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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-ninth session^{1,2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 22 September 2014

I. Provisional agenda

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3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968):
 - (a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations;

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² All 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 no later than one week prior to the session by e-mail (roadsafety@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 72401). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm.

- (b) Driving Permits;
- (c) Registration Plates.
- 4. European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic (1971).
- 5. Convention on Road Traffic (1949).
- 6. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968):
 - (a) Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals;
 - (b) Amendment Proposals on Variable Message Signs (VMS).
- 7. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1):
 - (a) A Safe System Approach;
 - (b) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI);
 - (c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving.
- 8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2):
 - (a) Secure Parking Areas;
 - (b) Automatic section speed control.
- 9. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings
- 10. Decade of Action for Road Safety:
 - (a) Revision of WP.1 terms of reference and rules of procedure;
 - (b) WP.1 and Decade of Action for Road Safety;
 - (c) Round table on selected global best practices in traffic safety.
- 11. Other Business.
- 12. Date of next session.
- 13. Election of officers.
- 14. Adoption of the report of the sixty-ninth session.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/146

2. Activities of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party will be informed about recent road safety related developments. National delegations and international organizations will have the opportunity to present national or international road safety activities and initiatives, including recent and coming changes to their traffic legislation. The secretariat will brief WP.1 about the Fourth High-level Meeting

on Transport, Health and Environment of 14-16 April 2014 and the related Ministerial (Paris) Declaration - City in Motion: People First!, in particular its paragraph 12 (www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/thepep/documents/D%C3%A9claration_de_Paris_EN.pdf).

3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations

At its sixty-eighth session, WP.1 adopted proposal amendments related to Article 8, paragraph 5bis, and Article 39, paragraph 1. The secretariat will provide an update on the status of the amendments.

WP.1 will also discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/7 submitted by the Government of Sweden, which highlights the importance for WP.1 to pursue the issues related to autonomous driving.

WP.1 will be invited to continue considering the amendment proposals related to Annex 5 originally proposed in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4, the discussion of which was postponed at the sixty-eighth session. To assist discussions, the secretariat has prepared ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.3 which contains the original amendment proposals (with deletions identified in strikethrough and additions in bold) which are still to be discussed by WP.1 and the tentatively agreed (based on the discussions at previous sessions) “remainder” of the text. WP.1 will be invited to consider the remaining amendment proposals.

WP.1 will also consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/2 which was submitted and introduced by the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA) at the sixty-eighth session.

WP.1 will also be invited to consider Informal documents Nos. 1 and 2 (submitted by Laser Europe) proposing further amendments to Annex 5.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.3,
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/7, Informal document No.1,
Informal document No.2

(b) Driving Permits

The Working Party will consider a proposal on suitable solutions for the mutual recognition of driving permits prepared by the informal expert group consisting of representatives of France, Luxembourg, Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8).

As requested by WP.1 at its sixty-eighth session, the secretariat has prepared a work plan outlining potential amendments in relation to the provisions related to the translation of international driving permits (IDPs) in Annex 10 of the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic and para. 4, Annex 7 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic. The work plan also covers the creation of an inventory of IDPs and suggestions in relation to other issues related to implementing IDP provisions pursuant to the 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic (Informal document No. 3).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8, Informal document No. 3

(c) Registration Plates

At its sixty-eighth session, WP.1 discussed emerging issues related to personalized registration plates following a presentation by Belgium on registration plates without at least one numeral. To facilitate further discussion, Belgium has prepared a document on this matter which proposes amending paragraph 1 of Annex 2(ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/9).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/9

4. European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic (1971)

At the sixty-seventh session, the informal group comprised of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Russian Federation and Sweden was invited to submit a new formal document on the issues of a “driver being in control of vehicle” (in particular, Articles 8 and 13 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic, the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and 1949 Convention on Road Traffic). Due to time constraints at the sixty-eighth session, WP.1 decided to postpone discussion on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/3 to the present session. The document proposes amendments to the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.

