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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION *

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 20 March 2006

23 March will be devoted to the First Global Festival of Road Safety Film

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| (h) Communication and road safety campaigns | TRANS/WP.1/2005/16 |
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| (j) Driving at night | TRANS/WP.1/2005/18 |
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R.E.2

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| (n) Safety in tunnels | TRANS/WP.1/2005/10/Rev.1 |
| (o) Variable message signs | ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2005/6/Rev.2
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| 6. Follow-up to General Assembly Resolutions on road safety | A/RES/60/5 |

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| 7. | Preparation of the First Global Road Safety Week | Informal documents |
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23 March 2006

First Global Festival of Road Safety Film

The First Global Festival of Road Safety Film will be held on 23 March 2006 in the Palais des Nations on the occasion of the 48th session of WP.1.

The Festival aims to promote international cooperation on road safety and to serve as a springboard for the First Global United Nations Road Safety Week to be held from 23 to 29 April 2007.

Members of WP.1 are invited to attend this event and to promote it as widely as possible in their countries. Information regarding the Festival (programme, registration, etc.) will appear shortly on the WP.1 website.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES ¹

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY**

The Working Party is invited to adopt the report on its forty-seventh session (TRANS/WP.1/100 and Adds 1 and 2).

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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

The Working Party will be informed about the results of other meetings which have a bearing on its activities and about activities that may be of interest to the Working Party.

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/....

4. AMENDMENTS TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1968 CONVENTIONS ON ROAD TRAFFIC AND ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS AND THE 1971 EUROPEAN AGREEMENTS SUPPLEMENTING THEM

At its meeting on 16 January 2006, the Legal Group will discuss, *inter alia*, a proposal emanating from WP.29 regarding the automatic activation of the hazard warning signal and indication of emergency braking (TRANS/WP.1/2005/11).

The Working Party will be informed about the discussions of the Legal Group. The report of its meeting on 16 January appears in an Informal document available in English only.

5. REVISION OF THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTIONS R.E.1 AND R.E.2

Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

(a) Restructuring of Consolidated Resolution R.E.1

The Working Party is invited to consider a draft introduction to R.E.1 prepared by Mr. Périsset and completed by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/1). It is also invited to consider the new structure of R.E.1 updated by the secretariat on the basis of developments since the 47th session (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2005/15/Rev.1).

Other delegates also volunteered to prepare draft recommendations on subjects not yet covered by small groups. Some of these new drafts appear under items listed below.

(b) Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and medication

At its forty-seventh session, the Working Party requested the small group (Finland, Italy, Romania, United States and WHO, under the chairmanship of Italy) to prepare a draft recommendation for R.E.1 on driving under the influence of alcohol, using as a basis the existing resolution drawn up in 1989 and material available from the ECMT and EU. The draft recommendation appears in ECE/TRANS/2006/2.

The WP.1 is invited to discuss and adopt the questionnaire reviewed by the small group (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/3). It is planned to distribute the final questionnaire following the forty-eighth session of the Working Party.

(c) Improving bicycle, motorcycle and moped safety

Information will be provided on the replies received to the questionnaires on improving motorcycle and moped safety. The questionnaires (TRANS/WP.1/2004/6/Rev.2 and TRANS/WP.1/2004/9/Rev.1) were disseminated by the secretariat in July with replies requested by 1 October 2005.

The Working Party will also have before it for discussion and adoption a draft recommendation on improving motorcycle and moped safety prepared by the small group (United States (Chair), FEMA, FIM and IMMA) (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/4). This document has been complemented by proposals submitted by PRI concerning in particular bicycles.

(d) Increasing seat-belt usage

The Working Party will have before it for discussion and adoption a recommendation on increasing seat-belt usage prepared by the small group (Spain, United Kingdom, United States and FIA Foundation, under the chairmanship of the United States) (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/5).

(e) Overtaking

At its 47th session, the Working Party was informed about the replies received to the questionnaire on overtaking. A majority of respondents were in favour of adding new provisions on overtaking to the Vienna Conventions. The small group (Estonia, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation (chair), FEMA) was requested to prepare a proposal, which in the first instance would be considered for inclusion in R.E.1.

The Working Party is invited to discuss and amend, if necessary, the additional draft questionnaire prepared by the small group which appears in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/6.

(f) Safety of pedestrians

At its 47th session, the Working Party requested the small group on pedestrian rules and signs (Denmark, Israel, FIP and GRSP, under the chairmanship of FIP) to prepare a draft recommendation for inclusion in R.E.1 taking into account the one adopted at the 36th session of the Working Party (TRANS/WP.1/76). The draft text appears in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/7.

(g) Driving permits

(i) At its 47th session, the Working Party examined possible means of addressing the divergencies between the provisions relating to driving permits in the 1949 and 1968 Road Traffic Conventions. It proposed that a questionnaire be sent to Contracting Parties to the 1949 Convention asking them which solution they preferred.

