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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twelfth session***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 30 August 2017.

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Programme of Work: Taking Stock of National Legislation:
 - (a) Analysis of information collected via the web-based Road Signs Management System: remaining G, and H signs;

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- (b) New design for signs G, 1a, G, 1b, and G, 1c;
 - (c) Secretariat's amendment proposals;
 - (d) Sign to communicate the need to crash through gates (barriers) of a vehicle if trapped at a level crossing;
 - (e) Use of an oblique bar in the C, 3, C, 4a and C, 4b signs;
 - (f) Amendment proposal to the text of point 8 (a) (i) of Section E, Annex 1;
 - (g) Use of rectangular panels or other solutions to warn road users about temporary road works;
 - (h) Evaluation of the non-Convention signs and related observations.
- 3. Other Business.
 - 4. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
 - 5. Adoption of the Report.

II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/23

2. Programme of Work: Taking Stock of National Legislation

(a) Analysis of information collected via the web-based Road Signs Management System: remaining G and H section signs

At the last session, the Group of Experts requested that the secretariat prepare an amendment proposal on the G section signs, in particular G, 11, G, 12, and G, 17 to G, 24. The Group of Experts also requested the secretariat to review and propose amendments to the H, 3 b, and other H section signs as necessary. Accordingly, the Group of Experts is invited to consider Informal document No. 1 prepared by the Secretariat as requested.

Thereafter, the Group of Experts will continue with its stock take of the information collected via the web-based Road Signs Management System from H, 4 a onwards using the methodology agreed upon at the second session, i.e. sign-by-sign assessment focusing on deviation identification and description, deviation evaluation, recommendations and assignment of "in-conformity indicators" for both images and definitions. The experts of Kuwait will facilitate discussion by providing their analysis for the signs H, 4 to H, 9.

(b) New design for signs G, 1a, G, 1b, and G, 1c

The Group of Experts will be invited to discuss new design for signs G, 1a, G, 1b, and G, 1c based on options that experts are expected to prepare for this session. When preparing their options for new G, 1 signs, experts are expected to consider the "nesting and stacking" technique, as presented by Spain at the eleventh session.

(c) Secretariat's amendment proposals

The Group of Experts will be invited to:

- Consider a revised proposal prepared by the secretariat in relation to Sections F and G presented at the last session (Informal document No. 2);
- Endorse and incorporate ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2017/1 into the Annex. This document is based on Informal document No. 1 of the eleventh session which seeks to amend the Convention's provisions for signs A, 29 and G, 22, to ensure that they do not refer to "bars" but to "stripes"; and
- Endorse ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2017/2 into the Annex. This document is based on Informal document No. 2 of the eleventh session which seeks to replace the term "plate", where appropriate, with the term "additional panel", and the term "STOP symbol" with the term "STOP inscription".

The Chair will provide feedback on his review of the Convention and its 1971 European Supplement in relation to the references to "band" and "diagonal bar".

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2017/1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2017/2

(d) Sign to communicate the need to crash through gates (barriers) of a vehicle if trapped at a level crossing

The experts from Austria and Kuwait, and any other experts, will be invited to present the revision of their original designs of a sign to communicate the need to crash through gates (barriers) of a vehicle if trapped at a level crossing.

(e) Use of an oblique bar in the C, 3, C, 4a and C, 4b signs

The experts from Portugal and Switzerland will be invited to offer suggestions regarding the use of an oblique bar in the C, 3, C, 4a and C, 4b signs, as well as other prohibitory signs.

(f) Amendment proposal to the text of point 8 (a) (i) of Section E, Annex 1

At the ninth session the Group of Experts formulated an amendment proposal to the text of point 8 (a) (i) of Section E, Annex 1 but have not reached a consensus on it. Accordingly, the Group of Experts may wish to revert to this amendment proposal.

(g) Use of rectangular panels or other solutions to warn road users about temporary road works

The Group will be invited to discuss the use of rectangular panels or other solutions to warn road users about temporary road works (ref. Article 31) or permanent changes to the road infrastructure in the 1968 Convention and to clarify the meaning of "exceptional circumstances" (ref. to point 7 of the European Agreement).

(h) Evaluation of the non-Convention signs and related observations

The Group will be invited to continue its discussions started at the sixth session on the evaluation of the non-Convention signs and related observations presented by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2016/1).

3. Other Business

The secretariat will provide a detailed update of the development of e-CoRSS. The Group of Experts is invited to provide its comments.

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss the possibility of an extension of its mandate to complete its programme of work.

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other matters of interest.

4. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Group of Experts is scheduled to take place on 21-22 November 2017 in Geneva.

5. Adoption of the Report

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of its twelfth session.
