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Working Party on Transport Statistics

Workshop on statistics of volume of road traffic (vehicle-kilometres)

Task force on statistics on the volume of road traffic (vehicle-kilometres)

(Belgrade, 6-7 March 2007)

**REPORT
OF THE WORKSHOP AND THE TASK FORCE MEETING**

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

held at the European Centre for Peace and Development of the UN University for Peace in
Belgrade

ATTENDANCE

1. The workshop and the Task force meeting on Statistics on the Volume of Road Traffic (vehicle-kilometres) was held at the European Centre for Peace and Development (ECPD) of the UN University for Peace in Belgrade under the chairmanship of Mr. Erik Grib (Denmark). Representatives of the following UNECE member States participated: Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, the Netherlands, Poland, Serbia and Slovakia. The UNECE secretariat, both DG TREN and Eurostat from the European Commission, the ECMT and the ECPD were also present (see Annex).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. The Task force meeting adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat ([Informal document 9](#)).

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

4. The ECPD as the host, the secretariat and the chairman welcomed the participants and recalled the principal conclusions of the Copenhagen meeting ([TRANS/WP.6/AC.5/2005/16](#)), as well as the fourth session of the Task force ([Informal document 8](#)).

PRESENTATION OF THE HANDBOOK

5. Chapter authors presented the pertinent part of the methodological Handbook. Each presentation was followed by a long and detailed discussion with the participants. Chapter authors received comments and suggestions on how to make their contribution even more approachable to the users.

CONCLUSIONS

6. The participants **noted** that the work of the Task force was open and transparent at each and every phase of the work on the Handbook. It was also **noted** that both the participants and chapter authors benefited from discussions and exchange of views during the workshop.

7. It was **decided** that the authors of chapters ought to revise their parts of the Handbook in line with the comments received. This revision will be done and sent to the UNECE **before 22 March 2007**. The UNECE will replace the current version of the Handbook on the web with the revised one as soon as possible.

8. The foreseen chapter about relevant definitions is left out of the Handbook. Instead a reference is given to the Glossary on Transport Statistics, 3rd ed., and the coming 4th edition.

9. The participants of the workshop and the Task force **decided** to submit the Handbook to the WP.6 and to **propose** to the WP.6:

- to approve the Handbook;
 - to request the UNECE secretariat to translate the Handbook into French and Russian;
 - to make available on the web the English, French and Russian versions of the Handbook; and
 - to call a (users') workshop in 2009 that would review the progress in the use of the Handbook, its impact and a possible need to revise and adjust the methodology.
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Annex

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