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Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. At its last session, the Working Party discussed and adopted the road map on collection and dissemination of transport statistics (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/6) and requested the secretariat to implement this road map as soon as possible (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/159, paragraph 48).
2. The secretariat presents below information on the follow-up to the decisions in the road map on collecting and disseminating of transport statistics (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/159, paras. 44–48).

II. Road map implementation

A. Quality checks

3. In 2010, the secretariat checked all relevant data published online by Eurostat for the period 2001–2007 against those in the UNECE database. The results of this exercise were satisfactory and permitted some time series updating.
4. To improve also the quality of data, the secretariat circulated drafts of publications to be checked by the providers of information (or focal points in each country). This gave very good results in particular for the annual leaflet “Main transport indicators in the UNECE region” with an active participation from the majority of member States.

B. Performance indicators

5. The secretariat disseminated through the online database new performance indicators derived from data in the UNECE database:

- number of fatalities per million inhabitants;
- number of injuries per million inhabitants;
- number of fatalities per 10 000 passenger cars;
- number of injuries per 10 000 passenger cars;
- number of passenger cars in use per 1000 inhabitants;
- railway density (total length of lines operated (km) per 1000 km²).

C. Publications

6. Three publications are being finalized and will be available online for the current session:

- Statistics for Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS);
 - UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America;
 - Illustrated Glossary for Transport Statistics (Russian version).
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