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I. Attendance

1. The Working Party on Transport Statistics held its sixty-fourth session from 19 to 21 June 2013 in Geneva under the chairmanship of Mrs O. Kastlova (Czech Republic).
2. The session of the Working Party was attended by the following countries: Belgium; Czech Republic; Germany; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Sweden; Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
3. A representative of the European Union (EU) was also present (Eurostat). The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Danube Commission and International Transport Forum (ITF).

II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/164

4. The Working Party adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/164).

III. UNECE Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies (agenda item 2)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/236

5. The Working Party took note of the results of the seventy-fifth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) (26–28 February 2013), in particular about its considerations and decisions on the 2010 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses, as well as of any other activities of its subsidiary bodies and the UNECE secretariat of interest to the Working Party.
6. The Working Party was informed about the meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies during the last ITC session.
7. The Working Party was informed that the ITC approved as a whole the report and related activities of the Working Party on Transport Statistics in 2012 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/163) as well as its new terms of references and rules of procedures (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 91).
8. The Working Party took note of the achievements of the United Nations project for future inland transport systems (ForFITS) and noted also the progress on developing an assessment model, based on a uniform and transparent methodology, facilitating the evaluation and analysis of the emissions of CO₂ for future inland transport systems (road, rail and inland waterways).

IV. Data collection, methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics (agenda item 3)

A. Classification system for transport statistics

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 1 (2013)

9. The Working Party adopted the informal document WP.6 No. 1 (2013) containing the updated version of new questions about the contents of the Groups of NST 2007, as well as the preliminary replies.

10. The Working Party decided to establish a Task Force on classification with the following mandate: to maintain the conversion between NSTR and NST 2007 and other classifications, to propose where to classify new goods, to answer all pending questions and to report to the next session of the Working Party.

11. Delegates were invited to inform the Working Party of their experiences on the use of NST 2007 at the next session.

B. Glossary for Transport Statistics

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/1, Informal document WP.6 No. 8 (2013)

12. The Working Party was informed about the linguistic versions of the Glossary for Transport Statistics (fourth edition). The coming WP.6 sessions will have a standing agenda item dealing with proposals for the revision of definitions and insertion of new definitions. Approved changes will be uploaded onto the website of WP.6.

13. The Working Party invited the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG) to consult with experts on inland navigation about the editorial amendments proposed in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/1.

14. The IWG was also invited to study the draft definitions of energy types for road motor vehicles proposed in the informal document WP.6 No. 8 (2013) and invited delegates to send their comments on this draft to the secretariat by the end of September 2013.

15. The Working Party invited all member States to submit suggestions for improvements or/and additions to the Glossary.

C. Common Questionnaire

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 2 (2013), Informal document WP.6 No. 4 (2013)

16. The Working Party took note of the availability of data collected through the Common Questionnaire for transport statistics.

17. The Working Party decided to establish a Task Force with a mandate to streamline the Common questionnaire and to report to the next session of the Working Party.

18. The Working Party considered a draft proposal of the new Common Questionnaire breakdown (for both vehicle stock and new registrations) and invited delegates to send their comments on this draft to the secretariat by the end of September 2013. This draft will be updated and circulated as Informal document WP.6 No. 4 (2013).

19. The Working Party invited all member States to participate more actively in the data collection through the web Common Questionnaire.

D. Road traffic accident statistics

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 2 (2013)

20. The Working Party took note of the status of availability of data on road traffic accidents and was informed of the progress on including the questionnaire on road traffic accidents in the Web Common Questionnaire.

21. The representative of the United Kingdom made a presentation on road safety statistics in his country: sources of data on road safety (Police accident data, Hospital admissions, Drink Driving, National Travel Survey of personal travel patterns, Death Registrations, and other sources), how they are collected, challenges and quality issues (not all accidents reported, difference in training and experience, several validation checks), linking sources of data, and how data are used. The contributory factor data show why the accident occurred, and give clues about how it may have been prevented. The police collect and provide the statistics data, mostly at the scene (80 per cent) and the instructions on how to complete form — definitions and online help plus rules for validation are available. Collected data contain three levels of records: accident, vehicle and casualty.

22. The Working Party decided to follow the work on the definition of “seriously injured” within EU and cooperate on harmonizing it on the UNECE level.

