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2015 E-Road traffic census

Note by the secretariat

I. Background

1. At its seventy-sixth session, the Inland Transport Committee adopted the draft resolution on the 2015 E-Road Traffic Census (ECE/TRANS/240 para. 90). In particular, the Inland transport Committee invited governments to supply the results of the 2015 E-Road traffic census to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe secretariat, if possible before 1 November 2016. The committee also encouraged the secretariat to dedicate more resources to the dissemination of the E-Road and E-Rail census results, in particular as contained in the pan-European map.

II. Progress

2. As of 4 May 2017, the secretariat has received censuses from 15 countries, namely Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Georgia, Lithuania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and Turkey.
3. The secretariat has also been in contact with Latvia, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and hopes to receive census results for these member States soon.

III. Improving Dissemination

4. In order to improve dissemination of the results, upon receipt of the census results the secretariat asked member States for any Geographic Information System (GIS) files (such as Shape files) used to create maps of the traffic volumes (most countries provided a PDF map of their traffic volumes).

5. As of 4 May 2017, Austria, Czechia, Slovenia and Lithuania have submitted Shape files that the secretariat should be able to use and combine into a pan-European map. Sweden has indicated that its Transport Administration (Trafikverket) has an open data resource that may be used in a similar way to a Shape file.
6. The Working Party may wish to consider including a requirement for a GIS version of the mapped results in the 2020 E-Road census.
7. The Working Party may wish to advise the secretariat on any other improvements to the dissemination of the census results.
