
ECE secretariat commitment on road safety -
Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1), World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), and Working party on Statistics (WP.6), Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety.

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Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1),
Main achievements during the decade

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

- About 50 new accessions from across the world - most recent, Honduras acceding to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic
- Gradual opening of AETR Agreement to North African and Middle East countries (beyond UNECE)
- Intense work on amending 1968 Road Traffic Convention to accommodate automated vehicles
- A major amendment proposal to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals to facilitate its use
- Comprehensive re-design/modernization of hundreds of sign images
- Update of Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic to incorporate a safe system approach
World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)

Main achievements during the decade

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

- Pedestrian protection
- Child Restraint Systems
- Pole Side Impact
- Hydrogen and Electric Vehicle Safety
- Accident Emergency Call System
- Advanced Emergency Braking System
- Blind Spots
ADR now counts 52 contracting parties (7 new CPs since 1 January 2010)

Contracting Parties to the ADR have adopted a Protocol to amend the title of ADR to the “Agreement concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road”, removing the “European” prefix (effective 1 January 2021) reaffirming the invitation to all United Nations Member States to join and fully implement ADR, supporting progress towards road safety targets of the Sustainable Development Goals

In the last 10 years, WP.15 adopted amendments to ADR with a view to further improve road safety, including:

- Amendments to the instructions in writing available on board the vehicles
- Amendments related to construction of vehicles intended for the carriage of dangerous goods, their approval and their periodic technical inspection
- Amendments to the requirements for safe loading, stowage, segregation of dangerous goods in vehicles and freight containers, and their unloading
- Amendments to Parts 8 and 9 of ADR, providing requirements for the operation of vehicles carrying dangerous goods (speed limitation, use of parking brakes and wheel chocks, supervision, etc)
- Amendments to maintain harmonization between modes and to facilitate intermodal transport solutions
- Adoption of revised provisions related to the training and examination of vehicle drivers and new models of ADR certificates with security features

WP.15 continues its work on defining requirements for e-learning, improving incident reporting, facilitating and promoting the use of telematics and tracking systems

In 2013, WP.15 adopted a Road Map for the implementation of ADR and observance of the rules and related administrative procedures: Since then, it has been distributed in all meetings and awareness-raising workshops that have taken place and it is available on the ECE website
Biennial Road Accident Statistics publication. Through secretariat engagement, the top-level fatality data are available for 55 out of 56 member States. Better road accident data breakdown (by gender, age, user) now available for many countries.

WP.6 also collecting data on safety at level crossings, dealing with both road and rail safety.


UNECE-ILO-IMO Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport units (CTU Code) provides comprehensive information and references on all aspects of loading and securing cargo in containers so as to make sure that loaded cargo, among others, would not be the source of road accident. WP.24 manages and promotes the application of the CTU Code in intermodal transport.
- Visited 85 Member States, held bilateral meetings with 25 Heads of States and 175 Ministers advocating the accession to, and more effective implementation of, United Nations road safety legal instruments.
- Supported the establishment of a first-ever United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) and secured contributions.
- Inspired establishment of the Friends of Road Safety Network in Geneva and New York.
- Leading advocacy toward Automotive Industry Voluntary Commitment
- Hosted three United Nations Partnership Meetings for Road Safety
- Contributed to the second and third Ministerial Conferences on Road Safety and their Declarations as well as subsequent UN General Assembly Resolutions
- Supports the implementation of Road Safety Performance Reviews in developing countries
- Supported 14 national and regional capacity-building for Member States with great needs, and raises the profile of road safety on the global development agenda.
- The Special Envoy has effectively deepened engagement and increased visibility of the cause among governments, the private sector, the United Nations system
Thank you!