23. The Working Party decided to keep the issue of international comparability on its agenda.

E. Pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/2, Informal document WP.6 No. 4 (2013)

24. The Working Party considered and adopted the report of the WP.6 Task Force on streamlining the pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance circulated through the Web Common Questionnaire (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/2).

25. The Working Party adopted the revised pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance as annexed to the present report (see annex I).

26. The third table should be revised according to the results of the discussion on the new Common Questionnaire breakdown submitted by Eurostat (Informal document WP.6 No. 4 (2013)).

F. Pilot questionnaire on passenger transport by buses and coaches

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/3

27. The Working Party considered and adopted the report of the WP.6 Task Force on streamlining the pilot questionnaire on passenger transport by buses and coaches circulated through the Web Common Questionnaire (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/3).

28. The Working Party adopted the streamlined pilot questionnaire on passenger transport by buses and coaches as annexed to the present report (see annex II).

G. Intermodal transport statistics

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 6 (2012)

29. The Working Party took note of the results of the Eurostat Task Force on intermodal transport.

30. The Working Party invited the secretariat to follow the work of the Eurostat's Task Force on intermodal transport statistics and to report on it at the next session of the Working Party.

V. Traffic censuses in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region (agenda item 4)

A. 2015 E-Road traffic census

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/4, Informal document WP.6 No. 5 (2013)

31. During its seventy-fifth session, the Inland Transport Committee invited UNECE member Governments, in compliance with ITC Resolution No. 259 adopted at its seventy-first session, to submit the results of the 2010 E-Road traffic census by 1 November 2011 (ECE/TRANS/236, para. 69).

32. The secretariat received the results of the 2010 E-Road traffic census from the following countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Kingdom. Other countries are expected to submit their results: Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Finland, Luxembourg and Slovenia.

33. The secretariat has published all data received, as well as the previous E-Road traffic censuses (2000 and 2005) on the WP.6 website: www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/wp6.html.

34. The representative of Switzerland made a presentation on the experience of his country on automatic counting of motor traffic on E-Roads.

35. The Working Party considered and approved the draft Recommendations for the 2015 E-Road traffic census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/4 and Corr.1) with some modifications. These draft Recommendations will be submitted for adoption to the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-sixth session (25–27 February 2014).

36. The secretariat in cooperation with interested delegates will consider including in the breakdown in paragraph 32 (b), the inclusion of 2 + 1 roads.

37. The Working Party considered and approved the draft Resolution on the 2015 E-Road traffic census (see annex III). This draft Resolution will be submitted for adoption to the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-sixth session.

38. The Working Party asked the secretariat to dedicate more resources for the dissemination of the E-Road traffic census results, in particular, the pan-European map.

B. 2015 E-Rail traffic census

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/5, Informal document WP.6 No. 6 (2013)

39. During its seventy-fifth session, the Inland Transport Committee invited UNECE member Governments, in compliance with ITC Resolution No. 260 adopted at its seventy-first session, to submit the results of the censuses conforming to the deadline established in the ITC Resolution (30 June 2012) (ECE/TRANS/236, para. 69).

40. In addition to the EU member States for which it is mandatory to undertake 2010 E-Rail traffic census (according to Regulation No. 91/2003 of 16 December 2002 on rail transport statistics adopted by the European Parliament and the Council), the secretariat received the results of the 2010 E-Rail traffic census from the following countries: Croatia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.

41. The Working Party **considered and approved** the draft Recommendations for the 2015 E-Rail traffic census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/5). These draft Recommendations will be submitted for adoption to the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-sixth session.

42. The Working Party **considered and approved** the draft Resolution on the 2010 E-Rail traffic census (see annex IV). This draft Resolution will be submitted for adoption to the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-sixth session.

43. The Working Party asked the secretariat to dedicate more resources for the dissemination of the E-Rail traffic census results in particular the pan-European map.

VI. Dissemination of transport statistics by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (agenda item 5)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2012/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2012/5

44. The Working Party took note of the recent development of the UNECE database on transport statistics and the status of the publications: Statistics for Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS) and the “UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America”¹ (former Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America (ABTS)).

VII. Capacity-building activities (agenda item 6)

45. The Working Party welcomed the organization of a capacity-building workshop on transport statistics in Kiev (November 2012) and invited the IWG to continue its assistance to further capacity-building activities, in particular, in countries of Eastern Europe, Central Asia and South Caucasus.

