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Programme of work and biennial evaluation

Biennial evaluation

Note by the secretariat

I. Background

1. As in previous biennia, the Working Party is expected to draw up a draft expected accomplishment related to its area of work as well as related indicators of achievement.
2. At its sixty-fifth session in 2009, WP.11 adopted the proposal that appears below which was subsequently endorsed by the Inland Transport Committee.

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
Transport of perishable foodstuffs	Enhanced and updated international requirements for the transport of perishable foodstuffs	(a) Number of new amendments to the ATP adopted by WP.11 Performance measures: Estimate: 2008-2009: 10 Target: 2010-2011: 10 (b) Total number of Contracting Parties to the ATP Agreement Performance measures: Estimate: 2008-2009: 45 Target: 2010-2011: 47 (c) Number of documents considered at sessions of WP.11 and number of documents of amendment proposals transmitted to the United Nations Treaty Section in New York Performance measures: Estimate: 2008-2009: 32 + 3 Target: 2010-2011: 32 + 3

3. The Working Party is invited to evaluate the performance of its activities in view of the expected accomplishments and related indicators drawn up in 2009. For this purpose, it may wish to review the draft accomplishment account below, drafted by the secretariat and consisting of an evaluation of the results achieved until July 2011.

4. At its seventy-fifth session in 2012, the ITC will be invited to review the draft accomplishment accounts prepared for each expected accomplishment by the secretariat. The ITC will discuss the lessons learned and take programmatic measures, if appropriate, and the Committee's Chair will be invited to report on the evaluations' key findings to the Executive Committee.

Draft accomplishment account

(a) Number of new amendments to the ATP adopted by WP.11

5. At its sixty-sixth session in 2010, WP.11 adopted seven proposed amendments to the ATP which appear in Annex I to the report of the session, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/222. The number of new amendments to be adopted at the sixty-seventh session of WP.11 in 2011 will not be known until after the session (25-28 October 2011) but the number in 2010 is over half the target of ten given in the indicator of achievement. It is therefore likely that the target for 2010-2011 will be surpassed.

(b) Total number of Contracting Parties to the ATP Agreement

6. At the time of writing, as in 2009, there are forty-five Contracting Parties to ATP. The target of two new Contracting Parties to the ATP has therefore not yet been achieved in the biennium 2010-2011. The last new Contracting Party was Andorra which acceded on 14 July 2008. There is still potential for new Contracting Parties to the Agreement. Of the fifty-six UNECE Member States, Armenia, Canada, Cyprus, Iceland, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Malta, San Marino, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey and Turkmenistan are not yet ATP Contracting Parties. It might also be in the interest of countries such as Algeria, Lebanon, Jordan, Syrian Arab Republic, the Gulf States and others to adhere to ATP. Many of these countries are already parties to other UNECE legal instruments such as TIR. It is recommended that this indicator of achievement be kept in 2012-2013 and that WP.11 discuss the potential for new Contracting Parties and ways of promoting the Agreement to countries that are not yet parties.

(c) Number of documents considered at sessions of WP.11 and number of documents of amendment proposals transmitted to the United Nations Treaty Section in New York

7. In 2010, WP.11 considered thirteen formal documents (produced in English, French and Russian) and five revisions of documents submitted to earlier sessions of WP.11. It also considered seven Informal documents. Of this total of 25 documents, six were adopted in full or in part and were transmitted to ATP Contracting Parties by the United Nations Treaty Section in New York on 11 February 2011 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/222, Annex I). It is not yet fully known how many formal and informal documents will be submitted to the sixty-seventh session of WP.11 in 2011 and how many will be adopted by WP.11 as amendments to be transmitted to the United Nations Treaty Section. However, the 2010 figure of twenty-five documents, of which six were adopted, means that the target of thirty-two + three is likely to be surpassed.

8. The secretariat will update the accomplishment accounts once all the data for the biennium are available.

Proposed evaluation for the 2012-2013 biennium

9. The WP.11 is invited to discuss, modify and adopt the proposed biennial evaluation for 2012-2013 which appears below and which will be submitted to the seventy-fourth session of the ITC in 2012.

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