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**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2006-2010**

Note by the secretariat

The Working Party may wish to examine its draft programme of work for 2006-2010 and, in particular, the continued relevance of priorities assigned to individual work elements and the expected outputs identified for the next two-year period, i.e. by 2006/2007. Proposals made by the secretariat for deletion are struck through; additions are in bold text.

In addition, at its 67th session, the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) approved the note and table in the annex of the present document which shows the relationship between the strategic objectives of the ITC and the ITC Programme of Work.

The table reflects the results of discussions by the Committee's subsidiary bodies or with the Chairmen of subsidiary bodies on the strategic objectives and their respective programmes of work. It shows that the development of Europe-Asia transport links; the use of telematics and intelligent transport systems (vehicles, infrastructure); impact of electronic trade on transport; transport security; and charging for infrastructure usage have been identified as subjects from the strategic objectives which could be reflected in the programme of work of SC.1.

The Committee requested its subsidiary bodies to modify their programmes of work in line with the indications in the table.

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## PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.2: ROAD TRANSPORT

### 02.2.1 Road transport infrastructure

#### CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

#### I. Implementation and amendment of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)

Description: In order to adapt the European road network to future requirements ~~and to extend it to Central Asian and Caucasus UNECE member States~~, the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) will take suitable action to implement the Agreement and amend as necessary its provisions ~~with regard, in particular, to the structure and numbering of the network (Annex I), applicable technical standards (Annex II) and user information and safety~~, taking into account the evolution of traffic flows, **as well as the safety and security of the network.**

#### Work to be undertaken:

- (a) Consideration of the AGR Agreement in the light of new traffic flows.

Output expected by 2006-2007: Adoption of amendments to Annex I to the AGR including new-E-roads. Issuance of an **updated** map of the network. Priority: 1

- (b) Consideration of the AGR Agreement with a view to enhancing AGR provisions and standards which have an impact on road safety, environmental protection and energy saving.

Output expected by 2006-2007: **Preparation and possible** adoption of new amendments to Annex II of the AGR which relate to safety **and security**, ~~including safety in tunnels and environmental criteria and launching the procedure for their implementation.~~ Priority: 1

#### II. Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project

Description: In order to assist in the construction of the TEM network as part of an integrated international road infrastructure, the Working Party on Road Transport will continue its close cooperation with TEM.

#### Work to be undertaken:

Review of ongoing and expected future progress in the TEM network and consideration of possibilities to contribute to its further development (e.g., combined transport, financing).

Output expected by 2006-2007: Monitoring the development of the TEM Project.

Priority: 2

02.2.2 Harmonization of requirements concerning international road transport and facilitation of its operations

Description: In order to simplify and harmonize requirements concerning international road transport and the facilitation of its operation, the Working Party on Road Transport will elaborate and update, as necessary, appropriate international instruments and study selected aspects of international transport of passengers and goods by road, particularly those related to the facilitation of road transport between eastern and western Europe and the simplification and harmonization of administrative procedures and documentation.

Work to be undertaken:

- (c) Implementation of the European Agreement on the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR).

Output expected by 2006-2007: ~~Launching the implementation procedure for the set of amendments to the AETR to provide for introduction of the new digital tachograph.~~ Alignment of the AETR with new provisions adopted by the European Union concerning the regulation of driving and rest periods for professional drivers. ~~Possible~~ Organization of a **Seminar on the introduction of the digital tachograph for non-EU States.**

Priority: 1

- (d) Consideration of questions concerning the Green Card International Motor Insurance System.

Output expected by 2006-2007: Encourage and facilitate membership of the Green Card System. **Consider possibilities for the establishment of an international motor insurance system for Central Asian States.**

Priority: 2

- (e) Promote the harmonization of fiscal and other measures in order to avoid any discriminatory practices in international road transport.

Output expected by 2006-2007: Development of proposals regarding the harmonization of fiscal and other measures in international road transport.

Priority: 2-3

ACTIVITIES OF LIMITED DURATION

- (f) **Modification** ~~New revised version~~ of the Consolidated Resolution on the Facilitation of International Road Transport (R.E.4).