VIII. Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG) (agenda item 7)

46. The Working Party took note of the IWG activities during the past year.

¹ Both publications are available from www.unece.org/transport/resources/publications/transport-statistics.html.

IX. Statistical activities of international organizations (agenda item 8)

A. European Commission (DG MOVE)

47. The Working Party was informed about the developments in the Community transport policy and their statistical implications, in particular: the White Paper on Transport 2011 (main statistical implications). An increasing need for statistical evidence to support policymaking was noted, but resources devoted to the collection of statistics cannot be increased, as well as the burden on respondents. The solutions should focus on increasing comparability and use of already existing information (e.g. administrative data, transport modelling).

48. The Working Party was also informed that some necessary data are currently not or only partially available. In order to monitor more efficiently co-modality, emissions, congestion and use of infrastructure policies, data needs are related to urban transport (expressed in pkm for various modes and by technology of vehicles (for passenger cars)), transport activity by distance class (> 300 km and < 1,000 km) in pkm for all passenger modes, the current stock and the use of non-conventionally fuelled vehicles for passengers and freight, mobility behaviour by distance classes (in urban/non-urban environments).

B. European Commission (Eurostat)

49. The representative of Eurostat informed the Working Party about the activities carried out by his organization and the main objectives of their programme of work for 2013.

50. The main activities covered in 2013 are: improving timeliness and quality of energy and transport statistics in particular for most aggregated data and specific indicators; work on estimating CO₂ emissions from transport and energy; project on transport intermodality will deliver proposals aimed at a more harmonized and integrated transport statistics, legal framework; and proposals on transport mobility.

C. International Transport Forum (ITF)

51. The representative of the ITF reported on the results of the annual Summit in Leipzig (Germany, 22–24 May 2013). The Task Force on Measuring Transport Infrastructure Spending and Assets organized by the ITF made the following recommendations for data collection:

- (a) Follow the guidance provided in the report (“Understanding the Value of Transport Infrastructure”) mainly in terms of definitions and methods;
- (b) Provide, at minimum, public and private data on investment and maintenance separately by asset type;
- (c) It is highly recommended to estimate data on capital stock by asset type;
- (d) Definition and recording of investment and maintenance should follow as closely as possible those used in the System of National Accounts;
- (e) Consider to having more accurate definitions for all asset types as a priority;
- (f) Produce transport infrastructure construction specific cost indices to be used as deflators;

(g) Data providers should always include detailed metadata on methods, definitions and classifications used;

(h) Explore possibilities to have more detailed data on transport infrastructure related Purchasing Power Parities.

D. Danube Commission

52. The representative of the Danube Commission informed the Working Party of recent activities carried out in her organization.

X. Rules of procedure (agenda item 9)

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 7 (2013)

53. The Working Party was informed on the new Guidelines on procedures and practices for UNECE bodies.

XI. Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2014–2015 (agenda item 10)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/6, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/7

A. Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2014–2015

54. In accordance with the decision of the ITC to review its programme of work every 2 years, the next review being in 2012 (ECE/TRANS/200, para. 120), the Working Party reviewed and adopted its programme of work for 2014–2015 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/6.

B. Work plan for 2014–2018

55. As requested by the ITC Bureau on 20 June 2011, the Working Party reviewed and adopted its traditional 4-year work plan for 2014–2018 as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/7 with the following amendments:

02.12.2, 1 (a), first sentence, read: “Increased of comparability of definitions used for “injured” and “seriously injured”;

02.12.2, 2 (g), read the title: “Update of the methodology in the Handbook on transport statistics by buses and coaches”;

02.12.2, 2 (h), read the title: “Update of the methodology in the Handbook on road vehicle-km”.

XII. Other business (agenda item 11)

A. Date of next session

56. The Working Party decided to hold its next session on 18–20 June 2014.

B. Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics

57. The Working Party took note of preliminary dates and venues of meetings in 2013–2014:

Working Group on Inland Waterways Statistics (Eurostat)	1–2 October 2013
Task Force on Intermodal Transport Statistics (Eurostat)	24–25 October 2013
WP.6 Task Force on streamlining the Common Questionnaire	Q3–Q4 2013
Working Group on Rail Statistics (Eurostat)	6–7 November 2013
Coordinating Group for Statistics on Transport (CGST, Eurostat)	4–5 December 2013
WP.6 Task Force on Classification	Q1 2014
UNECE Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6)	18–20 June 2014
Coordination Committee for Statistics on Transport (Eurostat)	December 2014

XIII. Summary of decisions (agenda item 12)

58. As agreed and in line with the decision of ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, para. 6), the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, has prepared this report.

