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Programme of work and documentation

Proposal for expected accomplishments of the World Forum for the 2008-2009 biennium

Note by the secretariat

The text reproduced below has been prepared by the secretariat following the comments and the recommendation made by the Administrative Committee for the coordination and organization of work (WP.29/AC.2) at its ninety-third session (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1058, paras. 12 and 19). It aims to identify one expected accomplishment for the World Forum for the biennium 2008-2009, together with related indicators of achievements and measurement methodologies. This proposal is submitted to the World Forum for its consideration and, if adopted, for its submission to the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee in October 2007.

1. At its 69th session in February 2007, the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) took note of the 2004-2005 biennial evaluation of the programme of work of the Committee (ECE/TRANS/2007/3). ITC also took note of the biennial evaluations requested by the Commission. The first evaluation will be carried out in the 2008-2009 biennium.
2. All the Sectoral Committees are requested to agree on expected accomplishments for each of their subsidiary bodies together with related indicators of achievements and measurement methodologies and to present their proposal to the corresponding Sectoral Committee (ECE/TRANS/192, para 110). An excerpt of the report of the Inland transport Committee on its sixty-ninth session (6 - 8 February 2007) is reproduced below:

"The Committee took note of the document on the 2004-2005 biennial evaluation of the implementation of the Programme of Work of the Committee (ECE/TRANS/2007/3). It also noted the information on biennial evaluations provided by the Senior Adviser to the Executive Secretary. These biennial evaluations, requested by the Commission, would be carried out for the first time in the 2008-2009 biennium. In 2008, the Committee will have to agree on an expected accomplishment per cluster of activity together with related indicators of achievement and measurement methodologies. To this end, in 2007, the Committee's Working Parties, in cooperation with the secretariat, will each have to draw up a draft expected accomplishment related to their work areas as well as indicators and appropriate methodologies and submit them to the Bureau. The Bureau will review them and make a recommendation to the 2008 session of the Committee thereon. In 2010, the Committee will be invited to review the draft accomplishment accounts prepared for each expected accomplishment by the secretariat. It will be expected to discuss the lessons learned and take programmatic measures, if appropriate. The Committee's Chair will be invited to report on the evaluations key findings to the Executive Committee."

3. To this end, the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) is requested to draw up an expected accomplishment related to its area of work together with indicators of achievements and measurement technologies to be submitted to the ITC Bureau by October 2007.
4. The reduction of the number of dead and injured people due to road accidents is one of the targets of the General Assembly. Increasing vehicle's safety can considerably contribute to this target.
5. Vehicle regulations on reduction on emissions and energy efficiency is the way to impose a more efficient use of energy as well as to reduce the emissions of pollutants and noise levels due to transport activities, being essential to the development of a sustainable transport system.
6. The amendments of existing vehicle regulations, due to the development of scientific knowledge of vehicle safety, the increased public awareness and political demand, and advances in motor vehicle technology, is therefore proposed as the expected accomplishment of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations for the 2008-2009 biennium.
7. The proposed accomplishment for WP.29 for the 2008-2009 biennium is the establishment of an improved and updated set of vehicle regulations and Rules, including new regulations, new global technical regulations and new Rules.

8. The target for the 2008-2009 biennium will be the adoption of 90 amendments to existing vehicle regulations and rules including the adoption of new regulations and rules.
9. The performance indicator will be the adoption and final publication of the above-mentioned regulations and rules and their amendments in the framework of the three legal instruments administered by the World Forum.
10. The recommended measurement methodology will be the verification of the adoption of new regulations and rules and the amendments to them, which shall be conducted in two steps. The first step will consist, following each of the three annual sessions of the World Forum, in the verification of the number of amendments or new regulations and rules adopted as indicated in the report of the sessions. The second step will consist in the verification of the entry into force of the new regulations and rules as well as their amendments as reflected in the status documents of the three Agreements administered by WP.29. These documents on the status of the concerned Agreements are prepared by the secretariat just before the three annual sessions of WP.29.
11. A final report, to be prepared by the secretariat on the accomplishment of the objectives of the 2008-2009 biennium, will be presented to WP.29 at its November 2009 session for formal adoption and transmission to the ITC for its consideration at its February 2010 session.
12. At its March 2009 session, the secretariat will provide WP.29 with an intermediate report of the expected accomplishment.
13. The secretariat is requested to transmit this proposal on the expected accomplishment, including its target, the performance indicator and the recommended measurement methodology to the ITC Bureau in October 2007.

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