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Addendum

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/239 and Add.1

I. Policy oriented segment

2. “Innovations for sustainable inland transport and mobility”

The Committee may wish to **take note** that the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee, at its June 2013 meeting, agreed that the morning session of the first day of the seventy-sixth session of the Committee should be devoted to a discussion on sustainable transport. The policy segment will focus on innovations for sustainable inland transport and mobility with emphasis on economic, social and environmental sustainability.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/1

II. Transport policy and regulatory issues that require decisions by the Committee

3. Strategic questions of a horizontal policy nature

(a) UNECE analytical work on Transport: A review for the year 2013

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about the analytical activities accomplished during 2013. The Committee may wish to **recall** that the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) has the role of a think tank which leads policy discussions on subjects of a horizontal nature and that are relevant for the member States and the other subsidiary bodies of the Committee. The Committee may wish to note the importance of the publication on “Sustainable Urban Transport and Mobility in the ECE region” which was finalized during 2013 (ECE/TRANS/2014/2 and Informal document No. 1). The Committee is invited to **encourage** governments and municipalities of their capitals to support further research on urban transport and mobility provided by UNECE, and to **consider** how this topic should be addressed regularly in the future.

The 2014 theme — as endorsed at the September session of WP.5 — will be on “Financing Transport Infrastructure and innovative solutions” as a follow up to the 2013 ITC session and to the joint WP.5, EATL, TEM & TER¹ workshop that took place in September 2013 (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/54). In the workshop entitled “Financing Transport Infrastructure”, representatives from Austria, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and the Economic Cooperation Organization secretariat presented their high priority investment projects, illustrated their different financing methodologies, as well as the challenges in securing funding.

The Committee will also be **informed** about the results of the workshop held on Ports and Hinterland connections, at which the South East Transport Axis project (SETA) was presented by representatives of the regional government of Burgenland (Austria), the ports of Rijeka (Croatia), Koper (Slovenia) and Monfalcone (Italy), the Hungaro-Austrian railways company Raaberbahn (GySEV), and the Central European Initiative. The project “Accessibility Improved at Border Crossings for the Integration of South-East Europe” (ACROSSEE) was given as an example for improving ports hinterland connections.

Members of the Committee are invited to **provide guidance** on future directions of the analytical work in the field of transport.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/2, Informal document No. 1 (UNECE publication),
ECE/TRANS/WP.5/54

(b) Climate change and transport

(i) ITC follow-up to Rio+20

The Committee will be **informed** of the follow-up activities to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) from 13 to 22 June 2012, also known as “Rio+20” as well as of other activities acknowledging the central and

¹ Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL), Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) projects.

essential role of transport towards sustainable development. Of particular significance are the ongoing global negotiations on formulating the post-2015 framework that is expected to take the form of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Committee will be **informed** about the main developments and stages in the formulation framework and will be **presented** with an analysis of the importance of sustainable transport within the SDG framework. The Committee may wish to **express its support** for the inclusion of transport priorities in a coherent and comprehensive way within the Sustainable Development Goals framework.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/3

(ii) *Mitigation of environmentally harmful effects of inland transport*

The Committee **will be informed** about the UNECE study on air pollutant emissions from diesel engines and measures that could contribute to their reduction (ECE/TRANS/2014/4, Informal document No. 2). The Committee may wish to **make recommendations** on how to achieve this objective.

The Committee will be **informed** on the progress of the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) global project, funded by the United Nations Development Account, and being implemented together with all other United Nations regional commissions (ECE/TRANS/2014/5). The objective of the project is to develop a monitoring and assessment tool for CO₂ emissions in inland transport including a transport policy converter to facilitate climate change mitigation, to run pilots on the use of the model and to establish the capacity at country level for its use.

The Committee will, in particular, be **informed** about the project results and specifically about the application of the ForFITS model in the pilot countries (Chile, Montenegro, Thailand, Tunisia and Ethiopia), the available support materials such as the internet-based user manual, as well as about the capacity-building workshops and training activities for policymakers and technical experts.

The Committee may wish to **consider** the future use of the ForFITS tool, the role of the Committee members and UNECE in its promotion. Furthermore, in light of the results of this global project, its timeliness and relevance for sustainable development, the Committee may wish to **consider its presentation** to the General Assembly.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/4, Informal document No. 2, ECE/TRANS/2014/5

(iii) *Impacts of climate change on international transport networks and adaptation requirements*

The Committee will be **informed** about the work of the Group of Experts on climate change impacts and adaptation to international transport networks and on the report – publication (ECE/TRANS/2014/6). The Committee may wish to **note** that the Group of Experts completed its work in 2013 and submitted a full report of its accomplishments. This includes policy-oriented recommendations that aim at improving the long-term sustainability of transport infrastructure with an emphasis on international connections. It also includes best practices of different national policies which address the issues of transport network resilience against climate change impacts.

