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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE ONE HUNDRETH SESSION *

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2006

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA ¹

17 October 2006

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2 Adoption of the report of the ninety-ninth session

The Working Party is invited to adopt the report on its ninety-ninth session, which was prepared after the session by the secretariat.

Item 3 Activities of ECE bodies and international organizations of interest to the working party

(a) Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

The Committee on Inland Transport, at its sixty-eighth session (7-9 February 2006), took note of the report of the Working Party on its ninety-ninth session (TRANS/SC.1/377 and Add.1) prior to its adoption at the 100th session of SC.1 (ECE/TRANS/166, para. 38). The Committee on Inland Transport endorsed the terms of reference and rules of procedure adopted by the Working Party at its ninety-ninth session (TRANS/SC.1/377/Add.1). The Committee also adopted its programme of work (ECE/TRANS/2006/5) for the period 2006-2010 including the draft programme prepared by SC.1 (TRANS/SC.1/377, Annex 3).

¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are kindly requested to bring to the meeting copies of the documents received by mail prior to the meeting or downloaded from the Internet.

All SC.1-related issues considered by the Committee will be taken up under the respective agenda items.

The Working Party is informed that from the beginning of 2006, the symbol of all new documents issued by the Economic Commission for Europe and all its subsidiary bodies will start with ECE/....

At its sixty-eighth session, the Committee again requested all its subsidiary bodies to accelerate work already in progress as well as to consider any new activities in the field of transport and security and to report on the results of such work at its sixty-ninth session.

(b) International organizations

Representatives of international organizations at the session are invited to briefly present information regarding their activities to the Working Party and to provide the secretariat with a short summary of their interventions, which may be reflected in the report of the session.

Item 4 Implementation of the AETR

The Working Party will be informed about the seminar held in Moscow on 2-3 March 2006 in order to familiarize CIS countries with the introduction of the digital tachograph. It is proposed to hold an additional workshop in Geneva on the introduction of the digital tachograph for non-EU AETR countries, in cooperation with the MIDT (Monitoring of the Implementation of the Digital Tachograph) Project funded by the EU and the Swedish Government, back-to-back with the 101st session of SC.1. If SC.1 agrees to this proposal, the ITC will be requested to approve the holding of the workshop on 15 or 19 October 2007 or back-to-back with a possible future session of the Ad hoc Group.

(a) Status of the AETR and prior amendments

The proposed amendments to the AETR concerning the introduction of the digital tachograph (TRANS/SC.1/375/Add.2), which were transmitted by the UN Secretary-General to Contracting Parties on 24 June 2005 (depositary notification C.N.475.2005.TREATIES-1), entered into force on 16 June 2006. The 4-year transition period for introduction of the digital tachograph by non-EU AETR countries started on that date. The Working Party will have before it a consolidated version of the AETR incorporating the amendments (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/2).

(b) Development of new amendments

At its ninety-eighth session, the Working Party proposed that the Ad hoc Group on the Revision of the AETR should meet to discuss the incorporation into the AETR of new provisions in the EU simplifying the rules concerning driving and rest times and increasing checks on compliance with those provisions. These provisions were adopted by the EU on 2 February 2006.

The Committee on Inland Transport agreed to the request made by SC.1 and the meeting of the Ad hoc Group was held on 22-24 May 2006. The report of the Ad hoc Group is contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/6. The draft amendments to the AETR recommended by the Ad hoc Group are also presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/2006/1/Rev.1.

The Working Party is expected to review the proposed amendments and recommend a future course of action. It may wish to ask the ITC to approve the holding of a meeting of the Ad hoc Group on 22-24 May 2007. The Working Party is also expected to give an opinion on document ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/2006/2, which the Ad hoc Group did not discuss because of its political character.

The Working Party will also have before it a proposal by the secretariat for a new Annex to the AETR in which various new forms could be added. These forms, which are being worked on in the European Union, might include a standard letter attesting that the driver has not worked in the previous week/fortnight and official notification of an infraction so that drivers are not punished twice for the same offence. The proposal is presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/7.

(c) Practical issues for the implementation of the digital tachograph system

The Working Party may wish to take note of document ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/8 which proposes measures which non-EU AETR Contracting Parties may take during the four-year transition period for the introduction of the digital tachograph to ensure that any digital tachographs in use in their vehicle fleets are properly activated and calibrated.

