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Twenty-fifth session

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 3 September 2012.

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe workshop on “Urban Transport and Mobility”.
3. Monitoring of the developments in pan-European transport networks:
 - (a) The European Commission briefing on the progress made in developing the Trans-European Transport Network;
 - (b) Trans-European Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects.
4. Climate Change impacts and adaptation for international transport networks.

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).

5. Euro-Asian Transport Links:
 - (a) Progress on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) work;
 - (b) Developments in EATL Project Phase III;
 - (c) Other Euro-Asian transport initiatives.
6. Transport in the Mediterranean Region:
 - (a) Report of the Mediterranean Transport Study Centre;
 - (b) The Euro-Mediterranean transport network.
7. Review of the transport situation, transport trends and economics in ECE region:
 - (a) Transport Trends and Economics 2011 in the ECE region;
 - (b) Transport Trends and Economics 2012: Urban transport and mobility;
 - (c) Transport Trends and Challenges in an UNECE member State;
 - (d) Transport Trends and Challenges in the road sector;
 - (e) Transport Trends and Challenges in the rail sector.
8. Transport and Competitiveness.
9. Technical assistance to countries with transition economies.
10. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party.
11. Election of officers for the Working Party sessions in 2013 and 2014.
12. Other business.
13. Date of next session.
14. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

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.5/51/Rev.1

2. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe workshop on "Urban Transport and Mobility"

By 2050 forecasts predict that there will be 6.9 billion people living in urban areas, comprising 70 per cent of the global population. While the general trend is declining public transport use, some cities have stabilised or slightly increased their public transport usage

levels over the last two decades (London, Madrid, Paris, Vienna, Singapore and Hong Kong).³

The Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (the Working Party) may wish to consider presentations by invited experts on urban transport and mobility. The relevance of the topic to all transport is explained in the background paper (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2012/1). The Working Party may wish to adopt conclusions that reflect the presentations and subsequent discussions of workshop participants.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2012/1, Informal document No. 1

3. Monitoring of the developments in pan-European transport networks

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

The European Commission had informed the Working Party about the TEN-T policy, specifically on the TEN-T planning and the development of the Trans-European Transport Network. The European Commission will brief the Working Party about the recent progress of TEN-T activities and extending the network to countries neighbouring the European Union (EU).

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

(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 2011–2012, including the state of revision of the TEM and TER Project Master Plan.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2012/2

4. Climate Change impacts and adaptation for international transport networks

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the conclusions and the recommendations of the international conference on climate change adaptation for international transport networks (Alexandroupolis, Greece, 25–26 June 2012) and about the results and main decisions taken during the last sessions of the Group of Experts on Climate Change impacts and adaptation for international transport networks.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/6

³ Source: UITP Millennium Cities Database.

5. Euro-Asian Transport Links

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

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about 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.5/2012/3). The Working Party may wish to consider and discuss the recommendations of the progress report prepared by the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2012/3

(b) Developments in EATL Project Phase III

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

(c) 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.

6. 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-fifth session of the Working Party. The information on recent activities of CETMO will be circulated for consideration by the Working Party.

Documentation

Informal document No. 3

(b) The Euro-Mediterranean transport network

The European Commission will brief the Working Party on its activities in developing the Euro-Mediterranean transport network.

7. Review of the transport situation, transport trends and economics in ECE region

(a) Transport Trends and Economics 2011 in the ECE region

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the review of the transport situation in 2011 and of emerging development trends in the ECE region (ECE/TRANS/2011/4 and UNECE publication), prepared by the secretariat on the basis of country inputs.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2012/4 and UNECE publication

(b) **Transport Trends and Economics 2012: Urban transport and mobility**

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about next year's transport trends and economics publication, its theme and questionnaire (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2012/5). The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt the theme of the next transport trends and economics publication and the specialized questionnaire.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2012/5

(c) **Transport Trends and Challenges in an UNECE member State**

A representative of the Ministry of Transport of an UNECE member State will make a presentation on the recent transport developments, trends and challenges in the country. The Working Party may wish to discuss the country's experience and indicate whether it would appreciate another national report from another ECE member country in 2013.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4

(d) **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 document No. 5

(e) **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 document No. 6

8. 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" approved by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) at its seventy-second session in February 2010.

Documentation

Informal document No. 7

9. 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 biennium 2011–2012. The Working Party may wish to invite governments, international organizations and institutions to contribute to the UNECE TFACT and indicate the type of assistance.

Documentation

Informal document No. 8

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

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions of the seventy-fourth session of the Inland Transport Committee (28 February to 1 March 2012) on issues of interest to the Working Party.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/223

11. Election of officers for the Working Party sessions in 2013 and 2014

The Working Party will elect its Chair and Vice-Chair for its sessions in 2013 and 2014.

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-sixth session is tentatively scheduled to take place in Geneva from 10 to 12 September 2013.

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.