The Committee may also wish to be **informed** that following the approval of the establishment of the Expert Group by EXCOM in May 2011, the Group met in September and November of 2011; in April, October and December of 2012; and in March of 2013

where its objectives were considered accomplished. The Group attracted in its meetings the attention of 22 governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, such as the European Union, World Meteorological Organization, Eurasian Economic Community, International Union of Railways, International Road Federation, International Road Transport Union and academia.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the final report of the Group is published as a UNECE publication and it is meant to raise awareness on the importance of climate change adaptation. It also provides a set of best and good practices for adaptation measures. The Committee is invited to **consider** the recommendations of the paper.

The Committee is invited to **consider and approve** the continuation of work on climate change adaptation (Informal document No. 3).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/6 (UNECE publication), Informal document No. 3

(c) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme and environmental aspects of transport

The Committee **will be informed** about the results of THE PEP Steering Committee at its eleventh session (27–28 November 2013), in particular on preparations towards the fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (4HLM), hosted by the Government of France (14 to 16 April 2014, Paris). The Committee **will also be informed** about the draft outcome document of the 4HLM, the so-called Paris Declaration that will define THE PEP vision until 2020 including priority goals for action, identify mechanisms to fulfil THE PEP vision, ascertain THE PEP institutional framework and describe procedures to share responsibilities as well as financial and in-kind support for THE PEP. The Committee is invited to **express** its expectations with regard to the outcome of the 4HLM and the future activities of THE PEP.

Documentation

ECE/AC.21/SC/2013/6

(d) Intelligent transport systems

The Committee will be **informed** about the status of implementation of the ITS Road Map that was launched at its seventy-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/2014/7). The Committee may wish to **take note** that the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) continued to prescribe performance based requirements for intelligent vehicle systems and to incorporate them into the UN Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement and in the UN Global Technical Regulations (UN GRTs) associated with the 1998 Agreement. The World Forum adopted in 2013 the design principles for control systems for Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS). These principles will be published as an annex to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3). The World Forum and the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) have been jointly considering different proposals on the consistency between the provisions of the 1968 Vienna Conventions and the provisions of the vehicle Regulations adopted in the framework of the 1958 and 1998 Agreements: such as alignment of the lighting requirements and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems. The concerns about the potential legal inconsistencies evoked by the provision in the Convention on Road Traffic that “the driver must be in control of the vehicle” are expected to be addressed in the proposed modifications of the different road safety conventions based on the outcome of discussions on the liability issues in the framework of WP.1. With technological progress, road vehicles have become increasingly automated with an ultimate potential development being autonomous vehicles. The World

Forum initiated consideration on automated vehicles in the framework of the 1958 and 1998 Agreements on the construction of vehicles. The Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) aims to improve the speed and efficiency of emergency responses involving dangerous goods in transport.

The Committee will also be **informed** about the round table on "Intelligent transport systems in emerging markets – drivers for safe and sustainable growth" focusing specifically on distracted driving that was jointly organized with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in June 2013. The Committee will also be informed about the next round table on road safety that will be organized jointly with Belgium in 2014.

The Committee is invited to **support** the initiatives aimed at raising awareness and transfer of knowledge to enable policymakers to better promote the development and application of ITS solutions and policies for improved mobility around the world.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/7

(e) Assistance to countries with economies in transition

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the activities in the field of technical assistance and capacity-building and support the strategy developed for the coming years, including the Special Programme of Economies of Central Asia (SPECAC) Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossings (PWG-TBC) serviced jointly with UNESCAP.

The Committee **will be informed** about the progress in implementing the UNDA-funded project on customs-to-customs electronic document exchange (ECE/TRANS/2014/8).

