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PROGRAMME OF WORK (ACTION PLAN AND STRATEGIES) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOU

Note by the UN/ECE secretariat

The secretariat reproduces in this document the programme of work of the Committee as adopted at its first session (Alexandroupolis, 12 and 13 October 1999).

In accordance with Article 4 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee may wish to review its programme of work taking account of progress achieved during the course of the year 2000.

In this context, the Committee may wish to take note of a brief progress report on the activities of the Committee to be prepared by Greece.

**PROGRAMME OF WORK (ACTION PLAN AND STRATEGIES)
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOU
FOR THE YEARS 2000 TO 2002**

adopted by the Regional Road Transport Committee at its first session at Alexandroupolis (Greece) on 13 October 1999 in accordance with Article 4 of its Rules of Procedure.

Article 3 of the MoU

Short term

objective A: Implementation of a quota free regime for “green” and “greener and safer” goods road vehicles (article 3, paragraph 3 of the MoU)

Deadline: End of 2000

Work: Establishment of harmonized procedures for the acceptance of “green” and “greener and safer” goods road vehicles for inclusion into bilateral agreements

Action: Questionnaire on proposed procedures to be transmitted to all States Parties to the MoU by the secretariat

Means: Consideration and adoption of relevant procedures at the second session of Regional Road Transport Committee in early 2000
Implementation through bilateral arrangements by all Parties to the MoU (except those having lodged a reservation) by the end of 2000

Short term

objective B: Promotion of combined transport (article 3, paragraph 5 of the MoU)

Deadline: Continuing (for regular review)

Work: Identification of measures that will be endorsed by the Committee, as appropriate, to promote combined transport in the region

Action: Documentation to be established by all Parties to the MoU

Means: Regular monitoring and consideration by the Regional Road Transport Committee

Longer-term

objective C: Quota free regime for bilateral and transit road traffic (article 3, paragraph 2 of the MoU)

Deadline: End of 2002

Work: Establishment of recommended procedures and provisions (clause type) for inclusion into bilateral transport agreements and, eventually, inclusion into the multilateral framework agreement on road transport

Action: Draft proposals by the Parties to the MoU

Regular monitoring (every six months) through questionnaires to be issued by the secretariat

Means: Consideration and adoption at the second session of the Regional Road Transport Committee in early 2000

Progress to be monitored regularly by the Committee until the end of 2002 and beyond, if necessary

Article 4 of the MoU

Objective: Accession to the 16 international transport treaties established in the framework of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) as identified in the MoU

Deadline: End of 2002

Work: Establishment of a regular status report

Action: Monitoring of the status of accession and assistance during these legal and administrative procedures by the secretariat

Means Regular considerations at the sessions of the Regional Road Transport Committee
Assistance to be provided by those SECI participating States having already acceded to the relevant Agreements and by the UN/ECE secretariat, if required.

Article 5 of the MoU

Objective: Harmonization of maximum permissible weights and dimensions with those applicable in the European Community as well as weighing procedures

Deadline: Continuing (for regular review)

Work: Review of existing practice

Action: Regular provision of relevant information by Parties to the MoU

Means: Regular consideration at the sessions of the Regional Road Transport Committee

Article 6 of the MoU

- Objective:** Preparation of a Protocol to the MoU on relevant E-Roads (incl. identification of sectors already able to accept road vehicles complying with European Community requirements, identification of sectors not yet upgraded and provision of information on plans for upgrading these sections)
- Deadline:** End of 2000
- Work:** Drafting of a Protocol to the MoU
- Action:** Preparation of a questionnaire by the UN/ECE secretariat for transmission to all SECI participating States in November/December 1999
Deadline for replies: February 2000
- Means:** Consideration and adoption of the Protocol by the Regional Road Transport Committee at its second session in early 2000

Article 7 of the MoU

- Objective:** Establishment of a vehicle weight certificate
- Deadline:** End of 2000
- Work:** Preparation of a draft certificate, incl. criteria for weighing stations and weighing procedures on the basis of work undertaken in the framework of the UN/ECE
- Action:** Preparation of a document on technical issues
- Means:** Small group of interested technical experts to be convened in early 2000 by the host country. Document to be transmitted for approval to the second session of the Regional Road Transport Committee in early 2000.

Article 8 of the MoU

- Objective:** Rationalization and gradual convergence of charging policies
- Deadline:** Continuing (for regular review)
- Work:** Permanent monitoring of road user charges and related policies, particularly those concerning E-Roads identified in accordance with article 6
- Action:** Documentation to be regularly submitted by the Parties to the MoU via the secretariat
- Means:** Regular consideration and monitoring by the Regional Road Transport Committee.

Consideration of a possible protocol to the MoU on this issue at the next session of the Committee in early 2000

Article 9 of the MoU

Objective: Establishment of an information system on charges related to road transport
Deadline: End of 2000
Work: Establishment of a permanent information system via questionnaires transmitted regularly (every six months) by the secretariat to all Parties to the MoU
Action: Preparation and updating of a (regular) questionnaire prepared by the secretariat
Establishment of a web site by the UN/ECE with linkages to other related sites
Means: Adoption of the questionnaire and a procedure by the second session of the Regional Road Transport Committee in early 2000

Article 10 of the MoU

Objective: Facilitation of visa procedures for professional drivers
Deadline: Continuing (for regular review)
Work: Establishment of a compendium on best practices by the end of 2000
Action: Transmission of a questionnaire to Parties to the MoU on current practices by the secretariat
Means: Regular consideration at the sessions of the Regional Road Transport Committee

Article 11, paragraph 2 of the MoU

Objective: Preparation of a draft multilateral framework agreement on road transport
Deadline: Not yet fixed
Work: Preparation of a draft framework agreement, incl. also provisions on passenger transport (article 12, paragraph 1)
Action: Review of existing relevant rules as well as bilateral and multilateral legislation
Means: Consideration by the Regional Road Transport Committee