Annex I

Collection of data on road traffic volumes in Vkm

Table 1
Road traffic by type of vehicle on national territory
 (Million vehicle kilometres)

<i>Type of vehicle</i>	<i>Road traffic by</i>	
	<i>All vehicles (national and foreign)</i>	<i>National vehicles</i>
Passenger cars (a)		
• Petrol		
• Diesel		
• Other fuel		
Buses and motor coaches (b)		
• Buses		
• Motor coaches		
• Other		
Motorcycles and mopeds (c)		
• Motorcycles		
• Mopeds		
Goods vehicles		
Maximum permitted weight \leq 3.5 tonnes (d)		
• Petrol		
• Diesel		
• Other		
$3.5 <$ Maximum permitted weight \leq 6 tonnes (e)		
• Diesel		
• Other		
Maximum permitted weight $>$ 6 tonnes (f)		
• Lorries and road trains		
• Road tractors and articulated vehicles		
Other motorised vehicles (g)		
TOTAL (a+b+c+d+e+f+g)		
Bicycles		

Table 2
Road traffic on national territory by type of vehicle and type of road
(Million vehicle kilometres)

<i>Type of vehicle</i>	<i>Type of road</i>				<i>Total</i>	<i>Of which on Trans- European Networks (TEN-T)</i>
	<i>Motorways/ freeways (1)</i>	<i>Other roads Total (2) = (3) + (4)</i>	<i>inside built-up areas (3)</i>	<i>outside built- up areas (4)</i>		
Passenger cars (a)						
Buses, mini-buses, motor coaches and trolley-buses (b)						
Motorcycles and mopeds (c)						
Goods vehicles (d)						
• Maximum permitted weight ≤ 3.5 tonnes						
• 3.5 < Maximum permitted weight ≤ 6 tonnes						
• Maximum permitted weight > 6 tonnes						
Other motorised vehicles (e)						
Total (a+b+c+d+e)						

Table 3

Road traffic on all territories for national vehicles by type and age of vehicle

(Million vehicle kilometres)

Type of vehicle:	Road traffic by													TOTAL (1+2+3+4+5 +6+7+8+9+1 0+11+12+13)
	Age of vehicle (years)													
	0 (1)	1 (2)	2 (3)	3 (4)	4-5 (5)	6-7 (6)	8-9 (7)	10-11 (8)	12-13 (9)	14-15 (10)	16-17 (11)	18-19 (12)	20 or more (13)	
Passenger cars														
• Petrol (E5)														
• Diesel (B5)														
• Other fuel														
✓ LPG														
✓ NG/CNG/Bio-methane														
✓ Hydrogen														
✓ Bi-fuel: petrol (E5)/LPG														
✓ Bi-fuel: petrol (E5)/NG/Bio-methane														
✓ Bi-fuel: petrol (E5)/Hydrogen														
✓ Flex-fuel: petrol (E5)/ Ethanol (E85)														
✓ Flex-fuel: Diesel (B5)/bio-Diesel														
✓ Pure electric vehicle														
✓ Multi-fuel and other fuel (excluding fuel with designated coding)														
Buses and motor coaches (Total)														
• Petrol (E5)														
• Diesel (B5)														
• Other fuel														
✓ LPG														
✓ NG/CNG/Bio-methane														
Buses														
• Diesel (B5)														
• Other fuel														
Motor coaches														
• Diesel (B5)														
• Other fuel														
Other														
• Petrol (E5)														
• Diesel (B5)														
• Other fuel														