Output expected by 2006-2007: ~~Dissemination of the adopted new version of R.E.4 with a modernized presentation.~~ **Consideration of the need to modify or add to R.E.4 on certain subjects, such as the security of passenger transport.** Priority: 1

- (g) Consideration of new challenges, opportunities and developments in the facilitation of border crossings and consideration of possibilities for effective measures other than legal measures on border crossing and border facilities for road transport between eastern and western Europe.

Output expected by 2006-2007: Cooperation with the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) on aspects of the new proposed annex 8 to the Harmonization Convention on the facilitation of border crossing such as **visa issuance to professional drivers**, an international vehicle weight certificate and road worthiness certificate. Priority: 1

- (h) ~~Revision of the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road (CVR) in order to foster wider acceptance by Governments.~~

~~Output expected by 2004-2005: Possible relaunching of work on the revision of CVR. Priority: 3~~

- (~~h~~) (h) Consideration of the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) with a view to the introduction of electronic data interchange (EDI) into its procedures.

Output expected by 2006-2007: Adoption of a new protocol to the CMR introducing EDI. Priority: 1

- (i) Analysis of the implementation of transport-related UNECE agreements and conventions.

Output expected by 2006-2007: Launching of a survey to evaluate the implementation of different agreements and conventions concerning road transport by Contracting Parties. Priority: 2

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**ANNEX**

**Relationship between the Strategic Objectives and the Programme of Work of the  
Inland Transport Committee**

Note : At its sixty-sixth session in February 2004, the Committee adopted the Strategic Objectives of the Committee as prepared by its Bureau (TRANS/2004/2, annex 3, Appendix 1; TRANS/2004/18). It also took note of a supplementary paper (TRANS/2004/2, Annex 3, Appendix 2; TRANS/2004/19), which indicated certain potential major areas of future work (TRANS/2004/2, annex 3, Appendix 1, paragraph 11; TRANS/2004/18, para. 11) and requested its subsidiary bodies to review the table in the supplementary paper and identify issues which might be added to their respective programmes of work (ECE/TRANS/156, para. 14).

The list of issues referred to in para. 11 of the Strategic Objectives (TRANS/2004/18), which have been taken into account by the subsidiary bodies when reviewing the table are:

1. The development of Europe-Asia transport links;
2. The use of telematics and intelligent transport systems (vehicles, infrastructure);
3. Population ageing;
4. European integration;
5. The emergence of cleaner propulsion technologies, taking into account new energy sources;
6. Impact of electronic trade on transport;
7. Transport security;
8. Charging for infrastructure usage;
9. Globalization of the world economy and implications for transport.

The revised table reproduced hereafter reflects the results of discussions by the respective subsidiary bodies on the strategic objectives and the programme of work.

<b>BODY</b>	<b>ISSUES</b>								
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<b>WP.1</b> <b>02.3</b>		(b)	(b)						
<b>WP.29</b> <b>02.4.1</b> <b>02.4.2</b>		(a)			(a) all elements		(a)		
<b>SC.2</b> <b>02.5.1</b> <b>02.5.2</b>	I(g)	(ii)	I(e)	I(a) (c)					
<b>SC.3</b> <b>02.6.1</b> <b>02.6.2</b>	(a)	(k)(l)(m)(n)		(a) (c)(f)	(a)(b)(d)(f)(n)	(n)			
<b>WP.15</b> <b>02.7</b>	(a)(c)	(a)(b)(c)		(a)(b)(c)			(a)(b)(c)		(a)(b)(c)
<b>T&amp;E&amp;H</b> <b>02.8</b>									
<b>WP.24</b> <b>02.9</b>	(b)(h)	(d)(e)(f)	(f)					(d)	(c)
<b>WP.30</b> <b>02.10</b>	(h)	(f)(g)		(f)(e)		(f)(g)	(a)(f)(g)		(b)(c)
<b>WP.11</b> <b>02.11</b>				(g)	(e)				
<b>WP.6</b> <b>02.12.1</b> <b>02.12.2</b>			(a)(ii)				(a)(ii)	(b)	

