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Group of Experts on the Operationalization of eCMR

Seventh session

Geneva, 22–24 May 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventh session*,**

To be held in-person at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 22 May 2024 and continuing on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 (a.m.) May 2024 in Salle IX

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Outcomes at SC.1, ITC and EXCOM.
3. Programme of work: finalization of the report of GE.22.
4. Tentative dates of future sessions.
5. Other business.
6. Adoption of the list of decisions.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/13

* Delegates are requested to register online at <https://indico.un.org/event/1010200/>.

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2. Outcomes at SC.1, ITC and EXCOM

At the 118th session of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1), the Chair of the Group of Experts on the Operationalization of eCMR (GE.22) advised SC.1 that GE.22 had met six times from July 2022 to July 2023. She updated SC.1 on the work undertaken by the Group of Experts, and summarized its report which is comprised of documents ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2023/2 to 5 and incorporate the revisions that were made at its sixth session. The GE.22 Chair emphasized that there were some points in the analysis contained in the documents that require further elaboration for the Group to give concrete recommendations to SC.1, and to finalize the conceptual and functional specifications.

SC.1 agreed to a two-year extension of GE.22 for the completion of work based on its current terms of reference including the preparation of technical specifications (if time permits) and reporting back to SC.1 at its 120th session in October 2025. Iran (Islamic Republic of) decided based on the explanations provided during the session to withdraw its reservations to the work of the group considering that any remaining issues and concerns would be further analyzed, discussed and addressed at future sessions of GE.22 following the extension of its mandate.

At its eight-sixth session in February 2024, Inland Transport Committee (ITC) endorsed the extension of the mandate of GE.22 for up to three, taking into account budget constraints, sessions per year comprised of up to three days/session, to complete its tasks and report to SC.1 at its 120th session in October 2025. The request was also endorsed by EXCOM in March 2024.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/420, ITC Informal document No. 6/Rev.4 (86th session),
ECE/TRANS/2022/6, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/2022/1

3. Programme of work: finalization of the report of GE.22

The Group of Experts will be invited to discuss and provide experts recommendations on the outstanding items in its report to SC.1 per ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2023/2 to 5.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2023/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2023/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2023/4,
ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2023/5

4. Tentative dates of future sessions

The tentative dates of the eighth and ninth sessions of the Group of Experts are 20–22(am) January 2025, and 5–7(am) May 2025.

5. Other business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss any other business.

6. Adoption of the list of decisions

The secretariat will prepare a list of decisions during the session. The list of decisions will be adopted by the Group of Experts at the end of the session.
