

# **Terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)**

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Current WP.1 ToR (TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1 of 27 October 2005):

- Full participants

UNECE member states

- Participation in consultative capacity

Non-UNECE member States but Parties to Conventions on Road Traffic and Road Signs and Signals

- Participation in consultative capacity at the invitation of the secretariat

Other non-UNECE member States

- Participation in consultative capacity in accordance with paras. 12 and 13 of UNECE ToR

Specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs

- WP.1 is obliged to amend its Terms of Reference to incorporate the “Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of working parties within UNECE” (ECE/EX/1 of 9 Oct 2006).
- In particular, the WP.1 Terms of Reference should address point 2 of ECE/EX/1:

*“Working Parties are open for participation by all UNECE member states. Non-UNECE member States can participate as observers or, if agreed by the parent Sectoral Committee, as full members. In addition, relevant international organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) can also be invited as observers, in compliance with the UN rules and practices in this respect.”*

Subsequent amendments believed to be required:

- Full participants

**UNECE member States and non-UNECE member States if agreed by the Inland Transport Committee**

- (Automatic) Participation in consultative capacity

**Non-UNECE member States**

- Participation in consultative capacity in accordance with paras. 12 and 13 of UNECE ToR

**Specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs**

## Proposal for specific amendment text: Chapter I, Participation, Rule 1

(a) Member **States** of the **UNECE** which are specified in paragraph 7 of the Terms of Reference of the **UNECE** (document E/ECE/778/Rev.5) **and non-UNECE member States if agreed by the Inland Transport Committee in accordance with ECE/EX/1 of 9 October 2006 (as specified in Annex 1)** shall be full participants **of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)**.

~~(b) Non-members of the ECE which are Contracting Parties to the Convention on Road Traffic, done at Vienna in 1968, and/or the Convention on Road Signs and Signals, done at Vienna in 1968 (hereinafter, the 1968 Vienna Conventions), shall be participants in a consultative capacity.~~

~~(b)~~ Other non-member **States** of the **UNECE**, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Terms of Reference of the **UNECE** ~~may, on invitation of the secretariat or on their request, participate~~ **shall be participants** in a consultative capacity ~~in~~ **of** WP.1 on any matter of particular concern to those ~~countries~~ **States**.

~~(c)~~ Specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Terms of Reference of the **UNECE**, may, after notification of the secretariat, participate in a consultative capacity in WP.1 in the consideration of any matter of particular concern to those agencies or organizations.