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REPORT

ATTENDANCE

1. The Working Party on Transport Statistics held its fifty-fourth session in Geneva from 11 to 13 June 2003 under the chairmanship of Mr. Erik Grib (Denmark). Representatives of the following UNECE member States participated: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom. The European Commission (Eurostat) and the World Health Organization (WHO) were also represented. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) and the Danube Commission (DC). The following non-governmental organizations were represented: International Road Transport Union (IRU); International Union of Railways (UIC). A representative from the Trans-European Railway (TER) Project was also present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The Working Party **adopted** the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat together with its Addendum 1 (TRANS/WP.6/144 and Add.1).

REVISION OF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS USED IN TRANSPORT STATISTICS

(a) Presentation of the new classification system for transport statistics (NST/2000)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/2002/6.

3. The Working Party **continued consideration** of a future subdivision of the NST/2000 classes with the goal of creating a pan-European classification scheme to facilitate comparison of the national statistics among all UNECE countries.

4. The representative of Eurostat **highlighted** the historical background and principal elements of the NST/2000 classification system. In this connection, he underlined that, in essence, goods ought to be classified in transport statistics by the economic activity from which they originate.

(b) Detailed presentation of a future subdivision of the NST/2000 classes

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/2003/1; TRANS/WP.6/2003/2; TRANS/WP.6/2003/3; Informal document 2; Informal document 5.

5. On the basis of information provided by the Governments of Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Poland and the United Kingdom (TRANS/WP.6/2003/1; TRANS/WP.6/2003/2; TRANS/WP.6/2003/3; Informal documents 2 and 5) reflecting their views and proposals on the subdivision of the new classification system for transport statistics (NST/2000), the Working Party **appreciated** the work done by the Governments of France and Poland (TRANS/WP.6/2002/6) concerning the preparation of the second level of NST/2000. The

Working Party **agreed to accept** the joint proposal by France and Poland with the following modifications:

Sections	Description	In CPA
015	Products of forestry and logging	02
016	Flowers and living plants	01.12.2
017	Other substances of vegetable origin	Other 01.1
019	Raw milk from bovine cattle and sheep and goats	01.21.1, 01.21.2
020	Other raw materials of animal origin	Other 01.2
031.a	iron ores	13.1
.b	other metal ores (except uranium)	13.2
034	Sand, gravel, clay, other stones, earth and minerals	14.1, 14.2 and 14.5
083	Nitrogen compounds and fertilizers (except natural fertilizers)	24.15
141	Household and municipal waste	Not relevant
142	Other waste	Not relevant
161	Containers and swap bodies in service, empty	Not relevant
162	Pallets and other packagings in service, empty	Not relevant
174	Plant equipment, scaffolding	Not relevant
191	Unidentifiable goods in containers or swap bodies	Not relevant
192	Other unidentifiable goods	Not relevant

6. Furthermore, the Working Party felt that some of the terms in the proposal should be fine tuned, taking into account the specifications contained in the statistical classification of products by activity (CPA).

7. The secretariat, together with the Government of France and Eurostat, were **asked to** finalize the proposal for a second level of NST/2000 which will be circulated as an addendum to the report under the symbol TRANS/WP.6/145/Add.1.

8. The Working Party **asked** the secretariat to circulate this document to national bodies and various international working groups, and to prepare the final proposal for the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party, which might wish to consider adopting it at its next session.

9. The Working Party also **asked** the secretariat to prepare a note about the correlation of various classification systems in use in the UNECE.

ACTIVITIES OF ECE BODIES OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

(a) Economic Commission for Europe

Documentation: ECE/2003/37-E/ECE/1406.

10. The fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Europe was held in Geneva from 4 to 5 March 2003. The Working Party **was informed** about the decisions taken by the Commission, at its fifty-eighth session, concerning such questions as the UNECE reform, major policy directions in UNECE's work, and UNECE technical assistance (ECE/2003/37; E/ECE/1406).

(b) Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/152.

11. The Inland Transport Committee (ITC) held its sixty-fifth session in Geneva from 18 to 20 February 2003. The Working Party **was informed** about matters of interest considered by the Committee, in particular in the work areas as contained in paras. 129-135 of the Committee's report (ECE/TRANS/152).