The Committee may also wish to **provide guidance** on the main directions for the technical assistance and capacity-building activities of the UNECE Transport Subprogramme, as well as on ways to improve fundraising (ECE/TRANS/2014/9).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/8, ECE/TRANS/2014/9

(f) Preparatory activities for a comprehensive 10-year review of the Almaty Programme of Action

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the preparatory activities, so far undertaken by the secretariat, for the 10-year comprehensive review of the Almaty Programme of Action that addresses the special needs of landlocked developing countries to be held in 2014 and **consider** which recommendations it would wish to convey (ECE/TRANS/2014/10). The Committee is invited to **consider further support** to the implementation of the Almaty Program of Action, particularly in advocating accession to and implementation of the transport and border crossing facilitation legal instruments.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/10

(g) Inland transport security

The Committee will be **informed** about the latest inland transport security activities, which focused on road and rail transport in 2013. Specifically, the February 2013 session of the Inland Transport Security Discussion Forum focused on secure parking areas for truck and commercial vehicles. The secretariat will inform the Committee about the "Rail Security Workshop" that took place on 23 October 2013 in Geneva where government officials, rail and international organization representatives discussed activities and initiatives in the field

of rail security and also discussed the current security challenges and threats in the rail sector.

(h) Status of accession to international UNECE transport agreements and conventions

The Committee will **consider** Informal document No. 4, prepared by the secretariat, on the status of signatures, ratifications and accessions to the international legal instruments on inland transport concluded under the auspices of the Committee as of 31 December 2013. Informal document No. 4 also contains the accessions registered since the last session of the Committee. The Committee may wish to take **note** of this information and **invite** countries, which have not yet done so, to accede to the UN conventions and other legal instruments administered by UNECE.

The Committee may also wish to **invite** Contracting Parties to consider amending the accession eligibility criteria of some international legal instruments (e.g. AETR Agreement) to make it possible for all United Nations Member States to take advantage of UNECE-administered transport agreements.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4

4. Strategic questions of a sectoral nature

(a) Project related activities

(i) Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about the recent developments in the Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects, including the current state of affairs vis-à-vis the management of the TEM and the TER Projects. The Committee will be informed about the new TER Project Manager and deputy manager, as well as the new TEM Project Manager..

The Committee may wish to **support** the activities carried out in the two projects and **express its opinion** on the future directions as considered in Informal document No. 5.

Documentation

Informal document No. 5

(ii) Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Project

The Committee will be **informed** about recent activities in the field of the Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Project, including the workshop organized by UNECE on Infrastructure Financing on 10 September 2013 in Geneva. Information will also be given concerning the ongoing discussions about the funding of the project activities. The Committee may wish to **give its support** to the EATL Work Plan, **encourage** Governments to participate more actively in the activities of the EATL Group of Experts, and **invite** Governments and other donors to contribute to the EATL budget preferably on a project basis.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/11

(b) Harmonization of vehicle regulations

The Committee will be **informed** about the most recent developments in the work carried out by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its six subsidiary Working Parties (GRB, GRE, GRPE, GRRF, GRSG and GRSP), the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement, the Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement. The Committee will also be **informed** about the activities of the World Forum and its Working Parties as reflected in its programme of work (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/1/Rev.2). The Committee may wish to note that around 40 informal groups worked during 2013 in parallel to the World Forum and to its subsidiary bodies to assist them in developing new vehicle regulations and updating the 132 existing UN Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement, 14 UN Global Technical Regulations associated to the 1998 Agreement and 2 UN Rules annexed to the 1997 Agreement (Informal document No. 6).

The Committee may wish to **note** that the World Forum met from 12 to 15 March 2013 (see report ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1102), from 25 to 28 June 2013 (see report ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1104 and Add.1), and from 12 to 15 November 2013 (see report ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1106).

The Committee may wish to **note** that the number of Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement remains 51, to the 1998 Agreement remains 33, and to the 1997 Agreement remains 12.

The Committee may wish to **note** that WP.29 approved the establishment of Mutual Resolution No. 1 (M.R.1) of the 1958 and the 1998 Agreements concerning the description and performance of test tools and devices necessary for the assessment of compliance of wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts according to the technical prescriptions specified in UN Regulations and UN Global Technical Regulations (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1101).

The Committee may wish to **note** that the UN Regulations on Lane Departure Warning Systems (LDWS), Advanced Emergency Braking Systems (AEBS) and Enhanced Child Restraint Systems (ECRS) entered into force on 9 July 2013. It may also wish to **note** that, in November 2013, the World Forum adopted new UN Regulations on retrofit emission control devices and on the recyclability of vehicles, as well as an amendment to UN Regulation No. 110 to include new provisions for vehicles using liquid natural gas in their propulsion system. The new UN Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement are expected to enter into force by mid-2014.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement established a new Global Technical Regulation (GTR) on hydrogen and fuel-cells in June 2013 and a new GTR on pole side impact was in development within the framework of the 1958 and 1998 Agreements by November 2013.

