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##### **Draft programme of work, biennial evaluation and work plan**

## **Draft programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2014–2015**

### Note by the secretariat

#### **I. Mandate**

1. In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being 2014 (ECE/TRANS/200, para. 120), the Working Party will be invited to review and adopt its programme of work for 2014–2015 as well as the relevant parameters for its biennial evaluation.
2. The present document contains the draft programme of work for 2014–2015, relevant parameters for its biennial evaluation and information on the status of the Working Party.

#### **II. Draft programme of work for 2014–2015**

##### **A. Introduction**

3. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for 2014–2015 of ITCs subprogramme relating to “Intermodal Transport and Logistics”. The Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) is invited to consider this programme for adoption at its current session. It will then be submitted to ITC and the UNECE Executive Committee for formal approval. The Working Party and the ITC will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium, to be reflected in a separate document.

4. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities proposed to be carried out in 2014–2015. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

5. The grouping of programme activities into clusters is the same as that used by the ITC for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance.

6. The following clusters of activities make up the UNECE's subprogramme on transport (ECE/TRANS/2012/9/Rev.1):

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*Cluster No. Subprogramme: 02 Transport*

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1	Overall coordination (ITC and Bureau)
2	Transport trends and economics (including Euro-Asian transport links)
3	Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
4	Rail transport and Trans-European railway (TER) Project)
5	Inland waterway transport
6	Intermodal transport and logistics
7	Customs questions affecting transport
8	Transport, Health and Environment pan-European programme (THE PEP)
9	Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)
10	Transport of dangerous goods (ECOSOC)
11	Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (ECOSOC)
12	Transport of perishable foodstuffs
13	Transport statistics
14	Road transport and Trans-European north-south motorway (TEM) project
15	Road traffic safety

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7. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the UNECE programme budget for 2014–2015, subprogramme 2: Transport adopted by the General Assembly (A/68/6 (Section 20)). As necessary, they are complemented by additional items to reflect more recent developments and needs of UNECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities are clearly indicated as "additional".

8. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

9. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented below.

10. The present document is based in substance on the WP.24 work plan 2012–2016 as adopted by the fifty-fourth session of the Working Party in November 2011 (ECE/TRANS/WP24/2011/8, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/7, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/129,

paras. 67–69) and approved by the ITC at its seventy-fourth session on 28 February–1 March 2012 (ECE/TRANS/2012/9, ECE/TRANS/224, para. 93).

## B. Objective and strategy

11. The objective of the UNECE subprogramme of transport is to facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable transport.

12. The responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division.

## C. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2014–2015 biennium

13. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2014–2015 biennium are as follows:

### Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 6: Intermodal transport and logistics

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
1. Monitoring, review and updating of the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) and the Protocol on Inland Waterways.	Strengthened framework for sustainable intermodal transport and logistics operations and policies in the region and enhanced cooperation of UNECE member countries in addressing these issues through the exchange of experiences and good practices. This includes infrastructure and border crossing questions as well as the monitoring and updating of relevant legal instruments (AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on Inland Waterways).
2. Consideration of measures to promote efficiency of intermodal transport as part of a sustainable transport system, including bottlenecks in intermodal transport services at the pan-European level.	
3. Monitoring enforcement and review of the ECMT Consolidated Resolution on Combined Transport adopted by ECMT in Bucharest in 2002 (CEMT/CM (2002)3/Final).	
4. Monitoring and exchange of best practices on new concepts, design, weights and dimensions of loading units used in intermodal transport in accordance with ITC Resolution No. 241 adopted on 5 February 1993.	
5. Analysis of technical and organizational measures to optimize terminal, transshipment and logistical procedures allowing for cost-effective handling procedures of loading units.	
6. Consideration of possibilities for reconciliation and harmonization of liability regimes governing intermodal transport operations in a pan-European context.	
7. Analysis of modern transport chains and logistics.	
8. Review and update of the IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for Packing of Cargo in Intermodal Transport Units.	

