

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

**Seventy-second session**

Geneva, 23-25 February 2010

Item 18 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the list of main decisions of the seventy-second session

**LIST OF MAIN DECISIONS**

Note by the secretariat

At its seventy-second session, the Inland Transport Committee:

1. **Adopted** the provisional agenda;
2. **Decided** to take into account the results of the Bureau meetings held in 2009 under the Committee's relevant agenda items;
3. **Agreed** that informal document No. 2 be used for reporting to the Executive Committee (EXCOM) and **requested** its Chairman to report to EXCOM at its meeting on 26 February 2010, accordingly;
4. **Invited** the Governments of Eastern, South-Eastern European and Caucasus countries that are not yet members of the Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European railway (TER) projects to consider full participation;
5. **Encouraged** UNECE member States to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for Assistance of Countries in Transition (TFACT);
6. **Endorsed** the outcome of the policy-oriented segment (round table), and **agreed** that a short report of the round table, in the form of Chairman's conclusions, be annexed to the full report of the session;
7. **Approved** the extension of the mandate of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links by two more years;
8. **Approved** the report on hinterland connections of seaports (ECE/TRANS/210), and **invited** its working parties (SC.1, SC.2, WP.6, WP.24 and WP.30) responsible for the tasks mentioned therein to consider whether and how they could be implemented;
9. **Noted** that, according to the AETR itself, any decision pertaining to the implementation of the agreement, including aspects related to the digital tachograph, was the responsibility of the

Contracting Parties to the agreement and not of the Committee, and also **noted** that in spite of all efforts made, the majority of the non-EU Contracting Parties to the AETR present at the meeting may not be ready to fully implement the digital tachograph within the set deadline and would therefore see the need for an extension;

10. **Urged** the non-EU Contracting Parties to the AETR to take all necessary measures for the implementation of the digital tachograph within the deadline, and **invited** the EU and its member States that are Contracting Parties to AETR, as well as the private sector to continue to provide all possible assistance to the non-EU countries concerned, enabling them to comply with the deadline;

11. **Urged** the non-EU Contracting Parties to the AETR to send information about the implementation stage and problems encountered, in the form of the Table of Implementation agreed by SC.1;

12. **Urged** all the Contracting Parties to the AETR and the EU to find a practical solution to avoid disruptions in the international road transport due to possible failures in meeting the deadline;

13. **Requested** the secretariat to continue providing all possible assistance in finding practical solutions, including the convening of an extraordinary session of SC.1 to formally approve such solutions;

14. **Requested** the secretariat to continue monitoring the developments related to the road transit issues in the UNECE region and to regularly inform SC.1 and ITC accordingly;

15. **Invited** Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) to ratify or accede to the Additional Protocol to the CMR allowing the use of the electronic consignment note (e-CMR);

16. **Approved** the establishment of an Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Intelligent Transport Systems of relevance to WP.1;

17. **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 2010;

18. **Approved** the outline of the project “Supply chain challenges for national competitiveness through transport” and the tentative timetable (ECE/TRANS/2010/10), as well as the establishment of the relevant task force;

19. **Recommended** that the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) continue working, as a matter of priority, to ensure a continuous concordance/consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic, of 1968 and the regulations developed by the World Forum for Harmonization

of Vehicles Regulation;

20. **Invited** countries which had signed the 1997 Agreement on Periodical Technical Inspections to speed up their national ratification procedures;
21. **Requested** the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) to finalize the White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water transport in Europe and to submit it at the next session of the Committee;
22. **Welcomed** the revised European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) and **requested** the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) to keep CEVNI up to date, monitor its implementation and ensure functioning of its reporting mechanism under Chapter 9;
23. **Urged** the remaining Contracting Parties to the ADR that 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;
24. **Urged** Governments of Contracting Parties to the ADN to ensure that they are represented at the sessions of the ADN Administrative Committee, so that the quorum required for making decisions is reached in all sessions;
25. **Welcomed** the expedient preparation of the road map on future work and operation of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) as a model to be followed by other UNECE bodies;
26. **Requested** the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) to continue its work, possibly by means of an informal expert group and the preparation of a document for discussion, on civil liability regimes governing intermodal transport and addressing possible conflicts of legal provisions in CMR (road), COTIF (rail), Montreal Convention (air) and the newly adopted Rotterdam Rules (maritime);
27. **Recommended** that the UNECE Transport Division – in partnership with Member States, international organizations, private sector, and academia – continue its work aiming at enhancing inland transport security, in particular by organizing events to exchange information and share best practices;
28. **Supported** the activities of the Transport Division on Global Warming and Transport and **invited** its subsidiary bodies to incorporate this activity on their agendas. It also **invited** their representatives to participate at the Round Table on Global Warming and Transport organized by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) at its 151st session in the afternoon of 24 June 2010;
29. **Supported** the need for deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) work in all

transport modes and **invited** its subsidiary bodies to contribute in the elaboration of a road map for incorporating ITS into their activities;

30. **Endorsed** the policy statement on passenger accessibility of heavy rail systems adopted by the Working Party on Rail Transport (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/212, annex III) and **invited** the Working Party on Transport Statistics to consider whether and how it could collect the data needed to quantify social benefits of accessibility measures;

31. **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 contained therein;

32. **Invited** UNECE member States to take part in the 2010 censuses of traffic on E-Roads and E-Rail lines in compliance with ITC Resolutions No. 259 and No. 260 and to inform the secretariat whether they agree to do so;

33. **Approved** the 2008-2009 biennium evaluation (ECE/TRANS/2010/6);

34. **Approved** the performance planning for the evaluation of the 2010-2011 programme of work and of the strategic framework for the 2012-2013 biennium (ECE/TRANS/2010/7);

35. **Adopted** its programme of work for the period 2010-2014 (ECE/TRANS/2010/8);

36. **Adopted** its schedule of meetings in 2010 and from January to March 2011 (ECE/TRANS/2010/9);

37. **Elected** Mr. Erdem Direkler (Turkey) as Chairperson, as well as Mrs. Isabelle Paillet (France) and Mrs. Ekaterina Slizkova (Russian Federation) as Vice-Chairpersons for its sessions in 2011 and 2012, and the following Bureau members for a two-year period:

Chairperson:	<u>Mr. Erdem Direkler</u>	(Turkey)
Vice-Chairpersons:	<u>Mrs. Isabelle Paillet</u>	(France)
	<u>Mrs. Ekaterina Slizkova</u>	(Russian Federation)
Members:	<u>Mr. Sergei Negrei</u>	(Belarus)
	<u>Mr. Ralph Kellermann</u>	(Germany)
	<u>Mr. Fabio Croccolo</u>	(Italy)
	<u>Mr. Victor Guzun</u>	(Republic of Moldova)
	<u>Mr. Bob Oudshoorn</u>	(Netherlands)
	<u>Mr. José Alberto Franco</u>	(Portugal)
	<u>Mr. Jean-Claude Schneuwly</u>	(Switzerland)

38. A standing invitation will be extended to the **European Commission** to attend meetings of the Bureau as observer, normally being represented by the Directorate-General of Transport.

39. **Expressed** its warm thanks to Mr. Ralph Kellermann for having guided successfully, as Chairman, its discussions for several years.
40. **Adopted** the list of main decisions of its seventy-second session.

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