(c) Transport, environment and health

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/2003/1 (EUR/03/5040828/1); ECE/AC.21/2003/5 (EUR/03/5040828/5).

12. The Working Party **was informed** about the outcome of the first session of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Steering Committee (10-11 April 2003), which may have relevance for the activities of the Working Party. The Steering Committee responsible for the implementation of THE PEP was established by the Second High-Level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health (5 July 2002).

(d) Transport and environment reporting mechanism (TERM)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/2003/4.

13. The Working Party **noted** document TRANS/WP.6/2003/4 highlighting the major priority work subjects of the European Environment Agency (EEA) regarding the transport and environment reporting mechanism (TERM).

INTERSECRETARIAT WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORT STATISTICS (IWG)

(a) Annual report of the activities of the IWG

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/2003/5.

14. The Working Party **was presented** with the report by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG), composed of representatives of the secretariats of UNECE, ECMT and Eurostat, which took place on 6-7 February 2003 in Paris. This report is circulated in document TRANS/WP.6/2003/5.

(b) Glossary of Transport Statistics

(i) Third edition of the Glossary

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/2003/6.

15. The Working Party **noted** that the secretariat had received no comments subsequent to its fifty-third session on documents TRANS/WP.6/2002/3 and Add.1 containing definitions to be included in the Glossary.

16. The Working Party **noted** the publication of the third edition of the Glossary (TRANS/WP.6/2003/6) and **was informed** about the ongoing work within IWG regarding future updates of the Glossary (see also item 4(b)(ii) below).

17. The Working Party **appreciated** the work on the Glossary by the IWG and **adopted** the definitions as contained in document TRANS/WP.6/2003/6.

(ii) Continued work on the revision of the Glossary

18. IWG **informed** the Working Party on the definitions that relate to rail transport accidents, inland waterway transport and intermodal transport.

19. The Working Party **decided** to give an approval to the IWG to integrate updates of definitions in future versions of the Glossary. These updated definitions should be clearly identified in future revised versions of the Glossary. Once the Working Party will have approved these updates, they should be incorporated in the Glossary. The Working Party **decided** on preliminary definitions at its annual session.

20. The Working Party **decided** to have the Glossary published both on the web and as a hard copy.

(c) Web version of the Common Questionnaire

21. On the basis of a power point presentation, the representative of Eurostat informed the Working Party about the pilot Internet version of the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics. The Working Party **appreciated** the progress made towards the finalization of this pilot project and its operationalization.

(d) Presentation of the results from the rail and road pilot questionnaires

22. The representative of Eurostat **informed** the Working Party that rail and road pilot questionnaires would be sent out during the autumn of 2003.

METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND HARMONIZATION OF TRANSPORT STATISTICS

- (a) Harmonization of urban and regional transport statistics (Follow-up to the Barcelona Task Force on Sustainable Urban Transport Indicators)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/AC.3/2003/5.

23. The Working Party **was informed** by the representative of the Czech Republic about the results achieved by the joint UNECE-Czech Government Ad hoc meeting on the Harmonization of Urban and Regional Transport Statistics, which took place in Prague (15 and 16 May 2003).

24. The Working Party **noted** the report of this Ad hoc meeting (TRANS/WP.6/AC.3/2003/5), **appreciated** the efforts by the host country and **decided** to invite Governments to send their comments on the report to the secretariat for the next session.

- (b) Harmonization of statistics on the transport of dangerous goods

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/2003/7; Informal document 1.

25. The representative of Eurostat **informed** the Working Party about new developments regarding the update of the transport of dangerous goods part of the survey conducted in connection with the Council Regulation on Statistical Returns in Respect of Carriage of Goods by Road (1172/98 of 25 May 1998) and by rail (Regulation 91/2003).

