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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2010-2014

Note by the secretariat*

In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work only every two years, the next time being 2010 (ECE/TRANS/200, paragraph 120), the Working Party is requested to consider and adopt, on the basis of proposals prepared by the secretariat, its programme of work for the period 2010-2014 for transmission and adoption by the Inland Transport Committee at its forthcoming February 2010 session.

* The UNECE Transport Division has submitted the present document after the official documentation deadline for technical reasons.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.12: TRANSPORT STATISTICS [AND INFORMATION]¹

02.12.1 [2] [Publication of statistical information in the field of transport] **Collection, processing and dissemination of transport statistics** Priority: 1

Description: Collection and compilation of [statistics on inland transport, traffic accidents and traffic flows published by the UNECE] **transport statistics, including data on motor traffic, road traffic accidents and rail traffic. Development and maintenance of the on-line UNECE Transport Statistics Database in order to maintain good quality, relevant, user-friendly and timely transport statistics.**

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Transport Statistics will pursue the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

(a [h]) Build and maintain a database for the annual collection of statistics on inland transport, including [combined transport and] road traffic accidents from UNECE member Governments to be published in the following publications:

- (i) Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America (ABTS);
- (ii) Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS);
- (iii) [Handbook of Transport Statistics] **Occasional publications.**

Output expected: Publication of ABTS, RAS and Handbook of Transport Statistics; circulation of questionnaires and receipt of data from member Governments for ABTS and RAS in electronic format. [The handbook may be also published in booklet format.] Priority: 1

(b [i]) Publish, [every five years,] in the appropriate way, the results of the E-road **and E-rail** traffic Censuses. [and Inventory carried out by member Governments in accordance with the Recommendations set forth by the Ad Hoc Group on the Road Traffic Census and Rail Traffic Census as:

- (i) The Combined Census of Road Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe (E-Road Census and Inventory);
- (ii) E-Rail Census.]

Output expected: Preparation of 2010 **E-road and E-rail traffic censuses.** [Combined E-Road Census and Inventory and E-Rail Census (2009).] Priority: 1

(c [j]) Use of PC-Axis for disseminating data collected via the regular questionnaires.

Output expected: Availability of main data online ([2008]**2010**). Priority: 1

¹ Text in square brackets [...] refers to text proposed for deletion; text in **bold** characters indicates newly proposed text.

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(k) Provide methodological support for the ongoing analysis and evaluation of statistical publications to continue to improve the quality and presentation of the publications, and to incorporate harmonized terminology through the work of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics. Develop strategies for improvement of usefulness and presentation of publications.

Output expected: Concrete feedback from governments and other users on usefulness and presentation of publications and development of strategies for improvement of both.

Priority: 3]

02.12. 2 [1] [Methods of collection and definition of statistics on inland transport and road traffic accidents] **Methodological work in transport statistics** Priority: 2

Description: Development of appropriate **and common** methodologies and terminology for the harmonization of statistics, aiming also at the determination of indicators of sustainable transport. This includes: methodologies for the collection and compilation of statistics on road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline and combined transport as well as on road traffic accidents, in cooperation and coordination with other UNECE bodies, related international organizations, in order to promote the availability of comprehensive, timely and reliable statistics for sustainable transport planning and analysis **and to improve international comparability of transport statistics.**

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Transport Statistics will pursue the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

(a) Target solutions to improve the collection of statistics in problematic areas, as indicators of sustainable transport, including, but not limited to the following items:

Statistics on road traffic (vehicle-km) [(output of feasibility survey expected in 2009)];

Statistics on the transportation by buses and coaches [(output expected in 2009)];

[Statistics on the environmental impact of transport;]

Statistics on the transport of dangerous goods;

Statistics on transport **of gas** through pipelines;

Statistics on transport to and from seaports and inland waterways ports (hinterland connections);

Statistics on high speed rail transport.

Output expected: A concrete decision for each problematic area, e.g., the addition of supplementary chapters to the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics ([environment;] gas transport via pipelines, **transport by bus and coach**) ([2008]2010); an assessment of the applicability of the EU Regulations for the collection of dangerous goods data for non-EU member States ([2009]2010); [and the organization of informal working groups on statistics on transport through pipelines and on transport by buses and coaches], as deemed necessary, and assessment of metadata on statistics on the volume of these transports ([2009]2011). Priority: 1

- (b) Statistics related to transport [and the environment] **of dangerous goods.**

Output expected: Continued progress toward the integration of [environment-related variables] **transport of dangerous goods statistics** into the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics, as well as the [two] annual transport publication[s]. [Preparation of a document on the harmonized European statistics on transportation of dangerous goods (2009)] **Organization of workshops for member States which are not yet collecting statistics on transport of dangerous goods (2010 and 2011).** Priority: 1

- (c) Coordination among member [Governments] **States**, other UNECE bodies and related international organizations and non-governmental organizations to harmonize terminology used in the statistics of road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline, combined transport and road traffic accidents, including, but not exclusively, in the context of the work being undertaken by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (UNECE - International Transport Forum - EC/Eurostat) (Meetings 2-3 times per year).

Output expected: [Improving electronic transmission of the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics (2008)] **Translation of the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics into the UNECE official languages (2010)**; development of supplementary questionnaires as decided by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG) and WP.6; preparation of meetings of IWG; [publication of the fourth edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics (2008)] **preparation of draft amendments to the fourth edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics (2011).** Priority: 2

- (d) Development of common methodologies to facilitate and improve the collection of information on road and rail traffic flows and infrastructure parameters through surveys and censuses such as automatic counting procedures, including, but not limited to, in the context of [The Combined Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe (E-Road Census and Inventory), (compiled and published by the UNECE every five years, next publication in 2008)] **the E-rail and E-road censuses.**

Output expected: Development of common methodologies for [E-Rail Censuses] **the E-rail and E-road censuses** to obtain data on traffic flows and infrastructure parameters on the **AGR, AGC and AGTC** networks. [Results of the first E-rail census in 2005 are expected to be published in 2008.] **Promotion of Recommendations to governments on E-road and E-rail censuses in 2010 and of resolutions adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on E-road and E-rail censuses in 2010.** Priority: 1

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- [(e) Monitoring of developments in the field of transport database and information systems, including geographic information systems (GIS), in order to facilitate the updating, analysis and geographic application of transport data, within UNECE and in cooperation with the International Transport Forum and EC/Eurostat, to harmonize transport data internationally and avoid duplication of efforts with other organizations.

Output expected: The development of a transport database system at UNECE based on the data collected through the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics (2009). Priority: 2]

(e [f]) Development of projects to assist countries in transition in the collection, organization and automation of transport statistics, including the convening of workshops and training seminars, drawing on the expertise of member Governments and related organizations.

Output expected: Information from member States and international organizations on relevant activities. Priority: 2

(f [g]) Examination of [metadata] **methodology** about existing statistics on transport of goods by light good vehicles.

Output expected: Preparation of a document on the existing methodology ([2009]**2010**).
