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Item 8 of the provisional agenda

Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies on the review of UNECE reform and strengthening cooperation (one and one half hour restricted meeting for government delegates only)

Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

Note by the secretariat

1. As part of its seventy-third session, the Committee held a first meeting of the Chairs of its subsidiary bodies in which the Chairs of Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments, the members of the Bureau and Government delegates also attended. The Committee welcomed this meeting and recommended that such meetings should become a regular feature of its sessions.
2. The second meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments, the members of the Bureau and Government delegates — to be held in the morning (10.00 to 11.30 a.m.) of the second day of the seventy-fourth session of the Committee (29 February 2012) as a restricted meeting for Government delegates only — will focus on the review of the UNECE reform, as well as on issues relating to strengthening cooperation, synergy and interdependence and sharing experiences.
3. In view of the restricted character of the meeting, the results of the discussions would be circulated among the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and the members of the Bureau, in the form of Chair's conclusions.
4. The provisional agenda of the meeting is annexed to the present.

Annex

Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

Restricted meeting – for Government delegates only*
(29 February 2012 from 10.00 – 11.30, Salle XII)

Provisional agenda

Welcome and introduction of the meeting objectives

By the ITC Chair and the Director of the Transport Division.

Item 1: Review of the UNECE reform

Participants may wish to recall that at its November meeting with the Chairs, the Bureau reviewed the main activities of the transport subprogramme in 2010-2011 and the existing mandates and prioritization of work for future, including possible new tasks and areas of work. During this meeting the Chairs presented their comments and remarks on the documents communicated to them by the secretariat (Briefing note for the Review of the ECE reform, Template “Information requested by the Executive Committee (EXCOM) for the ECE review” with annexes 1 and 2). The Bureau requested the secretariat to produce a revised version of the above-mentioned documents, including necessary amendments and improvements adequately reflecting the decisions of the Bureau and prepare the draft proposals of the Committee to EXCOM on the review of the ECE reform to be considered by the Committee at its seventy-fourth session.

The Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and the Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments are expected to make comments on the revised above-mentioned documents and the draft proposals of the Committee to EXCOM (Informal document No. 13) prepared by the secretariat, as follows:

- Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1)
- Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2)
- Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3)
- Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)
- Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5)
- Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6)
- Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11)

* Due to the restricted nature of this meeting, Government experts are requested to communicate their credentials to the secretariat in order to be included in the list of admitted participants. Accreditations may be also communicated through the missions. The Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies, Chairs of Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments and ITC Bureau members do not need to go through this process. Their names will be automatically included by the secretariat in the list of admitted participants.

- Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15)
- Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24)
- World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicles Regulations (WP.29)
- Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP.30)
- Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15/AC.1)
- Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN (WP.15/AC.2)
- Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention (WP.30/AC.2)

Item 2: Strengthening cooperation

Participants may wish to exchange views on strengthening cooperation, synergy and sharing experiences amongst the Committee's subsidiary bodies and on the ways to proceed.

Item 3: Any other business

Participants may discuss any other business, including the necessity and the time for holding another such meeting in future.