The secretariat will seek WP.1 agreement to distribute a questionnaire to all Contracting Parties to obtain a measure of the level of implementation of provisions related to international technical inspection certificates (point 26bis, Annex).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/3

5. Convention on Road Traffic (1949)

At the sixty-seventh session, the informal group comprised of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Russian Federation and Sweden was invited to submit a new formal document on the issues of a “driver being in control of vehicle” (in particular, Articles 8 and 13 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic, the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and 1949 Convention on Road Traffic). Due to time constraints at the sixty-eighth session, WP.1 decided to postpone discussion on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/4 to the present session. The document proposes amendments to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/4

6. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

(a) Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

The secretariat (or Chair of the Group of Experts) will provide an update on the first session of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals which met on 27 March 2014.

WP.1 may wish to discuss a Ministerial invitation to consider amendments to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals related to signs and signals for cyclists and

pedestrians as stipulated in the Paris Declaration (paragraph 12) signed at the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment.

(b) Amendment Proposals on Variable Message Signs (VMS)

The VMS Informal Expert Group will be invited to introduce ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/5/Rev.1 which aims at developing an amendment proposal to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/5/Rev.1

7. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

(a) A Safe System Approach

WP.1 will be invited to commence discussion of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1 which incorporates Sweden's amendment proposals to include a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1). At the last session, WP.1 agreed to defer discussion on this item to this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1

(b) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI)

WP.1 may wish to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.1 submitted by Sweden, which now includes an additional chapter submitted by the Government of Finland. ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.1 aims to facilitate the amendment of R.E.1 to include MDCI. At the last session, WP.1 agreed to defer discussion on this item to this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.1

(c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving

WP.1 will be invited to resume its discussion on the topic of distracted driving. To facilitate the discussion, the Working Party will consider Informal document No. 4 to be submitted by France, Italy, the Russian Federation and the United States of America on national experiences, challenges, successful interventions and existing research on distracted driving.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4

8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

(a) Secure Parking Areas

At the sixty-eighth session, Belgium requested that ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9 be retained on the agenda for this session and that it would seek a regional agreement under Article 8 of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. Belgium will update WP.1 on the most recent developments in this area.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9

(b) Automatic section speed control

The secretariat will provide a further update on replies received in relation to its survey on road signs that warn road users of upcoming road sections where the average speed is measured.

9. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings

The secretariat (or Chair of the Group of Experts) will provide an overview of the outcomes of the second session of the Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings which met on 12-13 May 2014. The secretariat will show a film promoting enhanced safety at level crossings created in partnership with the Government of Switzerland and International Union of Railways (UIC) on the occasion of the International Level Crossing Awareness Day (www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp1.html).

10. Decade of Action for Road Safety

(a) Revision of WP.1 terms of reference and rules of procedure

WP.1 will consider Informal document No. 5 prepared by the secretariat which contains a first draft of the revised version of its terms of reference and rules of procedure (TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1).

Documentation

Informal document No. 5, TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1, ECE/EX/1, ECE/EX/2/Rev.1 and E/ECE/1468 (Annex III)

(b) WP.1 and Decade of Action for Road Safety

The Working Party will discuss “its future role and activities in the context of the Decade of Action for Road Safety and the challenges of road safety evolution” (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/139, para. 32). WP.1 will be invited to share its ideas and/or proposals. At the last session, WP.1 agreed to defer discussion on this item to this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/139

(c) Round table on selected global best practices in traffic safety

At its sixty-eighth session, WP.1 agreed to explore the possibility of a round table on selected global best practices in traffic safety. An informal group - comprised of the Governments of Italy, France and the United States of America – has prepared a tentative plan for the proposed round table to be conducted as part of the seventieth session of WP.1 in March 2015 (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/10).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/10

11. Other Business

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

12. Date of next session

The seventieth session of WP.1 will be held from 23-26 March 2015 in Geneva.

13. Election of officers

The Working Party will be invited to elect its officers for the period March 2015 – September 2016. The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of WP.1 (Chapter V, Rule 12, TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1) stipulate that “every two years, WP.1 shall, at the end of the last session of the second year, elect from among the representatives of members of the UNECE a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who shall take office at the start of the first session of the year following their election. The officers shall be eligible for re-election.” The current WP.1 officers are Ms. L. Iorio from Italy (Chair), Mr. D. Mitroshin from Russian Federation (Vice-Chair) and Mr. J. Valmain from France (Vice-Chair).

Documentation

TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1

14. Adoption of the report of the sixty-ninth session

The Working Party will adopt the report of its sixty-ninth session.