The Committee may wish to be **informed** about the progress made by the World Forum on draft Revision 3 to the 1958 Agreement incorporating the concept of International Whole Vehicle Type Approval (IWVTA) system and increasing the attractiveness of the Agreement for further accessions of emerging economies by allowing the application of previous versions of UN Regulations (ECE/TRANS/2014/12, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2014/26). The Committee may wish to **endorse** the hosting of a new Database for the Exchange of Type Approval documentation (DETA) within the premises of UNECE or UNOG.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/1/Rev.2, Informal document No. 6, ECE/TRANS/2014/12, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2014/26

(c) **Road safety**

The Committee may wish to **recall** that the second UN Global Road Safety Week took place during 6–12 May 2013. On this occasion, UNECE, in cooperation with key partners, organized several events, including a symposium on regional perspectives on drinking and driving, an interactive youth and young leaders session “Scouting for Global Road Safety”, a round table on 2013 International Level Crossing Awareness Day to emphasize the importance of road safety at level crossings, and a discussion forum on insurance and road safety. In addition, in Italy, UNECE partnered with the Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, ASTM-SIAS, QN-II Giorno and leStrade, to publicize the UN Road Safety Week in widely distributed local newspapers and magazines as well as to distribute 230,000 specially commissioned bookmarks at local schools and motorway toll booths (ECE/TRANS/2014/13).

The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about the outcome of an inaugural "Europe - Asia Road Safety Forum" and a WP.1 session organized in New Delhi in December 2013 in partnership with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways of India and Institute of Road Traffic Education, and in collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The Committee will also be **informed** about the establishment and work of two new Groups of Experts, the one on Road Signs and Signals and the other on Improving Safety at Level Crossings.

The Committee is invited to **consider** the progress achieved in road safety in 2013, regionally and globally, by UNECE through the provision of secretariat support to the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) and other technical assistance and capacity-building activities.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/13

(d) **Road transport**

The Committee may wish to **recall** that at its seventy-fifth session it requested the Expert Group of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) to speed up efforts to achieve consensus over proposals on how to amend AETR Article 22bis to ensure equitable treatment of all AETR Contracting Parties. The secretariat will inform the Committee about the progress made with amending the AETR (ECE/TRANS/2014/14).

The Committee will also be **informed** about progress in implementing the digital tachograph in the ECE region; about the latest developments related to the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) concerning the Electronic Consignment Note (e-CMR); and about the outcome of an informal expert session in the framework of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) (24 February 2014, Geneva) to discuss the subject of incorporating selected “e-mobility” issues into the AGR Agreement and possibly to start discussions on infrastructure requirements linked to the introduction of Intelligent Transport Services (ITS) (ECE/TRANS/236, para. 60). The secretariat will also **inform** the Committee about recent developments related to a proposal by the Government of Switzerland to work on a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBus). In particular, the Committee will be invited to call on all interested governments to attend a special SC.1 session on 30 June–1 July 2014 in Geneva to further discuss the draft OmniBus Agreement.

The Committee is invited to **consider** the progress made by SC.1 and the AETR Group of Experts in 2013 and to **encourage** their national counterparts who are involved in the AETR Group of Experts to reach consensus on article 22bis.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/14

(e) Rail transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the sixty-seventh session of the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/220). The Committee may wish to note the importance of the master plan on high speed trains and the cooperation with TER project and the activities — in cooperation with WP. 30 — for the development of implementation monitoring mechanisms for Annex 9 of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1982).

The Committee may also wish to be **informed** about the proposal made by the Russian Federation and supported by several other governments and national railways, for the development of a new convention on the facilitation of crossing of frontiers for passengers and baggage carried by rail. The Russian Federation presented a number of arguments in favour of drafting a new convention in this field, rather than accession to the outdated 1952 Convention. ECE/TRANS/2014/15 outlines and consolidates comments received on this issue. The Committee may wish to **provide guidance** in this respect and **consider establishing** a Group of Experts to facilitate further work in this area.

