TEM / TER and the EATL was presented. The team leaders of the Partnership decided that ECE Sustainable Transport Division should have a leading role on the development of the cycling master plan. Extra budgetary resources (consultant(s)) needed for this undertaking would be secured through THE PEP Trust Fund. The topic was expected to be further discussed and endorsed at the Bureau meeting of THE PEP (Copenhagen, 6–7 July 2016). The Working Party may wish to be informed on decisions taken during the Bureau meeting of THE PEP.

The Working Party may also wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/4 which describes the draft methodology that should be followed for the development of this master plan and is based on ECE’s experience in developing similar infrastructure Master Plans.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/4

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.3/20).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/20

(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 2015–2016.

(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 2016–2017: Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals through the development of Sustainable Transport.

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about next year’s transport trends and economics publication theme (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/5). The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt the theme of the next transport trends and economics publication as well as the questionnaire that should be sent to Governments in order to collect all appropriate information/data (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/6).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/5, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/6

(b) Transport Trends and Economics 2014–2015: 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 Informal document No. 6 which contains draft publication. The Working Party may wish to provide comments and recommendations on this draft.

Documentation

Informal document No. 6

(c) 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 and published during 2016.

Documentation

UNECE publication

(d) 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. 7

(e) 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. 8

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

The secretariat will present recent inland waterways transport trends and challenges.

(g) UNECE Transport statistics analysis

The secretariat will present its work and transport statistics data for 2015.

12. Technical assistance to countries with economies in transition

The Working Party will be informed about activities of the Regional Adviser (Informal document No. 9) on technical assistance provided by ECE to countries with economies in transition.

Documentation

Informal document No. 9

13. 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-eight session of the Inland Transport Committee (23–26 February 2016) on issues of interest to the Working Party.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/254

14. Election of officers for the Working Party sessions in 2017 and 2018

The Working Party will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for its sessions in 2017 and 2018.

15. Other business

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

16. Date of next session

The Working Party's twenty-ninth session is tentatively scheduled to take place in Geneva from 4 to 6 September 2017.

17. Adoption of main decisions

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.
