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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
ONE-HUNDRED-AND-FIRST SESSION^{1, 2}**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 October 2007

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Tuesday, 16 October 2007

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with Article 7 of the SC.1's Rules of Procedure, the first item is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2 Adoption of the report of the one-hundredth session

The Working Party is invited to adopt the report on its one-hundredth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/379), 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 Inland Transport Committee, at its sixty-ninth session (6-8 February 2007), took note of the report of the Working Party on its one-hundredth session (ECE/TRANS/192, para. 39).

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

(b) International organizations

Representatives of international organizations at the session are invited to 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 ITC noted the amendments to the AETR regarding the introduction of the digital tachograph (TRANS/SC.1/375/Add.1) that entered into force on 16 June 2006, which marked the beginning of the four-year transition period for the introduction of this device in Contracting Parties to the AETR not EU members. It also gave its agreement to hold a fourth session of the Ad hoc working group on the revision of the AETR.

(a) Consideration of proposed amendments to the AETR concerning driving and rest periods for professional drivers.

The Working Party will be informed about results of the fourth session of the Ad hoc working group on the revision of the AETR that took place on 14-16 May 2007 in Geneva, including the workshop on the implementation of the digital tachograph. It may wish to adopt the report of this meeting (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/8).

The Working Party may wish to adopt the amendments on which an agreement was obtained at this session and search a solution on the proposed amendments needing more discussion. All these proposals appear in the table ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/2006/1/Rev.2. They are also presented under a more official form in the document ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2007/3 in order to advance the procedure in view of their transmission to the Treaty Section in New York once the text has been definitively adopted.

The Working Party may wish to take note that the Ad hoc Group also wished to discuss the proposals contained in the document ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/7 aiming at introducing harmonized forms in the AETR. These last ones have been incorporated, with the modifications adopted, into ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/2006/1/Rev.2 and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2007/3. The Ad hoc Group also discussed a draft form, presented in an informal document, which appears in the document ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2007/4 and will be incorporated further into the official text in its final form.

Finally, the Working Party may wish to take a decision about the possibility to open the AETR to non-UNECE member States (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/2006/2). At the last session, SC.1 accepted the principle of such an extension but considered that the subject should be re-examined at a later date once the discussion under way on driving and rest times was completed.

(b) Questionnaire on checking of driving and rest times

The Working Party will be informed about the replies to the questionnaire on checking of driving and rest times (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2007/1) sent by the secretariat in an e-mail of 8 June 2007 to non EU AETR Contracting Parties.

(c) Implementation of the digital tachograph

The Working Party may wish to take note of results of the workshop of 14 May (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/8) as well as of replies to the questionnaire sent by the secretariat in an e-mail of 30 March 2007.

In this e-mail a letter of 29 March was also enclosed inviting delegates to attend the 4th session of the Ad hoc working group on the revision of the AETR and in which the secretariat requested that each AETR Contracting Party nominates as soon as possible a national authority in charge of:

- issuing a national security policy,
- issuing tachograph cards,
- approving and auditing workshops,
- performing roadside and company checks,
- dealing with risk management.

As no answer was addressed to the secretariat on this matter, the Working Party may wish to remind this request which aims to facilitate contacts between all the administration/services interested in the implementation of the digital tachograph (UNECE Secretariat, AETR Contracting Parties, European Commission and concerned stakeholders).

The letter also reminded that the introduction of the digital tachograph will require important efforts from non EU AETR countries. The description of what is required of countries appears in document ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/9.

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Item 5 Additional protocol to the CMR

The ITC noted that, at its one-hundredth session, SC.1 had adopted the technical provisions of the Protocol additional to the CMR with a view to facilitating the possible use of electronic consignment notes (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/379, Annex 3). However, it had been informed that, following comments by one delegation, the text had been slightly amended on formal points with the consent of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU). Regarding the final provisions of the Protocol, the Committee noted that, in the light of observations by the Treaty Section at United Nations Headquarters in New York, it was necessary to amend or supplement certain points, in particular the introduction of a clause amending the Protocol. Since the secretariat cannot amend the text on its own authority without the prior agreement of members of SC.1, the Committee, to expedite matters, endorsed the secretariat's proposal to make written representations to the Contracting Parties to

the CMR as soon as possible. However, because of time constraints, it was not possible for the secretariat to carry out written consultations before the 101st session.

The Working Party may wish to examine the proposals contained in Articles 13 and 14 of the Additional Protocol (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2007/2) on which the Treaty section only gave a formal advice and to give its opinion on the possible location for the opening of signature of this legal instrument. The other articles concerning the final provisions have been modified according to the suggestions of the Treaty section and do not need to be discussed.

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 is informed that the proposals for amendments to the AGR, adopted by SC.1 at its ninety-ninth session in 2005 (TRANS/SC.1/377, Annex 1), entered into force on 23 November 2006 and the ITC endorsed the proposals for amendments to the AGR concerning article Annexes I and II, as adopted by SC.1 (TRANS/SC.1/379, Annex 1). These proposals have been transmitted by the secretariat on 29 March 2007 to the Treaty Section at United Nations Headquarters in New York to be officially communicated to Contracting Parties in accordance with Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the AGR.

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

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal transmitted by Hungary (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2007/5).

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

The Working Party will be informed about progress made since its last session on the development of the TEM Project (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2007/6).

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

(a) Development of provisions on the facilitation of international road transport (R.E.4)

(i) Access to the profession of road passenger and goods transport operator

The Working Party will be informed of the position of the IRU concerning the profession of road passenger and goods transport operator (Informal document of the session in English and French only). It may wish to consider this document and examine the possible follow-up to be given to this subject in the future in the light

also of the proposals in progress in the EU. It is reminded that the Consolidated Resolution R.E.4 (TRANS/SC.1/2002/4/Rev.4) already defines rules in this field in Chapter I, section II.

(ii) Attacks against drivers of international heavy goods vehicles (HGVs)

The Working Party will be informed of the joint ECMT-IRU study on Attacks on Drivers of International Heavy Goods Vehicles. If possible a presentation of this study will be presented at the session. The Working Group may to consider if, in a short or medium period, a concrete follow-up should be given through recommendations in R.E.4.

(b) 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.1/2007/7).

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

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

Item 8 Draft programme of work for 2008-2012

The Working Party will have before it its draft programme of work for 2008-2012 (TRANS/SC.1/2007/8). The Working Party is expected to revise and approve its draft programme of work which will then be approved by the Inland Transport Committee at its seventieth session in February 2008.

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 29-31 October 2008 have been selected for its one-hundred-and-second session in 2008.

Item 10 Adoption of decisions

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