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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-NINTH SESSION^{1,2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 22 March 2010

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the fifty-eighth session.
3. Information on activities of interest to the Working Party.

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4. Convention on Road Traffic, 1968:
 - (a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic, 1968, and the vehicle technical regulations;
 - (b) Issuance and validity of the International Driving Permits;
 - (c) Multi-disciplinary crash investigation: a tool to improve road safety.
5. Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968:
 - (a) Mandate of the ad hoc group of experts on Variable Message Signs.
6. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals:
 - (a) Consideration of amendments to the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals.
7. Other business.
8. Date of next session.
9. Adoption of decisions.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/126

1. According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item to be adopted by the Working Party is its agenda.

Item 2: Adoption of the report of the fifty-eighth session

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/125

2. The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the report on its fifty-eighth session.

Item 3: Information on activities of interest to the Working Party

Document: Informal document no. 1/2010, Informal document no. 2/2010

3. The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about road safety-related developments that took place since its previous session and that were related to the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies, as well as to the Global Conference on Road Safety held in Moscow from 19 to 20 November 2009 and other major events.
4. Representatives of international organizations and national delegations might wish to give information on developments in their respective areas.

5. The delegation of the United States of America will brief participants about an advanced technology project that has been undertaken in cooperation with vehicle manufacturers, aiming to develop in-vehicle technology able to detect if a driver's blood alcohol content (BAC) is over the legal limit.

6. The delegation of Norway will give a presentation on a new national system for collecting road fatality data, which is considered to be very useful to understand and combat fatal and serious crashes.

7. All the participants are strongly encouraged to transmit in advance information on their traffic legislation to allow the secretariat to include the data in the UNECE web based compilation of national legislations.

Item 4: Convention on Road Traffic, 1968

(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic, 1968, and the vehicle technical regulations

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2009/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/2, Informal document no. 3

8. At the fifty-eighth session of WP.1, participants agreed that an adjustment of the Convention was necessary to reflect the positive effect of technical progress in the corresponding regulation, especially when this progress leads to increased safety. However, there was no consensus on the method to be used in this process: including a general clause, amending regularly the corresponding provisions of the Convention or other means.

9. It was decided that the delegates would offer assistance to the secretariat to find an appropriate definition that would amend Article 3.3 of the Convention.

10. To date, the secretariat has received e-mail replies from Turkey and Denmark stating that they agree with the Article 3.3 as proposed in document ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2009/2. The secretariat also received an official joint proposal from France and Germany and Norway; these are contained in documents ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/2, respectively.

11. The Working Party may wish to decide on the further steps to be taken on this matter.

(b) Issuance and validity of the International Driving Permits

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/3

12. At its fifty-eighth session, the Working Party was informed by the Alliance Internationale du Tourisme/International Federation of Automobile (AIT/FIA) of a study they had carried out on the different models of International Driving Permits (IDPs) issued by motoring organizations and in use world-wide. During the research, it was noted that IDPs issued around the world very often differed, in colour as well as in content, from the models contained in the Annexes of the 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic. Moreover, there

are countries which are not Contracting Parties to any of the conventions but deliver IDPs and there are even cases when IDPs can be purchased on the internet.

13. It is expected that WP.1, at its present session, will give more detailed consideration to this subject and possibly decide on follow-up activities on IDPs.

(c) Multi-disciplinary crash investigation: a tool to improve road safety

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/5

14. According to the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) and the organizations under its umbrella, the post-crash response is interrelated with casualty prevention work, and therefore the way a country responds to road death and injury is indicative of the seriousness it attaches to road safety.

15. A thorough investigation of crashes is crucial to establish the circumstances that led to a road death or injury, to provide evidence for a criminal prosecution and for lessons to be learnt, so that future deaths and serious injuries may be prevented. But collision investigation is generally poorly resourced, which has negative consequences for both criminal and civil justice. Data should be collected on contributory factors identified by a crash investigation, rather than guessed on the day of the crash. Data could also be collected from police reports to reveal charges pursued and the basis for estimating speeds, etc.

16. The Working Party may wish to consider and possibly decide on how the multi-disciplinary crash investigation can be integrated in its work and what outcome can be expected.

Item 5: Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968

(a) Mandate of the ad hoc group of experts on Variable Message Signs

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/4

17. The Working Party decided at its fifty-eighth session to establish an ad-hoc group of experts to deal with Intelligent Transport Systems of relevance to its work and notably with Variable Message Signs. The Working Party may wish to consider and possibly approve the mandate of this group during its present session.

Item 6: Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals

(a) Consideration of amendments to the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/6, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/7

18. The Working Party might wish to consider and possibly approve the inclusion into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals of two new signs proposed by Norway and the International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles, respectively.

Item 7: Other business

19. The Working Party may wish to discuss any other business under this agenda item.

Item 8: Date of next session

Document: Informal document no. 4/2010

20. The sixtieth session of the Working Party, which coincides with the 60th anniversary of road safety activities in the United Nations system, is scheduled to take place in Geneva from 27 to 30 September 2010.

21. According to the approved Action Plan on the future role of WP.1, synergies should be developed between the Road Safety Forum and the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1). To this end, and to celebrate this milestone, the Working Party is invited to approve the organization of a one-day joint session with SC.1 on 29 September 2010.

22. Participants wishing to submit proposals for the sixtieth session on are invited to do so by 20 June 2010 at the latest, in order to allow the secretariat to process the documents according to the internal procedure.

Item 9: Adoption of decisions

23. The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its fifty-ninth session, based on which the secretariat will draft the report of the meeting.