In the development of unified railway law, the Committee will be **informed** about the results of the fifth (4–5 July 2013) and sixth (2–3 December 2013) sessions of the Group of Experts that aimed at preparing a legal framework for rail transport — first to be applied from the Atlantic to the Pacific — with rules equivalent to those for road, air and maritime transport (ECE/TRANS/2014/16). The Committee may wish to **note** the considerable work that has been done on the analysis of existing international modal transport conventions (rail, road, air, inland water and maritime transport) and related agreements, in order to identify adequate provisions and procedures for a unified set of transparent and predictable provisions and legal rules applicable to international rail transport operations.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/220, ECE/TRANS/2014/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2013/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2013/8, ECE/TRANS/2014/16

(f) Intermodal transport and logistics

The Committee will be **informed** that, following more than 2 years of intensive efforts, the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) had approved the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code) on 22 October 2013, subject to minor modifications and amendments that were subsequently agreed upon by the IMO/ILO/UNECE Group of Experts on 4–6 November 2013 (ECE/TRANS/2014/17). The text of the new CTU Code, at present in English only, is available in Informal document No. 7.

The Committee may wish to **underline** the opinion of WP.24 that the new CTU Code, replacing the 1997 Guidelines, would enhance the safety of workers and the general public during handling and transportation of containers at sea and on land. The Committee may wish to **express the hope** that the CTU Code would soon be extensively used and referred to by Governments, the transport industry and other stakeholders in international container transport and might become an important element in transport and cargo insurance contracts. The Committee may wish to **endorse** the new non-mandatory CTU Code and

assist in its wide dissemination and application, including translation into the official UNECE languages and the setting-up of a specific website under www.unece.org/trans/wp24/welcome.html (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/133, paras. 59–67).

The competent bodies within IMO and ILO are expected to endorse the Code in 2014. The Committee may wish to **congratulate** WP.24 and the Group of Experts for the completion of the CTU Code within a very short time frame and for the effective cooperation with IMO and ILO on this important matter.

The Committee may also wish to **endorse** the view of WP.24 that its cycle of activities around an annual theme, as contained in the WP.24 road map of 2009, starting with the preparation of a background document by a group of volunteers, followed by in-depth discussions at the WP.24 session and completed by a technical visit, had proven to be interesting and should be continued with the assistance of the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/133, para. 28).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/17; Informal document No. 7, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/133 and Adds.1–2

(g) Inland water transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the latest activities of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195). In particular, the Committee may wish to note that an amendment package to annexes I and II of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), adopted by SC.3 in 2012, had entered into force on 15 October 2013. The related UNECE online database allowing monitoring of all AGN infrastructure standards of the E waterways network has been updated and is now accessible in English, French and Russian.

The Committee may also wish to **note** that, following its approval for the establishment of an Expert Group on mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation (IEG) (ECE/TRANS/236, para. 30), SC.3 has decided to devote half-a-day of the June 2014 session of SC.3/WP.3 to the first meeting of IEG.

The Committee may also wish to **note** that, in accordance with its request to consider the preparation and organization of a high-level global conference on inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/236, para. 31), SC.3 has preliminarily discussed the format, scope and time schedule of such an event. Following consultations with relevant stakeholders, SC.3 plans to formulate a proposal for such an event to take place possibly as of 2016.

The Committee may wish to **support** the strategy and work of SC.3, in close cooperation with River Commissions, towards finalization of a major revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI 5). The revision would constitute the framework and the core set of standard regulations for rules of the road and signalization on European inland waterways. The Committee may also wish to support the activities of SC.3 towards harmonization of pan-European River Information Services (RIS), such as UNECE Resolution No. 48 on Electronic Chart Display and Information System (Inland ECDIS) whose technical specifications have become mandatory in 2013 for all member States of the European Union (EU Regulation No 909/2013).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195 and Adds.1–2

(h) **Strengthening border crossing facilitation (Harmonization Convention, TIR Convention, eTIR Project and other Customs transit facilitation measures)**

The Committee may wish to **take note** and **support** the outcome of recent activities of the secretariat, Contracting Parties and the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), with a view, in particular, to strengthening the Harmonization Convention, 1982 and the TIR Convention, 1975 (ECE/TRANS/2014/18). The Committee is also invited to **support the continuation** of the eTIR project and to prolong the mandate of WP.30/GE.1 to the year 2014.

In particular, the Committee will be **informed** that an extensive package of amendments to the TIR Convention which came into force in October 2013 (a new Annex 9, part III to the TIR Convention). The amendments introduce the conditions and requirements for the authorization of an international organization — presently the International Road Transport Union (IRU) — to take on the responsibility for the effective organization and functioning of an international guarantee system and to print and distribute TIR Carnets. These amendments, which are a major step forward for increasing the transparency of the TIR system, were taken on board in the text of the new UNECE-IRU agreement for the years 2014–2016.