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
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**Main actions by the Transport Division:**

- Act as secretariat to the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics and its groups of experts.
  - Maintain the online monitoring tool on the application of the AGC and AGTC infrastructure standards.
  - Provide support for technical cooperation and capacity-building in intermodal transport and logistics.
  - Represent UNECE in relevant meetings of inter- and non-governmental organizations.
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**2. Outputs/activities**

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

6.1 Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (fifty-seventh session in 2014 and fifty-eighth session in 2015) (8 meetings)

*Documentation:*

Agenda and reports of the annual sessions (4); other documents (7) on mandated issues, including draft programme of work and work plan, new developments in intermodal transport and logistics, annual theme for substantive discussions, national policy measures to promote intermodal transport, liability regimes, weight and dimensions of loading units in intermodal transport, revision of IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for Packing of Cargo in containers, administration and updating of the AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on Inland Waterways; other related documents on newly mandated issues.

(b) *Publications and other information material*

6.2 Maintenance of a web-based inventory of existing AGC and AGTC standards and parameters (1).

**III. Biennial evaluation**

14. On the basis of decisions taken at its fifty-second session in November 2011 (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/129, para. 67), the activities of the Working Party are measured, as part of the biennial evaluation, against one expected accomplishment, three indicators of achievement and corresponding actual performance measures. In 2012 and 2013, this approach had been approved by the ITC as part of the performance planning for evaluation of the biennium 2012–2013 (ECE/TRANS/2012/10/Rev.1).

15. The Working Party may wish to review the 2012–2013 parameters (expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement, actual performance measures as provided below with a view to either maintaining them or establishing new ones for the biennium 2014–2015.

*Biennial Assessment**Review of performance measures for 2012–2013 and establishment of targets for 2014–2015*

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
6 Intermodal transport and logistics	Strengthened framework for sustainable intermodal transport and logistics operations and policies in the region and enhanced cooperation of UNECE member countries in addressing these issues through the exchange of experiences and good practices. This includes infrastructure and border crossing questions as well as the monitoring and updating of relevant legal instruments (AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on Inland Waterways).	<p>IA 6.a (a) Number of countries, intergovernmental organizations (IGO) and non-Governmental organizations (NGO) participating in the two annual meetings of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24).</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i>            Baseline 2011: 35            Target 2012–2013: 25            Target 2014–2015: ...</p> <p>IA 6.a. (b) Number of amendments as well as updated and amended lines in the AGTC Agreement and its Protocol<sup>1</sup></p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i>            Baseline 2011: 2            Target 2012–2013: 1            Target 2014–2015: ...</p> <p>I.A. 6.a. (c) Review and update of the IMO/ILO/UNECE guidelines for packing of cargo in intermodal transport units</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i>            Completion target: 2013</p>	<p>...<sup>2</sup></p> <p>...<sup>3</sup></p> <p>...<sup>4</sup></p>

#### IV. Status of the Working Party

16. In accordance with the guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within UNECE, the mandate and extension of these Working Parties should be reviewed every 5 years (ECE/EX/1, para. 1 (c)). The ITC, at its seventy-fourth session in March 2012, renewed the 5-year mandate of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 91) which was subsequently approved by the Commission at its sixty-fifth session in April 2013 (...<sup>5</sup>).

17. The terms of reference of the Working Party, adopted by the Working Party on 3 November 2011 (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/129, para. 71) and approved by the ITC on 1 March 2012 (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 91), are contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/9. As the Working Party has not adopted specific rules of procedure, those of the Commission apply.

<sup>1</sup> As adopted by Contracting Parties at the sessions of the Working Party.

<sup>2</sup> To be determined at the session of WP.24 in October 2013.

<sup>3</sup> To be determined at the session of WP.24 in October 2013.

<sup>4</sup> To be determined at the session of WP.24 in October 2013.

<sup>5</sup> Document reference not yet available.