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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.

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

**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.3: ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY** Priority: 1

Description: Mindful of the world-wide scope of its work, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will examine matters and adopt measures aimed at improving road traffic safety. To this end, it will consider, inter alia, the implementation of the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and the European Agreements supplementing them and elaborate proposals for updating these legal instruments as well as the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.1 and R.E.2). It will also seek to promote the global application of this work.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety will pursue the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Monitoring and encouraging the implementation of the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and the European Agreements supplementing them and the Protocol on Road Markings, and elaboration of amendment proposals to these legal instruments with a view to strengthening and harmonizing road safety standards. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2006/2007:

- Consideration and/or adoption where appropriate of new amendment proposals to the above instruments concerning, ~~in particular~~ **inter alia**, road signing; overtaking; definitions of mopeds, motorcycles, ~~motorized tricycles and quadricycles~~ **driving permits, use of telematics and vehicle safety systems;**
  - **Publication of the Vienna Conventions and European Agreements supplementing them (incorporating the latest amendments).**
- (b) Revision and updating of the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.1 and R.E.2). Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2006/2007:

- Complete ~~revision overhaul~~ of R.E.1 ~~and R.E.2~~ on the basis of a new structure and a new presentation – more attractive and modern – with a view to ~~their~~ **its** publication and dissemination in particular to the other Regional Economic Commissions;
- Incorporation into R.E.1 and R.E.2 of recommendations already adopted, in particular those on periodic technical inspections, assistance to victims of road accidents, pedestrians, road works signing, speed control humps, contraflow cyclists;
- Consideration, development and incorporation into R.E.1 and R.E.2 of new recommendations concerning, in particular, seatbelts and child restraint devices, first aid to victims of road accidents, the safety of the most vulnerable road users, use of mobile phones while driving, safety in tunnels, ~~skateboarders, roller skaters, etc.~~, roadside checks, **driving permits, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, road signing, motorcycle and moped safety, communication and road safety campaigns, daytime running lamps, driving at night, speed, aggressive driving, variable message signs, signs for fuelling stations selling compressed natural gas, etc.**

- (c) Exchange of information on national road safety programmes, in particular taking into account means of financing of road safety activities, and on road safety regulations and requirements in force in member States and circulation of such information in order to avail Governments of the practice and experience gained on these matters.

Priority: 3

Output expected by the end of 2006/2007: Updating the set of tables reflecting current national road traffic safety requirements, national legal instruments and national methods of training and follow-up for categories A and B driving licences. **Addition of new tables dealing with complementary safety equipment required on board vehicles. Issuance of annual information regarding road safety campaigns conducted by member countries.**

- (d) Assisting countries in transition **and developing countries** in the establishment of sound and up-to-date traffic safety practices and procedures.

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2006/2007: ~~Organization of a possible workshop or seminar on a priority subject for member countries, possibly in collaboration with other organizations.~~ **Respond to requests for technical assistance from other regional commissions or their member countries.**

- (e) Consideration of selected timely topics related to road safety in the form of an in-depth discussion based on papers prepared by experts and undertaking appropriate follow-up action with a view to finding concerted solutions to the most urgent problems in the field of traffic safety.

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2004/2005: Identification of at least one timely topic for in-depth discussion.

#### ACTIVITIES OF LIMITED DURATION

- (f) Contribution to activities envisaged in the **Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)** ~~Programme of Joint Action adopted at the 1997 Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment, as well as the London Charter on Transport, Environment and Health,~~ and follow-up to these activities from the more specific angle of road safety.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2004/2005: Consideration of proposals to amend the Vienna Conventions and European Agreements emanating from **THE PEP** ~~the Vienna and/or London follow-up processes.~~

- (g) Organization of the Fifth Road Safety Week at the global level in cooperation with the World Health Organization and the other regional commissions. ~~Fourth Road Safety Week (5-11 April 2004) with a view to active participation of countries and organizations aimed at combating aggressive driving behaviour.~~

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2006/2007: **Holding of the first Global UN Road Safety Week in 2007 on the theme of young road users including young drivers and organization of activities for this event.** ~~Organization of a Seminar on 5 April 2004 and an exhibition at the Palais des Nations from 5 to 8 April on the theme of the Fourth Road Safety Week.~~

- (h) **In close cooperation with WHO and the other regional commissions, work towards the implementation of General Assembly Resolution 58/289 on improving global road safety.** ~~Consideration of different possible approaches to work relating to a United Nations long-term strategy on road safety, as well as the role that the Working Party could play in the future at the international level.~~

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2006/2007: ~~Decision on the possibility of transforming WP.1 into a global forum for road safety.~~ **Encourage Contracting Parties to the Vienna Conventions from outside the UNECE region to attend WP.1 and participate actively in the activities of the UN Road Safety Collaboration.**

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