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Ad Hoc Meeting on the Road Traffic Census
(29-30 October 1998)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, 29 October 1998

1. Adoption of the agenda
 2. Election of officers
 3. Results of the 1995 E Road Census
 - (a) French and Russian translation of Country Notes to the 1995 E Road Census
 - (b) 1995 Census results of the Russian Federation
 4. Preparation of recommendations for the 2000 Combined Census of Road Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe (E Road Census and Inventory)
- UN Publication
(Sales No. E/F.97.II.E.20)
- TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/1998/1
- TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/1998/2
- TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/12/Add.1

5. Draft Resolution on 2000 E Road Census and Inventory TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/13, Annex
6. Other business
7. Adoption of the Report

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

NOTE: The Ad Hoc session will be held immediately following the forty-ninth session of the UN/ECE Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6), scheduled to be held from 26 to 28 October, 1999 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Participants to the Ad Hoc session are welcome to participate at the session of the Working Party.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure and established practice, the Ad Hoc Session will elect a Chairman.

3. RESULTS OF THE 1995 E ROAD CENSUS

The Ad Hoc session will be presented with the results of the 1995 Census of Road Traffic on Main International Traffic Arteries, prepared for the first time in the context of a Geographic Information System (GIS), and available as a UN Publication (Sales No.E/F.97.II.E.20). The Project on the Automation and the Geographic Application of the E Road Census was undertaken with the assistance of consultants and will allow for greater accuracy, improved presentation and easier analysis and updating for future censuses. Particular problems encountered in the preparation of the 1995 Census will be discussed on the basis of informal documentation available at the session.

(a) French and Russian translation of Country Notes to the 1995 E Road Census

The Country Notes accompanying the 1995 Census Results were elaborated in English Only. The French and Russian Translations of the Country Notes can be found in TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/1998/1.

(b) 1995 Census results of the Russian Federation

For countries from whom census data was received after the closing period of 1 September 1997, data has been reproduced in TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/1998/2 and Addenda, if necessary.

4. PREPARATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2000 COMBINED CENSUS OF ROAD TRAFFIC AND INVENTORY OF STANDARDS AND PARAMETERS ON MAIN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC ARTERIES IN EUROPE (E Road Census and Inventory)

At its forty-eighth session, the Working Party on Transport Statistics was informed about the decision of the Principal Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) to integrate the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Road network with the E Road Traffic Census. The first combined Road Census and Inventory would be carried out in the year 2000, with the combined database to be developed in a GIS (TRANS/WP.6/133, paras. 54-57).

In this connection, Governments and interested international organizations are invited to prepare the recommendations for the 2000 Combined Census of Road Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe. As a basis for discussion, the Ad Hoc session may wish to use the recommendations adopted for the 1995 Census (TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/12/Add.1) and to propose any modifications considered necessary in light of requirements for the 2000 Census and Inventory.

The Ad Hoc session may wish to consider, in particular, the following issues:

- (a) Purpose and Usage of the Combined Census and Inventory;
- (b) Coverage of the Combined Census and Inventory (European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) (ECE/TRANS/16 and Amends. 1-6), as well as the Report of the Ad Hoc Meeting on the AGR on its sixteenth session, the annex of which included the extension of the E Road Network to Central Asian and Caucasus ECE Member States [TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/32]);
- (c) Design of the GIS database (integration of digitized information on Census and Inventory)
- (d) Scope of the Combined Census and Inventory (values to be reported for AADT, holiday traffic, peak-hour traffic, night traffic and others);
- (e) New infrastructure variables to be reported (design speeds, average width of traffic lanes, central reserves and emergency stopping strips, others)
- (f) Comparability with the 1995 Census
- (g) Compilation of data, including maps in the GIS database

5. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON 2000 E ROAD CENSUS AND INVENTORY

The Ad Hoc session may wish to approve the Draft Resolution on the 2000 E Road Census and Inventory, as prepared by the secretariat and annexed to this agenda, and transmit it to the Inland Transport Committee for adoption at its sixty-first session (8-11 February 1999)

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The Ad Hoc session may wish to discuss the possibilities of producing the 1995 Census results on a CD-ROM, as well as the possibilities for putting a portion of the data on the Transport Division's Home Page (WWW).

7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report of the Ad Hoc Session

on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat. Due to the length of the Ad Hoc Session, the Report will be adopted in English only, to be subsequently translated and submitted to the members of the Session and of the Working Party on Transport Statistics. The Recommendations by Governments for the 2000 Census will be prepared by the secretariat as an addendum to the final Report.

Annex

2000 Combined Census of Road Traffic and Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe

(E Road Census and Inventory)

Draft Resolution No. 247

to be submitted to the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-first session (8-11 February 1999)

The Inland Transport Committee,

Having regard to the last paragraph of its resolution No. 169 of 15 January 1954 (E/ECE/TRANS/445),

1. Invites Governments:

(a) To take a census of traffic on the E Roads on their national territory, in accordance with the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe (AGR), and in line with the Recommendations to Governments for the 2000 Combined Census of Road Traffic and Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe (E Road Census and Inventory) as set forth in UN/ECE document TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/13/Add.1, considering 2000 as the reference year;

(b) To supply the results of the combined E Road Census and Inventory to the UN/ECE secretariat, if possible before 31 March 2002, in conformity with the Recommendations set forth in UN/ECE document TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/13/Add.1;

2. Recommends that Governments take a census of traffic on other non-urban roads in their national territory, applying where possible, the methods set out in the Recommendations mentioned under paragraph 1(a) above;

3. Requests Governments to inform the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) by 31 September 2001 whether they agree to implement the provisions of this resolution.