26. In relation to this agenda item, the representative of Eurostat **reminded** the secretariat and the delegates that the European Union's legal Acts concerning transport can be visited at the following web address:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy_transport/etif/other_pages/legal_acts_transport.html

27. Noting that the EU countries, in accordance with the above-mentioned Regulation, will report statistics on the transport of dangerous goods for the European Commission, the Working Party **decided** to discuss, at its next session, the possibility of including non-EU countries in this data collection exercise. Bearing this in mind, the Working Party asked member countries of the UNECE, non-EU countries, to indicate whether they would consider it important to provide statistics on the transport of dangerous goods in order to have a pan-European overview in this field of transport statistics.

- (c) Presentation of the Road Traffic Accident Statistics Common Questionnaire

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/2003/8; TRANS/WP.6/2003/9.

28. The Working Party **noted** a draft Common Questionnaire for Road Traffic Accidents Statistics as prepared by IWG (TRANS/WP.6/2003/8) and **decided** to work further on this issue. It **decided** to:

- Assign IWG to select around ten variables for a short version of the Common Questionnaire for Road Traffic Accidents Statistics.
- Continue work on the Common Questionnaire for Road Traffic Accidents Statistics, examine the need by member States for additional data that should be collected by this Questionnaire and report findings to the next session of the Working Party.
- Examine the possibility of using data of the CARE project in the data collection process of the Common Questionnaire for Road Traffic Accidents Statistics.
- Collect national information on definitions, sources and coverage (underreporting) regarding killed and injured persons in road traffic accidents. The information gathered could be attached to the Common Questionnaire.

29. In connection with this agenda item, the Working Party **took note** of the information presented by the World Health Organization on this issue (TRANS/WP.6/2003/9).

(d) Road traffic accidents caused by the use of mobile phones while driving (The experience of Italy)

30. The secretariat **informed** the Working Party about the communication with Istat about problems regarding the analysis carried out in Italy concerning road traffic accidents caused by drivers using a mobile telephone whilst driving. Because of those problems, Istat had decided to discontinue work on this study for the time being.

(e) Pilot questionnaire on transport of gas through pipelines

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/2003/10; TRANS/WP.6/2003/11; TRANS/WP.6/2003/12; TRANS/WP.6/2003/13.

31. The Working Party **noted** the information received by the secretariat from the Governments of Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland and Latvia, which are reproduced as documents TRANS/WP.6/2003/10, TRANS/WP.6/2003/11, TRANS/WP.6/2003/12 and TRANS/WP.6/2003/13, respectively.

32. In view of further discussion of this item at its next session, the Working Party **requested** the secretariat to contact the International Gas Union in order to ask for pertinent statistics collected and definitions used by the Union in this field and to report the findings to the next session of the Working Party.

TRANSPORT DATABASE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

(a) Status report on the Trans-European Railway (TER) Project and Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project Databases

Documentation: Informal document 4.

33. The representative of the Trans-European Railway (TER) Project informed the Working Party about the progress made in the development of the database (Informal document 4) of the

TER Project which was very much appreciated. It **asked** the representative of the TER Project to report also at its next session.

(b) Sources of transport statistics on the Internet

34. The Working Party **took note** of the updated list of internet links provided by the secretariat and made available on the UNECE Transport Statistics Home Page:
<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatlinks.html>

35. The Working Party **asked** the secretariat to also report about changes in the addresses of the relevant web sites in order to have the home page up-to-date.

TRAFFIC CENSUSES IN THE ECE REGION

(a) Presentation of the 2000 Combined Census of Motor Traffic Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe

36. On the basis of a power point presentation, the Working Party **was informed about** the finalization of the CD-ROM with the final version of the 2000 Combined Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe on a CD-ROM.

(b) Preparations for the 2005 Combined Census of Motor Traffic Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/15.

37. The representative of the secretariat **informed** the Working Party about the preparations for an Ad hoc Preparatory Meeting for the 2005 Combined Census of Motor Traffic Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe, which will take place on 29 and 30 September 2003 in Geneva (TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/15).

38. The Working Party **adopted** this information and **requested** further information on this issue for the next session.