The Working Party will also have before it a project plan for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties on what needs to be done to implement the digital tachograph system at the national level (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/9). It is submitted by MIDT and the Confederation of Organizations in Road Transport Enforcement (CORTE).

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Item 5 Draft additional protocol to the CMR

At its ninety-ninth session, SC.1 entrusted an editorial committee with finalizing the text of a new Protocol to the CMR introducing the possibility of using electronic consignment notes on the basis of the comments on the proposal submitted by UNIDROIT made orally or in writing during the session, but requested that the substance not be modified (TRANS/SC.1/377, para. 26). The editorial committee, composed of Professor Jacques Putzeys (UNIDROIT) and Mr. José Angelo Estrella Faria (UNCITRAL), drew up the new draft, which appears in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2005/1/Rev.1.

In parallel, the IRU prepared an alternative proposal (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/1). The secretariat wrote to CMR Contracting Parties on 16 June 2006 asking for comments on the two proposals by 1 September 2006. The comments will be made available to the Working Party in Informal documents.

The Working Party is expected to adopt the text of the draft additional Protocol at its one-hundredth session.

Item 6 Road transport infrastructure

(a) European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)

(i) Status of prior amendments to the AGR

The Working Party will be informed that the proposals for amendments to Annexes I and II of the AGR, adopted by SC.1 at its ninety-eighth session in 2004 (TRANS/SC.1/375, annex 1, and Add. 2) entered into force on 7 January 2006.

The proposals to amend annex I of the AGR regarding new E roads or the extension of E roads in Bulgaria, Sweden and Turkey, adopted by SC.1 at its ninety-ninth session (TRANS/SC.1/377, annex 1) were circulated to Contracting Parties by the Secretary-General on 23 February 2006 in depositary notification C.N.160.2006.TREATIES-1.

(ii) Consideration of new proposal to amend the AGR

The Working Party will have before it for consideration and possible adoption a proposal made by the Netherlands and the secretariat to amend Article 9 of the AGR to clarify that a Contracting Party, which makes an objection to a proposed amendment to Annex II to the AGR is not bound by it when it subsequently enters into force (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/4). The current wording of Article 9 is not clear on this point.

(iii) Consideration of new proposals for amendments to the AGR, Annex I

The Working Party may wish to consider a proposal for a new E road in Estonia and Latvia (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/3).

(iv) Consideration of new proposals for amendments to the AGR, Annex II

The twentieth session of the Ad hoc Meeting on the Implementation of the AGR was held on 9 June 2006. The report of the meeting is contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/40. The Ad hoc Meeting supported proposals made by the Netherlands to amend Annex II and recommended their adoption by SC.1. The proposed amendments appear in Annex 1 of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/40.

Concerning the proposal made by France regarding road safety audits and inspections (TRANS/SC.1/2005/5), the Ad hoc Meeting considered that it was premature to launch an in-depth discussion given that the European Commission was currently working on a Directive on this subject. It recommended that SC.1 decide on the form to be given to this proposal in the future, i.e. whether it should become a new section of chapter VI (Maintenance) of Annex II, a new Annex, a new legal instrument or initially a Resolution (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/40, para.13).

(b) Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project

The Working Party will be informed by the TEM Project Manager about progress made since its last session on the development of the TEM Project (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/5).

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Item 7 **Harmonization of requirements concerning international road transport and facilitation of its operation**

(a) Review of questions concerning facilitation of international road transport

(i) International Motor Insurance System (Green Card)

The Working Party will be informed by the President of the Council of Bureaux about developments in the international Green Card System (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/6).

(ii) Accession to and implementation of UN/ECE international legal instruments in the field of road transport

Information on the status of accessions to UN/ECE legal instruments on road transport since the last session of SC.1 will be provided by the secretariat.

Item 8 **Election of officers**

In accordance with its rules of procedure, the Working Party is expected to elect its officers, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, for its 101st and 102nd sessions.

Item 9 **Other business**

The Working Party may wish to consider any other business under this agenda item.

Date of next session

The Working Party will be informed that the dates of 16-18 October 2007 have been tentatively selected for its 101st session.

Item 10 **Adoption of decisions**

The Working Party will adopt a brief list of decisions taken at its one hundredth session on the basis of a draft to be prepared by the secretariat.



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ANNEX 2 – MAP OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA

