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Draft list of main decisions

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#### **DRAFT LIST OF MAIN DECISIONS OF THE SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION**

At its seventy-first session the Inland Transport Committee:

1. **Adopted** the provisional agenda.
2. **Decided** to take into account the results of the Bureau meetings held in 2008 in the context of discussions of relevant agenda items to which those Bureau decisions pertain.
3. **Endorsed** informal documents No. 2 and No. 17 to be used for reporting to the Executive Committee (EXCOM) and **requested** its Chairman to report to EXCOM at its meeting on 27 February 2009, accordingly.
4. **Requested** its subsidiary bodies to review and further improve mechanisms for monitoring the implementation of their respective legal instruments in 2009 and the secretariat to prepare a status report for consideration at its next session.
5. **Endorsed** the review of the gender issues in transport and **requested** the secretariat to circulate respective documents to all Committee's subsidiary bodies for consideration.
6. **Requested** TEM member countries to propose candidates for the post of the Project Manager in the TEM Project Central Office in Warsaw.
7. **Encouraged** member countries to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for Assistance of Countries in Transition (TFACT).
8. **Supported** WP.29 work programme and in particular, regarding global warming mitigation, the planned organization of a round table on global warming and transport, as well as the acceleration of the development of test cycles and the agreement on common measurement methodology for emissions by vehicles, including CO<sub>2</sub>, and the development of market fuel quality standards to have better environmental and technical performance.
9. **Requested** the other Committee's subsidiary bodies to also address the subject of global warming and transport, as appropriate, within their work, and the secretariat to ensure the necessary coordination and backstopping of the activities related to global warming and transport, as well as to fuel quality standards, notably by the assignment of a new professional staff to the WP.29 secretariat.
10. **Endorsed** the outcome of the conference on the impact of globalization on transport,

logistics and trade, and **agreed** that a short report on the discussions together with the outcome paper should be incorporated in the final report of its seventy-first session, as annex, and that the conference outcome may serve as the UNECE contribution to the 2009 event of the ITF, to be held in Leipzig, in May 2009.

11. **Expressed** its gratitude to the Government of Russia for its generous extra-budgetary contribution in support of the partial implementation of the EATL-Phase II and of the pilot project on electronic pre-arrival notification for TIR transports arriving in Russia.

12. **Approved** the extension of the mandate of the Group of Experts on Hinterland Connections of Seaports by one more year.

13. **Approved** the report on bottlenecks, missing links and quality of service of infrastructure networks.

14. **Stressed** the need for taking all necessary measures to make the implementation of the digital tachograph in the non-EU Contracting Parties to the AETR possible within the set deadline, and **encouraged** member countries to make voluntary contributions to the AETR Trust Fund.

15. **Approved** the “Ad hoc expert group on the implementation of the digital tachograph by the non-EU Contracting Parties” to meet as often as necessary to accomplish its objective and **requested** the secretariat to provide meeting facilities and, in particular, interpretation.

16. **Requested** the secretariat to ask the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs for a legal advice on the appropriate way, other than a formal amendment of the AETR, in case there will be need to postpone the implementation deadline in some countries, and report to the next SC.1 session.

17. **Noted** the concerns expressed by some delegates of non-EU countries members of AETR on the difficulties of implementation of the digital tachograph within the established deadline and **instructed** SC.1 to deal with this matter within its given mandate.

18. **Urged** member governments to observe and effectively implement the transit related provisions of the legal instruments in respect to the international transport by road, to which they are Contracting Parties, and **requested** the secretariat to monitor in an analytical way the developments related to the transit issue, as well as the opportunities to further facilitate international transport and inform regularly SC.1 and ITC accordingly.

19. **Endorsed** the report of the Chairman of the Multidisciplinary Inland Transport Security Expert Group, **agreed** that the group should be re-activated annually as an informal group to discuss horizontal issues addressed at the Committee's subsidiary bodies and provide an international platform for exchange of best practices, and **decided** to include the subject of

inland transport security on the agenda of its next session.

20. **Decided** to prolong the mandate of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR procedure to the year 2009 and **urged** all Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention to participate in the activities of the group.

21. **Asked** the governments of countries that are Contracting Parties to the International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Passengers and Baggage carried by Rail of 1952, to confirm if they could positively consider proposals to provide for an opportunity to amend the Convention as proposed by OSZhD and OTIF, once more countries have acceded.

22. **Urged** Contracting Parties to the Harmonization Convention to apply efficiently the conditions of Annex 8 to this Convention, with regard to granting visas to professional drivers engaged in international transport.

23. **Approved** WP.5 proposal to launch an externally financed project aiming at developing methodology for the assessment of supply chain challenges in transport sector and the consequences for the overall competitiveness of countries.

24. **Endorsed** WP.24 approach in dealing with the newly mandated activities in the field of logistics aimed at analysing the impact of logistics and global supply chains on land transport and modal choice and to determine the responsibilities and instruments at the disposal of Governments to influence these developments, particularly in the field of intermodal transport.

25. **Requested** its subsidiary bodies to address the subject of transport and trade facilitation from the perspectives of global supply chains with a view to explore potential synergies, including new areas of multimodal and intersectoral cooperation, electronic transport documents and interface with intelligent transport systems (ITS) applications, as well as possible ways of implementing innovative technological solutions for border crossing facilitation, and submit proposals to the Bureau for consideration and reporting to the Committee at its next session.

26. **Approved** draft resolutions on 2010 E-Road and E-Rail Traffic Censuses and the recommendations to governments related to those censuses prepared by WP.6 Ad hoc Groups of Experts respectively, and **requested** member States which did not participate in the 2005 E-Road and E-Rail Traffic Censuses to insure their participation in the 2010 Censuses.

27. **Endorsed** the amendments of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of WP.29 and **urged** the 17 countries (to be mentioned by name) that are signatories to the 1997 Agreement on periodical technical inspection of registered vehicles to speed up their national ratification procedures.

28. **Requested** its delegates and the secretariat to inform their homologues in the energy sector on the crucial need to generate, at a near future, sustainable electricity in order to give the

governments the possibility to enforce the shifting of vehicle propulsion systems from the use of fossil fuels to sustainable energy, i.e. electricity and hydrogen.

29. **Requested** WP.1 to deal as a priority with identifying a solution, including the consideration of solutions proposed by WP.29, to ensure a continuous concordance/consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and the regulations developed by WP.29.

30. **Urged** the remaining Contracting Parties to the ADR who have not done so to become Contracting Parties to the Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of the ADR in order to allow the Protocol to come into force.

31. **Noted** the proposal by the Chairman of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to delete the word “European” from the title of ADR, in order to facilitate accession by non-European countries, and **requested** the secretariat to consider how this could be legally achieved in the simplest and fastest way, e.g. through a tacit acceptance procedure.

32. **Approved** the Rules of procedures developed by the Joint Meeting on RID, ADR and ADN.

29bis **Urged** governments of Contracting Parties to the ADN to ensure that they are represented at sessions of the ADN Administrative Committee, so that the quorum required for making decisions is reached in all sessions.

33. **Welcomed** the decisions taken by SC.2 to organize a workshop on passenger accessibility of heavy rail system and to establish an informal task force to address security issues in the rail sector and **asked** the governments willing to participate to inform the secretariat within two weeks who would represent them on the task force.

34. **Noted** with interest the information provided by Russian Federation on the preparation of the first global ministerial conference on road safety to be held in Moscow in November 2009 and **called** upon all countries of the UNECE region to take an active participation in it.

35. **Approved** as a whole all the reports and related activities of its subsidiary bodies and **requested** the secretariat to incorporate related references in the complete ITC report on the basis of the respective annotations.

36. **Adopted**, as amended its schedule of meetings in 2009.

37. **Decided** to entrust its Bureau with the responsibility to mandate secretariat with the preparation of the necessary official documents for the Committee’s annual sessions.

38. **Adopted** the list of main decisions of its seventy-first session.

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