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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2002-2006

Note by the secretariat

The Working Party may wish to examine its draft programme of work for 2002-2006 and, in particular, the continued relevance of priorities assigned to individual work elements and the expected outputs identified for the next two-year period, i.e. by 2002 or 2003.

Proposals made by the secretariat for deletion are contained in square brackets; additions are in bold text.

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PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.3: ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY

Priority: 1

Description: Mindful of the world-wide scope of its work, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will examine matters and adopt measures aimed at improving road traffic safety. To this end, it will consider, inter alia, the implementation of the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and the European Agreements supplementing them and elaborate proposals for updating these legal instruments as well as the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.1 and R.E.2). It will also seek to promote the global application of this work.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety will pursue the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Monitoring and encouraging the implementation of the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals **and the Protocol on Road Markings** and the European Agreements supplementing them, and elaboration of amendment proposals to these legal instruments with a view to raising of road safety standards. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of [2001]2002/2003:

- Consideration and/or adoption where appropriate of a number of amendment proposals to the above instruments concerning, in particular, the safety of cyclists and moped riders; international driving permits; definitions of mopeds and motorcycles; siting of traffic signs; safety in tunnels (**user behaviour and signing**); [signing of road works]; **priority at roundabouts; blue markings; mobile phones; behaviour at pedestrian crossings; incorporation of the distinguishing sign into the registration plate; accident black spots; visibility and legibility of signs** [overtaking] etc;
 - [- Establishment of a feedback mechanism with the help of a questionnaire to be circulated among States Parties to the above legal instruments;]
- (b) Development of new recommendations to be included in the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic and Road Signs and Signals (R.E.1 and R.E.2) and updating of the existing ones (in cooperation with other subsidiary bodies of the ITC) for the purpose of ensuring higher standards of safety on roads. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of [2001] 2002/2003:

- [- Formulation and inclusion in R.E.1 of new recommendations on pedestrians;
 - Incorporation in R.E.1 and R.E.2 of recommendations concerning speed control humps and their signing, as well as the sign for contraflow cyclists and the conditions for its use;]
 - Consideration, development and incorporation into R.E.1 and R.E.2 of recommendations concerning [assistance to victims of road accidents] **technical inspections, use of mobile phones while driving, safety in tunnels, road works signing, safety of skateboarders, roller skaters, etc., use of headlamps during the day, visibility and legibility of road signs**;
 - **Issuance of R.E.1 according to the newly adopted structure;**
 - [- Submission to the Inland Transport Committee of revised texts of Consolidated Resolutions R.E.1 and R.E.2 for adoption.]
- (c) Exchange of information on national road safety programmes, in particular taking into account means of financing of road safety activities, and on road safety regulations and

requirements in force in member States and circulation of such information in order to avail Governments of the practice and experience gained on these matters.

Priority: 3

Output expected by the end of [2000] 2002/2003: Updating the set of tables reflecting current national road traffic safety requirements, national legal instruments and national methods of training and follow-up for categories A and B driving licences.

- (d) Assisting countries in transition in the establishment of sound and up-to-date traffic safety practice and procedures [and organizing to this end workshops or seminars on road safety].

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of [2000] 2002/2003 **Organization of a workshop or seminar on road safety possibly in collaboration with other organizations.** [Participation in the organization of a workshop on assistance to victims of road accidents within the framework of the Third Road Safety Week (possibly in Hungary in May 2000).]

- (e) Consideration of selected timely topics related to road safety in the form of an in-depth discussion based on papers prepared by experts and undertaking appropriate follow-up action with a view to finding concerted solutions to the most urgent problems in the field of traffic safety.

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of [2000] 2002/2003: Identification of at least one timely topic for in-depth discussion.

ACTIVITIES OF LIMITED DURATION

- (f) Examination with the help of a small group of experts of the possibility of preparing a new legal instrument on driving permits based on the EU Directive 91/439/EEC.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of [2001] 2002/2003: **Decision on the possibility of developing a new legal instrument.**

- (g) [Examination of the possibility of] Contribution to activities envisaged in the Programme of Joint Action adopted at the 1997 Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment, **as well as the London Charter on Transport, Environment and Health**

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2002/2003: **Consideration of proposals to amend the Vienna Conventions and European Agreements emanating from the Vienna and/or London follow-up processes.**

- [(g) Preparation of the Third ECE Road Safety Week with a view to encouraging greater partnership between public administrations, private sector organizations and road users aimed at improving the safety of vulnerable road users.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2000:

- Organization in May 2000 of the Road Safety Week campaign in the ECE region in accordance with the Programme adopted by WP.1;]
- (h) Evaluation of the Road Safety Week and adoption of possible follow-up action.
Output expected by the end of 2001: Organization of a day of evaluation on 10 September 2001.
- (i) Consideration of possible approaches to the work on a United Nations Long-Term Strategy on Road Safety aimed at the establishment within the United Nations of a concerted programme of action in this regard. [Consideration of the form of collaboration with the World Bank Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP)] Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of [2000] 2002: Decision on **the possibility of developing** a long-term strategy aimed at the improvement of road traffic safety in the ECE region **or an alternative initiative.**
