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## INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

### Working Party on Transport Statistics

Task force on statistics on the volume of road traffic (vehicle-kilometres)  
(Geneva, 1-2 March 2006)

## REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE MEETING

### STATISTICS ON THE VOLUME OF ROAD TRAFFIC (VEHICLE-KILOMETRES)

held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva

#### ATTENDANCE

The Task-force meeting on Statistics on the Volume of Road Traffic (vehicle-kilometres) was held in the Palais des Nations in Geneva under the chairmanship of Mr. Erik Grib (Denmark). Representatives of the following UNECE member States participated: Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Romania and Slovakia. The UNECE secretariat, Eurostat and the ECMT were also present (see Annex).

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Task-force meeting **elected** Mr. Erik Grib (Denmark) as the Chairman of the Meeting.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Task-force meeting **adopted** the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat ([Informal document No. 1](#)).

#### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The secretariat and the chairman **welcomed** the participants and **recalled** the principal conclusions of the Copenhagen meeting ([TRANS/WP.6/AC.5/2005/16](#)).

#### STRUCTURE OF THE MANUAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS

The Task-force **took note** of a communication from DG TREN about “Some points from a user perspective”.

On basis of the draft list of contents, the task-force discussed and agreed upon a preliminary skeleton of the draft handbook and distributed the work among the delegations as follows:

## HANDBOOK ON STATISTICS ON ROAD TRAFFIC PERFORMANCE

### Draft Table of Contents

| Contents   | Focal points<br>(Full addresses are in the Annex)  |
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| 1. Scope of the handbook   | To be decided in the next to the final stage of the project.   |
| 2. Users' needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Common Transport Policy (EU)</li> <li>b. National transport policies</li> <li>c. Infrastructure management</li> <li>d. Environmental policies</li> </ul>   | <p>Mrs Marly ODEKERKEN-SMEETS (The Netherlands)<br/><a href="mailto:MODN@CBS.NL">MODN@CBS.NL</a></p> <p>Assisted by:<br/>Mr Ingo KOSSMANN (Germany)<br/>Ms Eleonora Papadimitriou (Greece)<br/>Mr Mario Barreto (ECMT)</p>   |
| 3. Data collection methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Odometer readings (inspection of vehicles)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General description of methodology</li> <li>- Data sources</li> <li>- Coverage               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National vehicles</li> <li>Traffic abroad included</li> <li>Off road traffic included</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Needs for supplementary statistics</li> <li>- Frequency of readings and related biases</li> <li>- Measurement errors</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>b. Household surveys</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General description of methodology</li> <li>- Data sources</li> <li>- Coverage               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National vehicles</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Needs for supplementary statistics</li> <li>- Recall effects</li> <li>- Sampling and sample errors</li> <li>- Other errors</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>c. Traffic counts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General description of methodology</li> <li>- Data sources</li> <li>- Coverage               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National vehicles</li> <li>Foreign vehicles</li> <li>Manual counts of nationality etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Sampling and sample errors</li> <li>- Other errors</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p><b>Mr Lars Klit REIFF (Denmark)</b><br/><a href="mailto:lk@vd.dk">lk@vd.dk</a></p> <p>Assisted by:<br/>Mrs Marly ODEKERKEN-SMEETS (The Netherlands)</p> <p><b>Mr Erik E. GRIB (Denmark)</b><br/><a href="mailto:eeg@dst.dk">eeg@dst.dk</a></p> <p>Assisted by:<br/>Mr Ingo KOSSMANN (Germany)<br/>Mrs Sylvie MABILE (France)</p> <p><b>Mrs Olga KASTLOVA (Czech Republic)</b><br/><a href="mailto:olga.kastlova@mder.cz">olga.kastlova@mder.cz</a></p> <p>Assisted by:<br/>Mrs Jela KYSELOVA (Slovakia)<br/>Mrs Jana LUTTMERDINGOVA (Slovakia)<br/>Mr Ingo KOSSMANN (Germany)<br/>Mr Stefan ROMANOVSKI (Romania)<br/>Mr Lars Klit REIFF (Denmark)</p> |

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| <p><b>d. Derived from fuel consumption</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General description of methodology</li> <li>- Data sources</li> <li>- Coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cross-border trade</li> <li>Off-road consumption</li> <li>Manual counts of nationality etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Needs for supplementary statistics</li> <li>- Error sources</li> </ul> <p><b>e. Border surveys</b></p> | <p><b>Mrs Sylvie MABILE (France)</b><br/><a href="mailto:sylvie.mabile@equipement.gouv.fr">sylvie.mabile@equipement.gouv.fr</a></p> <p>Assisted by:<br/>Mr Ingo KOSSMANN (Germany)</p> <p><b>Mr Stefan ROMANOVSKI (Romania)</b><br/><a href="mailto:rpi@andnet.ro">rpi@andnet.ro</a></p> |
| <p>4. Inland and foreign traffic</p>  | <p>To be decided later. Offers to contribute to this area of work are welcome.</p>   |
| <p>5. Synthesis</p>   | <p>To be decided in the next to the final stage of the project.</p>  |
| <p>6. Relevant definitions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Infrastructure</li> <li>b. Vehicles</li> <li>c. Traffic</li> <li>d. Fuel consumption</li> <li>e. Others</li> </ol>   | <p>To be decided in the next to the final stage of the project.</p>  |
| <p>7. Proposal for a pan European survey</p>  | <p>To be discussed later</p>   |

**Interested parties are invited to communicate their suggestions, observations, recommendations and other type of input directly to the focal point of the relevant segment of the study.**

Focal points are **recommended** to prepare a list of words and notions that need to be defined in the final phase of the project.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS**

The Task-force meeting **agreed** about the dates and venues of its meetings in 2006:

- 22-23 May 2006 (The Hague – hosted by the Netherlands)
- 21-22 September 2006 (Bratislava – hosted by Slovakia)
- 27-28 November 2006 (venue to be discussed)

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The meeting **decided** that the secretariat should continue to inform Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) delegates about its activities.

Delegates to the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) interested in the work of this Task-force are **welcome to join** its ongoing work and efforts on the project. This is an open invitation.

All general information about the activities of the project such as draft agendas with registration forms and reports are available at this address:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac5agenda.html>

The interested parties are **invited to visit regularly** this address in order to get information about the general activities of the Task-force.

As far as specific information about each segment of the project is concerned, the interested parties are **encouraged** to contact directly the focal points as specified above. Full address list of the focal points is available in the Annex of this document.

The meeting **decided** to submit on this document to the next meeting of the WP.6.

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