

18 January 2010
ENGLISH ONLY

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

(Seventy-second session, 23-25 February 2010
Agenda item 9(q))

GLOBAL WARMING AND TRANSPORT

Note by the secretariat

1. During its November 2009 session, the World Forum WP.29 held a brainstorming session for the organization of a Round Table on Climate Change and Transport scheduled for its June 2010 session. On the basis of informal document No. WP.29-149-02, the World Forum agreed in principle with the proposed programme (see report ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1079, paras. 8-80). With regard to expected results of that Round Table, the World Forum preferred to identify, instead of a WP.29 strategy, potential scenarios for which WP.29 could contribute with its future work programme to climate change mitigation and adaptation. It was also agreed that the expected scenarios would subsequently be adopted by WP.29 at its November 2010 session.
2. The World Forum welcomed the documentation provided by the secretariat regarding a literature review (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/46) and "who does what" in the field of inland transport and climate change (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/47) as well as detailed information on UNECE activities on the reduction of emissions of gaseous pollutants and greenhouse gases in the transport sector (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/45). These three documents, which are available at the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/gen2010.html>), will be considered by the World Forum at its March 2010, jointly with a draft agenda for the Round Table.
3. The secretariat was requested to identify potential speakers for that important event and to present the final programme at the March 2010 session for consideration and adoption by WP.29.
4. In this respect, the Round Table is planned to take place in Geneva, on 24 June 2010 (starting at 2.30 p.m. and concluding at 6 p.m.). The Round Table was recommended to consist of three sessions, the final content of which is subject to the forthcoming WP.29 session in March 2010:
 - (a) Introductory session: opening the Round Table, underlining the link between economical growth and transport, and the need for an integrated approach and

giving an overview of the relevant work of the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies, particularly of the World Forum WP.29;

- (b) Main session: considering the potential of measures for climate change mitigation and adaptation in transport in liaison with requirements towards the energy sector, as well as the implications on paradigm changes in environment, land-use and housing policies;
- (c) Conclusion session: summary of the debate identifying recommendations for effective measures, not only linked to vehicle technologies, but to broader transport policy considerations as well as recommendations for the follow-up of the Round Table.

— — — — —