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##### Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics

### Mission statement

#### Note by the Intersecretariat Working Group

#### I. Mandate

1. The Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6), at its sixtieth session in June 2009, decided to review the mission statement of the Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG) at its present session (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/157, paragraph 58).
2. The Intersecretariat Working Group presents below its mission statement to be discussed by the Working party.

#### II. Mission statement

3. The Eurostat/United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)/International Transport Forum (ITF) Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG) should contribute to the development of a coordinated statistical system for transport, in order for users to have access to high quality data.
4. This should be achieved by:
  - (a) Leading the development towards harmonized definitions (as contained in the Glossary for Transport Statistics) and classifications, encouraging their use and keeping track of exceptions in the use of them;
  - (b) Reducing the burden on the countries by coordinating and limiting common data collection;

- (c) Developing and improving the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics and promoting it as the main tool for common collection of transport statistical data;
  - (d) Ensuring that their respective organizations make data available to member countries as well as other organizations;
  - (e) Cooperating with specialized and professional organizations with expertise in the transport domain;
  - (f) Following and supporting methodological work in transport statistics and in adjacent areas that might influence transport statistics;
  - (g) External transport statistics collectors/ providers/ users profit from the work done within the framework of the IWG;
  - (h) Encouraging countries to share best practices
5. The IWG is composed of one or more representatives from Eurostat, UNECE and ITF. Experts from countries or organizations may be invited to participate in the work.
6. The member States will deal with any major decisions in the context of the UNECE Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) whereas any implementation or other decisions should be made by the IWG itself.
7. The IWG should meet at least twice a year with Eurostat, UNECE and ITF alternating as hosts and chairpersons.
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