The questionnaire, prepared by the Russian Federation and IMMA, is contained in an Informal document.

(ii) The Working Party may also wish to examine the draft text for inclusion in R.E.1 concerning driving permits prepared by the representative of the European Commission and the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/9).

(h) Communication and road safety campaigns

The Working Party is invited to consider a draft text on communication and road safety campaigns (TRANS/WP.1/2005/16).

(i) Daytime running lamps

The Working Party is invited to consider a revised draft text on daytime running lamps prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2005/17/Rev.1).

(j) Driving at night

The Working Party is invited to consider a draft recommendation on driving at night prepared by Mr. Périsset (TRANS/WP.1/2005/18).

(k) Speed

The Working Party is invited to consider a draft text on speed (TRANS/WP.1/2005/19) prepared by the small group composed of France (chair), Portugal, Switzerland and the secretariat.

(l) Mobile phones

The Working Party is invited to consider a draft text on driving and mobile phone use submitted by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/8).

(m) Contents of first-aid kit

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal relating to the contents of the first aid kit to be carried on board vehicles, which is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2004/17.

(n) New issues

The Working Party may also wish to examine the following new or revised draft texts for inclusion in R.E.1: comments and proposals on various elements of R.E.1 by FEVR (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/10), safety of children (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/11), special rules concerning certain categories of vehicles (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/12), and driving instruction (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/13).

Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

(m) Safety in tunnels

At its 47th session, the WP.1 had agreed in principle to add the proposal made by the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) concerning the use of the sign C,3h and letters A-E to R.E.2 and at a later date to the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals.

The Working Party decided, however, to await any further developments from the WP.15 session in November 2005 before making a final decision on the proposal and asked the WP.1

Legal Group to examine the issue. The Working Party will be informed about the discussions of the Legal Group at its meeting on 16 September 2005 and 16-17 January 2006.

(n) Variable message signs

At its 47th session, the Working Party requested the small group (France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain (chair)) to work on the issues of priority rules for VMS and static signs and between different types of VMS and on the special issue of lane control systems. It requested the secretariat to prepare a text on VMS for inclusion in the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2) using the document TRANS/WP.1/2005/6/Rev.1 by the small group as a basis.

The small group has submitted a revised proposal, which appears in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2005/6/Rev.2.

6. FOLLOW-UP TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ON ROAD SAFETY

The Working Party will be informed about General Assembly Resolution A/RES/60/5 on improving global road safety adopted on 26 October 2005.

In the Resolution, the General Assembly encourages Member States to adhere to the UN Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, in order to ensure a high level of road safety, and encourages them to strive to reduce road traffic injuries and mortality in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

At the same time, the General Assembly stresses the importance of the improvement in the international legal road traffic safety norms and welcomes in this regard the substantial package of amendments to the 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals elaborated by the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1).

Furthermore it welcomes the proposal made by UNECE to hold the First UN Global Road Safety Week in 2007 targeted at young road users including young drivers, and invites the UN Regional Commissions and the World Health Organization to organize it jointly.

The Working Party will also be informed about the outcome of the 3rd UN Road Safety Collaboration meeting held in London on 14 and 15 November 2005.

7. PREPARATION OF THE FIRST GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

At its 47th session, the Working Party gave a mandate to the small group created for the Third Road Safety Week to prepare the Global Road Safety Week in 2007. This group, enlarged with new participants, is composed of France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Switzerland, European Commission, PRI, FIA Foundation for the Automobile and Society, LaserEurope, secretariat).

The reports of the group's first meeting on 27 October 2005 and second meeting held on 12 January 2006 will be made available in Informal documents (in English only).

8. COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

Preliminary information will be provided on the replies received to the questionnaire on complementary safety equipment required on-board vehicles (reflective jackets, first aid kits, warning triangles, fire extinguishers, replacement lamp bulbs, etc.).

Based on the answers to the questionnaire, it is intended to prepare new tables for inclusion in the document on national road safety requirements (latest version TRANS/WP.1/80/Rev.3) and new recommendations for R.E.1.

The Working Party will have before it a list of road safety campaigns organized in member countries in 2004.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

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

The Working Party is informed that its forty-ninth extraordinary session is scheduled to be held from 27-30 June 2006 if approved by the Inland Transport Committee. It will be devoted to consideration and adoption of draft recommendations for inclusion in R.E.1, with the goal of finalizing work on R.E.1 by the end of 2006 and issuing it as a publication during the Global Road Safety Week (23-29 April 2007).

10. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its forty-eighth session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.



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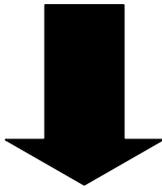
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