The success of the amendment package was over-shadowed by the emergence of the so-called “TIR crisis” in July 2013 when the Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation announced measures which were found to run contrary to certain provisions of the TIR Convention. These measures, which involved non-acceptance of the TIR guarantee and the requirement for operators to obtain national guarantee coverage, were introduced based on the argument that the current TIR guarantee system does not adequately protect Customs revenues. The Committee will be informed about the major developments in the crisis since its inception as well as about activities undertaken by the secretariat, TIR bodies and other stakeholders to analyse the situation in depth and to facilitate finding a solution. The challenge ahead is to consider a major reform of the TIR system in the long term, so as to address the weaknesses identified during the TIR crisis (ECE/TRANS/2014/19). The Committee may wish to **provide guidance** on further actions by the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport and the secretariat as well as on strategic directions in further improving the TIR system and increasing its sustainability.

The Committee will also be informed about progress in the eTIR Project, including the outcome of its cost/benefit analysis (CBA), various legal options to introduce eTIR as well as about the related United Nations Development Account project: “Strengthening the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to facilitate legitimate border crossing, regional cooperation and integration”. In the context of these activities, the Committee is invited to support the continuation of the eTIR Project and to prolong the mandate of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) to the year 2014.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/18, ECE/TRANS/2014/19

(i) **Transport of dangerous goods**

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 2013/25 on 25 July 2013 on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (see Informal document No. 8) and that the Working Party on the Transport

of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), the RID/ADR/ADN² Joint Meeting and the ADN Safety Committee have already taken or are taking action as required in operative paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of section A of the resolution. The Committee may also wish to **note** that, pursuant to operative paragraphs 2 of sections A and B, the secretariat has already published the eighteenth revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (in English, French and Spanish), Amendment 2 to the fifth revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria (in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish) and the fifth revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (in English, French and Spanish). Other language versions should be available soon.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the Economic and Social Council met from 24 to 28 June 2013 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/86 and Add.1) and will meet again from 25 November to 4 December 2013. The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals met from 1 to 3 July 2013 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/50) and met again from 4 to 6 December 2013.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the number of Contracting Parties to the ADR remains 48. The Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of the ADR, adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties on 28 October 1993, has not yet entered into force as not all Contracting Parties to the ADR have become Parties to it. Thirty-three Contracting Parties have done so to date, and the Committee may wish to **urge** the remaining Contracting Parties (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Serbia, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine) to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol to come into force.

The Committee may wish to **note** that WP.15 endorsed the common amendments to RID, ADR and ADN adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (WP.15/AC.1) during the biennium; adopted amendments specific to ADR, e.g. as regards tanks equipped with additive devices, training of drivers and driver training certificates; requested the secretariat to prepare a consolidated list of all the amendments which it had adopted for entry into force on 1 January 2015, so that they could be made the subject of an official proposal in accordance with the procedure set out in article 14 of ADR. All these amendments should come into force on 1 January 2015.

The Committee may wish to **endorse** the request by WP.15 that the consolidated text of ADR as it would be amended on 1 January 2015 be published by the secretariat, sufficiently in advance to prepare for its effective implementation before the entry into force of the amendments in question.

The Committee may also wish to **note** that the number of Contracting Parties to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) remains seventeen.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN (ADN Safety Committee) (WP.15/AC.2) will hold its twenty-fourth session from 27 to 31 January 2014.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the ADN Safety Committee has adopted a wide range of new provisions concerning the carriage of dangerous goods in inland navigation

² Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN).

vessels, including for example the means of evacuation from vessels in an emergency as well as the carriage of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as cargo on-board tank vessels. It also continued to discuss the issuance of temporary derogations for the use of LNG as a fuel for the propulsion of vessels carrying dangerous goods.

The ADN Administrative Committee met on 31 January 2014 (see agenda ECE/ADN/25 and Add.1), mainly to adopt all draft amendments prepared by the Safety Committee in 2013 and January 2014, i.e. the set of amendments that should enter into force on 1 January 2015 and that would ensure harmonization of ADN with ADR and RID.

The Committee may wish to **note** that, as requested during the seventy-fifth session, the secretariat published the road map on how to set up the administrative structures required for implementation of ADR, as contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/217, annex IV, as a brochure in order to facilitate its wide circulation.

