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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotations to the provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 September 2011

Addendum

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/49 and Add.1

¹ 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 (www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

² Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat two weeks prior to the session by e-mail (anastasia.barinova@unece.org) or by fax (+41-22-917 0039). Delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on our website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm).

2. Monitoring of the developments relevant to pan-European transport networks

(a) The European Commission briefing on the progress made in the development of the Trans-European Transport Network

At its twenty-third session (7–8 September 2010), the European Commission informed the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) about the TEN-T policy and focused in this connection on the TEN-T planning and the development of the Trans-European Transport Network. At its twenty-fourth session the European Commission will brief the Working Party about the recent progress of TEN-T activities and extension of the network to countries in the neighbourhood of the European Union (EU).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/46; Informal documentation

(b) Trans-European Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects

The manager of the Trans European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) projects will inform the Working Party about the activities implemented over the reporting period 2010–2011, including the state of revision of the TEM and TER Project Master Plan.

Documentation

Informal documentation

3. Climate Change impacts and adaptation for international transport networks

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the results and main decisions taken during the first session of the Group of Experts on Climate Change impacts and adaptation for international transport networks. The Working Party may also wish to consider and endorse the programme of work adopted by the Group of Experts.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2011/1

4. Euro-Asian Transport Links

(a) Progress on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) work

The secretariat will inform the Working Party on the progress of the work of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) and the recent developments of the EATL project Phase II (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2011/1). The Working Party may wish to consider and discuss the recommendations contained in the aforementioned progress report prepared by the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2011/1

(b) Main results of EATL Project Phase II

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat of the main results achieved so far by the Expert Group and the remaining tasks to be accomplished in accordance with the workplan of the group.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1 of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (second session, 7 September 2009)

(c) Report of the Expert Group on Euro-Asian Transport Links in the implementation of EATL Phase II

The secretariat will present the draft report of the Group of Experts on implementing Phase II and the EATL projects' prioritization exercise based on country inputs. The group is expected to consider, comment and approve this report, as well as the related maps to be circulated by the secretariat.

(d) Future plans

The Working Party may wish to discuss on the future plans and activities of the Expert Group.

(e) Other Euro-Asian transport initiatives

Representatives of invited Euro-Asian transport initiatives will brief the Working Party about their activities and cooperation with the EATL Expert Group.

5. Transport in the Mediterranean Region**(a) Report of the Mediterranean Transport Study Centre**

The Transport Study Centre for the Western Mediterranean (CETMO) had been asked to prepare a report on CETMO activities for the twenty-third session of the WP.5. The information on recent activities of CETMO will be circulated for consideration by the Working Party.

Documentation

Informal documentation

(b) The Euro-Mediterranean transport network

The European Commission will brief the Working Party on its activities pertaining to the development of the Euro-Mediterranean transport network.

6. Review of the transport situation, emerging trends and challenges in ECE region**(a) Review of the transport situation in 2010 and emerging trends in the ECE region**

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat of the review of the transport situation in 2010 and of emerging development trends in the ECE region (ECE/TRANS/2011/1 and Corr.1), prepared by the secretariat on the basis of country inputs.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2011/1 and Corr.1

(b) Transport trends and challenges in the Russian Federation

A representative of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation will make a presentation concerning the recent transport developments, trends and challenges in the

Russian Federation. The Working Party may wish to discuss the Russian experience and indicate whether it would like to receive a similar national report next year from another ECE member country.

Documentation

Informal documentation

(c) Transport trends and challenges in the road sector

A representative of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) will present recent road transport trends and challenges.

Documentation

Informal documentation

(d) Transport trends and challenges in the rail sector

A representative of the International Union of Railways (UIC) will present recent rail transport trends and challenges.

Documentation

Informal documentation

7. Transport and competitiveness

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the progress of the UNECE project “Supply Chain Challenges for National Competitiveness through Transport” that had been approved by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) at its seventy-second session in February 2010.

Documentation

Informal documentation

8. Technical assistance to countries with transition economies

The Working Party will be informed about activities of the Regional Adviser and the UNECE Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT) during the 2010–2011 time period. The Working Party may wish to invite governments and relevant international organizations and institutions to contribute to the UNECE Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT) and indicate the type of assistance which may be forthcoming.

Documentation

Informal documentation

9. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the main decisions of the seventy-third session of the Inland Transport Committee, held from 1 to 3 March 2011 and the sixty-fourth session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, held from 29 to 31 March 2011, on issues of interest to the Working Party.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/221

10. Adoption of Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5)

The secretariat will present draft Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics and request their adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2011/2

11. Planning of future work**(a) Review and extension of the mandate of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics**

The Working Party may wish to note that the first five-year review of the ECE reform adopted in December 2005 will take place in 2011–2012 with the view to drawing conclusions on the future work priorities of the ECE. The Working Party may wish to consider the issue in conjunction with below items 11 (b) and (c).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2011/3 and Informal Document No. 2 of the ITC Bureau meeting of 20 June 2011

(b) Possible responses to the challenges identified by the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

The Working Party may wish to consider the results of the first meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies on the multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral issues requiring further cooperation and the identification common challenges and possible ways forward and discuss possible responses as reflected in Informal Document No. 2 of the ITC Bureau meeting of 20 June 2011, to be circulated by the secretariat.

Documentation

Informal Document No. 2 of the ITC Bureau meeting of 20 June 2011

(c) Programme of work and Evaluation

The Working Party may wish to consider and approve its programme of work for 2012-2013 and 2012-2016 as requested by the ECE Executive Committee and the ITC Bureau and evaluate its accomplishments and indicators of achievement for 2010-2011.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2011/4

12. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no proposals under this item.

13. Date of next session

The Working Party's twenty-fifth session is tentatively scheduled to take place in Geneva on 11 and 12 September 2012.

14. Adoption of the report

In accordance with the decision of the Working Party taken at its fifteenth session (TRANS/WP.5/32, para. 56), decisions taken at the session will be adopted at the end of the session. The report of the session, including the decisions, will be established by the Chair and Vice-Chair with the assistance of the secretariat, for submission to the Inland Transport Committee.
