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To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 29 September 2010

Note by the Secretariat

Corrigendum

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For the existing text *substitute*

¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp1.html>). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by email (roadtransport@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

² All delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email (roadsafety@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 72401). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website (<http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>).

4. Joint session with the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety

At its 104th session (19-21 October 2009) the Working Party decided to develop synergies with other working parties of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). As a first step, to this decision the Chair of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) sent a letter to the Chair of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) proposing a joint session, on 29 September 2010, to discuss issues of common interest.

At its 59th session (22-24 March 2010) WP.1 decided to celebrate the 60 years of road safety activities in the United Nations system, coinciding with its sixtieth session, by organizing a joint session with the SC.1 in the afternoon of 29 September 2010.

It is reminded that the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) was established on 5 February 1948 by resolution no. 13 of the Inland Transport Committee (E/ECE/TRANS/59). Until the 1990s the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) and the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) were subsidiary bodies of SC.1.

The work of the UNECE on road traffic safety first started sixty years ago, when, by resolution no. 22 on the prevention of accidents (11 March 1950), the SC.1 created an ad hoc working party on the prevention of accidents to study methods of preventing road accidents and to send out a questionnaire to Member Governments on the subject. Since then the intergovernmental body has gone through different permutations including the Group of Experts on Road Traffic Safety (GE.20) whose 56th session was held from 26 to 30 October 1987.

It was decided in March 1988 by a special session of the UNECE (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1, para. 96), that the Group of Experts on Road Traffic Safety should become the present Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1). The first session of the WP.1 was held from 16 to 19 May 1988. At its 60th session (12-16 January 1998), the Inland Transport Committee decided that the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety should cease to be a subsidiary body of the Working Party on Road Transport and should report directly to the Committee.

In 2010, the 60th Anniversary of road traffic safety activities in the United Nations system coincides with the sixtieth session of the WP.1 and will be celebrated through the joint meeting of the two historical working bodies which, through legal instruments and best practices, have made the difference in improving road safety and transport operations across Europe and far beyond.

One expected outcome of the joint session is that common areas of interest are identified, on which further cooperation could be developed, such as, but not limited to road safety in tunnels, implementation of the digital tachograph, infrastructure safety, fleet management and training for professional drivers, “Green Card” system, and corporate safety.

It is hoped that national delegations will include representatives of large transport companies, insurers and other stakeholders as appropriate.

The items to be discussed during this joint session are as follows:

(a) Presentation of activities of the Working Party on Road Transport

The Chair will introduce the main ongoing activities in SC.1 emphasis issues of possible common interest. National delegations may wish to introduce such subjects.

(b) Presentation of activities of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety

The Chair will introduce the main ongoing activities in SC.1 emphasis issues of possible common interest. National delegations may wish to introduce such subjects.

(c) Issues of common interest

The Working Parties may wish to agree on jointly developing (some of) the subjects identified as being of common interest, such as but not limited to: safety at level-crossings, secure parkings, enforcement of digital tachograph as a mean to prevent driving under fatigue, road safety audits on E-roads network.