Documentation

Informal document No. 8, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/86 and Add.1, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/50, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/219, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/221, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/130 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/132 and Add.1–2, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/48 and Add.1–2, ECE/ADN/24

(j) Transport of perishable foodstuffs

The Committee will be **informed** about the status of proposed amendments to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) adopted at the sixty-eighth session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) in 2012 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/226, Annex I).

The Committee may wish to **note** that following the entry into force of amendments dealing with the testing of new multi-compartment multi-temperature equipment on 23 September 2013, the secretariat issued a new consolidated text of ATP as a United Nations sales publication (ECE/TRANS/232).

The Committee may also wish to **note** that at its sixty-ninth session (8–11 October 2013), WP.11 adopted two new classes of heated ATP equipment to take account of conditions in countries where winter temperatures routinely fall below -20°C and where heating is consequently required to keep cargoes of food at the correct temperature (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228, Annex I). WP.11 also adopted proposed amendments and comments for inclusion in the ATP Handbook on acceptable minor interior changes to insulated equipment which do not require the equipment to undergo retesting (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228, Annex III).

The Committee will be **informed** that WP.11 modified its rules of procedure (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/222/Add.1) by requiring that proposals to amend ATP should, where relevant, include an assessment of the environmental impact of the proposal in addition to its cost, feasibility and enforceability implications (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228, Annex IV).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228

5. Matters arising from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and other United Nations bodies and Conferences

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about recent matters arising from the UNECE, ECOSOC and other United Nations bodies and Conferences of interest to the Committee.

6. Draft Annual Report of activities undertaken by the Committee's subsidiary bodies in 2013

The Committee will be **presented** with a comprehensive report of activities undertaken by the Committee's subsidiary bodies during 2013 in administering the 58 United Nations conventions, agreements and other types of legal instrument which shape the international legal framework for road, rail, inland waterway and intermodal transport, as well as dangerous goods transport and vehicle construction (ECE/TRANS/2014/20). These activities took the form of policy dialogue and regulatory work, analytical activities, as well as capacity-building and technical assistance. The draft Annual Report presents concise information to the ITC delegates in a form suitable for broader publicity.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/20

III. Other questions relating to the work of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

7. Issues for approval by the Committee and of an informative character

(a) Approval of the reports of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

The Committee may wish to **approve** as a whole the reports and related activities of its subsidiary bodies and **request** the secretariat to incorporate related references in the complete ITC report on the basis of the respective annotations contained in this document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/139, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/141 and Corr.1

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/54

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/165

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/219, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/221, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/130 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/132 and Add.1–2, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/48 and Add.1–2, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/50

ECE/TRANS/WP.24/133 and Add.1–2, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1102

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1104 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1106

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/266, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/268 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/270, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/113, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/115

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/400, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/S/392

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/220

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195 and Add.1–2

(b) Preparation of the 2015 E-Road and E-Rail Traffic Censuses

The Committee may wish to **consider** and **approve** the draft resolution on the 2015 E-Road Traffic Census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/165, Annex III) and the recommendations to Governments related to this census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/4 and Corr.1) that were adopted by the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6).

The Committee may also wish to **consider** and **approve** the draft resolution on the 2015 E-Rail Traffic Census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/165, Annex IV) and the recommendations to Governments related to this census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/5) that were adopted by the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/165, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/4 and Corr.1,
ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/5

8. Results of the meetings of the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee

The Committee will **consider** document ECE/TRANS/2014/21, containing the results of the meetings held by the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee in 2013. The Committee may wish to refer to the decisions of the Bureau under the relevant items of its agenda.

The Committee may wish to **note** that, at its seventieth session, the Committee had decided that: (a) its annual sessions would be divided in three parts: policy-oriented, technical and reporting; (b) discussions would focus on issues that need consideration and require decisions by the Committee; (c) a list of main decisions would be adopted; (d) all items of informative character and formal approval by the Committee would be considered as a whole and on the basis of the annotated agenda circulated by the secretariat.

The Committee may further wish to **note** that the adoption of the report of the seventy-sixth session will be limited to a list of main decisions, while the complete report of the Committee will be circulated at a later stage.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/21

9. Report of the Committee to the UNECE Executive Committee

The Committee will be **informed** that the practice of Committee Chairs reporting to UNECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) about the results of the Committee session has been reinstated.