	Road traffic by													TOTAL (1+2+3+4+5 +6+7+8+9+1 0+11+12+13)
	Age of vehicle (years)													
	0 (1)	1 (2)	2 (3)	3 (4)	4-5 (5)	6-7 (6)	8-9 (7)	10-11 (8)	12-13 (9)	14-15 (10)	16-17 (11)	18-19 (12)	20 or more (13)	
Type of vehicle:														
✓ LPG														
✓ NG/CNG/Bio-methane														
Motorcycles														
Goods vehicles														
MPW ≤ 3.5 tonnes														
• Petrol (E5)														
• Diesel (B5)														
• Other fuel														
✓ LPG														
✓ NG/CNG/Bio-methane														
3.5 < MPW ≤ 6 tonnes														
• Diesel (B5)														
• Other fuel														
MPW > 6 tonnes (Total)														
• Diesel (B5)														
• Other fuel														
Lorries and road trains														
• Diesel (B5)														
• Other fuel														
Road tractors and articulated vehicles														
• Diesel (B5)														
• Other fuel														

Annex II

Bus, coach and minibus/coach

Table 1
Bus, coach and minibus/coach movements
Vehicles registered in the reporting country
Vehicle-kilometres
(million)

<i>Total</i>									
by type of transport									
<i>Total National</i>									
by regularity of transport									
	Occasional								
	Regular								
	Urban								
	Non-urban								
<i>Total International</i>									
	within the reporting country								
	outside the reporting country								
by regularity of transport									
	Occasional								
	Regular								

Table 2
Bus, coach and minibus/coach,
Passenger transport
Vehicles registered in the reporting country
Passengers (1000)

<i>Total</i>									
by type of transport									
<i>Total National</i>									
by regularity of transport									
	Occasional								
	Regular								
	Urban								

	<i>Non-urban</i>							
Total International								
by regularity of transport								
	<i>Occasional</i>							
	<i>Regular</i>							

Passenger-kilometres (Million)

Total								
by type of transport								
Total National								
by regularity of transport								
	<i>Occasional</i>							
	<i>Regular</i>							
	<i>Urban</i>							
	<i>Non-urban</i>							
Total International								
	within the reporting country							
	outside the reporting country							
by regularity of transport								
	<i>Occasional</i>							
	<i>Regular</i>							

Annex III

Draft Resolution on E-Road Traffic Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe in 2015 (“2015 E-Road traffic census”)

Draft Resolution No. ...

E-Road Traffic Census of Motor Traffic and
Inventory of Standards and Parameters
on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe in 2015
 (“2015 E-Road traffic census”)

The Inland Transport Committee,

Having regard to the last paragraph of its resolution No. 169 of 15 January 1954 (E/ECE/TRANS/445),

1. *Invites* Governments:

(a) To take a census of traffic on the E-Roads on their national territory, in accordance with the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe (AGR) as in force in 2015, and in line with the Recommendations to Governments for the E-Road Traffic Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe in 2015 (2015 E-Road traffic census) as set forth in UNECE documents ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/4 and Corr.1 considering 2015 as the reference year.

(b) To supply the results of the 2015 E-Road traffic census to the UNECE secretariat, if possible before **1 November 2016**, in conformity with the Recommendations set forth in UNECE documents ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/4 and Corr.1.

2. *Recommends* that Governments take a census of traffic on other non-urban roads in their national territory, applying where possible, the methods set out in the Recommendations mentioned under paragraph 1 (a) above.

3. *Requests* Governments to inform the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) by **30 September 2014** whether they agree to implement the provisions of this resolution.

Annex IV

Draft Resolution on E-Rail Traffic Census in Europe in 2015 ("2015 E-Rail traffic census")

Draft Resolution No. ...

E-Rail Traffic Census in Europe in 2015
("2015 E-Rail traffic census")

The Inland Transport Committee,

Recalling its Resolution No.260 adopted on 26 February 2009 (ECE/TRANS/206, annex III),

1. *Invites* Governments:

(a) To take a census of traffic on the E-Rail lines on their national territory, in accordance with the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) as in force in 2015 and with the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) as in force in 2015, and in line with the Recommendations to Governments for the 2015 E-Rail traffic census as set forth in UNECE document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/5.

(b) To supply the results of the combined E-Rail traffic census 2015 to the UNECE secretariat, if possible, before **30 June 2017**, in conformity with the Recommendations set forth in UNECE document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/5.

2. *Recommends* that Governments take a census of traffic on other non-urban rail lines in their national territory, applying where possible, the methods set out in the Recommendations mentioned under paragraph 1(a) above.

3. *Requests* Governments to inform the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) by **30 September 2014** whether they agree to implement the provisions of this resolution.