10. Approval of the biennial evaluation of the Committee's work for 2012–2013

The Committee may wish to **consider** and **adopt** the programme performance assessment for 2012–2013 (biennial evaluation) of the Transport subprogramme (ECE/TRANS/2014/22). This document provides an overview of the performance assessments of the transport subprogramme and is drawn up in line with the decision of the

Commission requesting each Sectoral Committee to conduct biennial evaluations, and the plan for the biennial performance assessment which the Inland Transport Committee adopted at its seventy-fourth session in 2012.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/22

11. Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2014–2015 and Strategic framework for 2016–2017

The Committee will have before it document ECE/TRANS/2014/23 containing the draft programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for the period 2014–2015. At its session in November 2013, the Bureau considered the draft programme of work for the period 2014–2015 and decided to recommend it to the Committee for approval.

The Committee is invited to **consider** and **adopt** its programme of work for the biennium 2014–2015 for subsequent formal approval by the UNECE Executive Committee. The Committee will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium and such adjustments will be reflected in a separate document.

The outputs/activities listed in this document correspond to the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2014–2015. 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 and advisory services.

The Committee may also wish to **consider** and **adopt** the biennial evaluation plan (2014–2015) for the Transport subprogramme contained in document ECE/TRANS/2014/24. At its session in November 2013, the Bureau considered the biennial evaluation plan (2014–2015) for the Transport subprogramme and decided to recommend it to the Committee for approval.

The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in order to facilitate the task of the Committee in assessing whether all outputs which are necessary to achieve the expected result have been included in the plan.

Furthermore, the Committee is invited to **consider** and **approve** the draft Strategic Framework 2016–2017 for Transport subprogramme (ECE/TRANS/2014/25). In accordance with the UNECE programme planning process, the draft strategic framework must be reviewed by the Sectoral Committees, (or their Bureaux when Committees have not met during the last four months of 2013) before submission to the UNECE Executive Committee in November/December 2013 and to United Nations Headquarters in early 2014. The Bureau, at its November 2013 session, considered the draft proposal and decided to recommend it to the Committee for approval.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/23, ECE/TRANS/2014/24, ECE/TRANS/2014/25

12. Draft work plan for 2014–2018

The Committee will have before it document ECE/TRANS/2014/26 containing its draft Work plan. The Committee may wish to **adopt** its work plan for the period 2014–2018.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/26

13. Election of officers for the Committee's sessions in 2015 and 2016

The Committee is expected to **elect** its officers for its sessions in 2015 and 2016.

14. Composition of the Committee's Bureau in 2015 and 2016

The Committee may wish to **decide** on the composition of its Bureau for the preparation of its sessions in 2015 and 2016.

15. List of publications for the period 2016–2017

A list of planned publications for the biennium 2016–2017 will be **presented** to the Committee.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/27

16. Schedule of meetings in 2014

A preliminary list of meetings has been circulated for **consideration** and **adoption** by the Committee, based on proposals made by the Committee's subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/28

IV. Partnerships and activities of other organizations of interest to the Committee**17. Transport developments in the European Union**

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, about the most important legislative and policy initiatives in the field of transport undertaken by the European Union in 2013.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2014/29

18. Developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the International Transport Forum about the latest developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum.

Documentation

Informal document No. 9

19. Activities of other organizations of interest to the Committee

The Committee may wish to be **informed** by representatives from other organizations about their recent activities of interest to the Committee.

V. Fourth Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

20. Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies on the participation of non-ECE contracting parties in the Committee's subsidiary bodies and on ways to strengthen cooperation (one and one-half hour restricted meeting — for government delegates only)

The Committee may wish to **recall** that the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments, the members of the Bureau and Government delegates participating in the seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions of the Committee attended the second and third meeting respectively of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies. The meetings – restricted to Government delegates only – allowed the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies to focus on the review of the UNECE reform, as well as on issues related to strengthening cooperation, synergy and interdependence and sharing experiences.

All Government delegates are **invited to participate** in this meeting. The provisional agenda will be circulated as Informal document No. 10, along with any other related documents. In view of the fact that the meeting is restricted to Government delegates only, the results of the discussions will be circulated in the form of Chair's conclusions among the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies, members of the Bureau and heads and members of Government delegations.

Documentation

Informal document No. 10

VI. Miscellaneous

21. Any other business. Date of next session

The Committee may **note** that its seventy-seventh session is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva from 24 to 26 February 2015.

VII. List of decisions

22. Adoption of the list of main decisions of the seventy-sixth session

The Committee will **adopt** the list of main decisions of the seventy-sixth session.