(c) Preparations for an E-Rail Census (AGC)

39. The representative of the secretariat and the representative of Eurostat **informed** the Working Party about the preparations for an Ad hoc Meeting on the Rail Traffic Census which will take place on 2 and 3 October 2003 in Geneva. In view of the accumulated experience of the UNECE in the collection of rail traffic data and the legal obligation of the EC through Regulation (EC) No.91/2003 to undertake a rail census in the member States of the EU, and in order to avoid duplication of work the Working Party, recommended to the UNECE secretariat and Eurostat to carry out jointly the E-Rail Census.

40. The Working Party **asked** the secretariat to be kept informed on this item at its next session.

UN/EDIFACT AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/2003/14.

41. The Working Party **continued to have an exchange of views** regarding UN/EDIFACT, as well as other developments in electronic data interchange related to the transport sector. In this respect, the Working Party **noted** a document prepared by the Government of Bulgaria (TRANS/WP.6/2003/14).

42. The Working Party **decided** to keep this item on the agenda for its next session and **invited** Governments to send new information and updates to the secretariat.

ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

Documentation: Informal document 3.

43. The Working Party **received oral reports** from the representatives of the following organizations on their current future activities in the field of transport statistics.

(a) European Commission and Eurostat

44. The representative of Eurostat presented the principal activities which were outlined in greater detail in Informal document 3.

(b) European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT)

45. The representative of the ECMT informed the Working Party about the following developments:

- Short-term trends: Data up to the 4th quarter 2002 are available on the ECMT WEB site. The survey concerning the 1st quarter 2003 has already been sent out and should be available in July. It is planned to seasonally adjust the collected data in order to make, each quarter, a small analysis which will also be available on the WEB site.
- Trends in the transport sector (Depliant): 2001 data is published, and the 2002 data collection will be done during June 2003.
- Road accidents statistics: 2000 data is published, 2001 data is ready to be printed, but the content of the "ECMT road accident statistical report" is being revised in order to include each year some relevant studies and papers done in the framework of the ECMT Road Safety Group. Until a decision is taken on the final content of this publication, the ECMT will send out the final statistical tables with 2001 data to its Member States.

- Infrastructure investments in transport: the data collection was very difficult to carry out, and the quality of the collected information was not very good. Trying to improve the data was a heavy task and finally the ECMT obtained a consistent series. An analysis has been done and will be published this autumn. Member States will receive it along with a CDROM containing all collected information and also asking for an extra year of data.

46. Concerning dissemination, the ECMT is studying the possibility to have its data, in addition to its normal paper publication, published in "Source OECD", which is the OECD electronic dissemination tool. Member States should then be able to download the information they require from the ECMT WEB site.

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2004-2007

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/2003/15.

47. The Working Party **discussed** the draft Programme of Work for 2004-2007 (TRANS/WP.6/2003/15). The Working Party **expressed** its concern about the publication of documents done under its auspices. The Working Party **decided** to assign the highest priority to the preparation and publication of its documents, in particular its annual statistical bulletins. There is a need and demand for a speedy publication and dissemination of all documents. If the secretariat could not fulfil this function, then the Working Party considered that the draft Programme of Work would need to be downsized. However, the Working Party **recommended** that more human resources be allocated to the staff servicing the Working Party.

48. The Working Party **approved** the draft Programme of Work for 2004-2007 with the following modifications:

- 02.12.2 Publication of statistical information in the field of transport:
From priority 3 to priority 1.
- Continuing activities; Output expected:
From priority 2 to priority 1.
- The secretariat should prepare a note about the publication of documents done under the auspices of the Working Party.
- Discussion about the publication of the documents done under the auspices of the Working Party will take place during the next session of the Working Party.

ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS FOR THE SESSIONS OF THE WORKING PARTY IN 2004 AND 2005

49. On the proposal by the Government of Turkey, and supported by the Governments of Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, Portugal, the Russian Federation and Bulgaria, the Working Party **elected** Mr. Erik Grib to be its Chairman for its sessions in 2004 and 2005.

OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Price and quantity indices in transport

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/2003/16.

50. The Working Party **noted** the information received from the Russian Federation (TRANS/WP.6/2003/16) on the development of price and quantity indices in transport.

51. The Working Party **decided** to have this item on the agenda at its next session, to refer the subject also to the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics and **welcomed** the proposal by Eurostat to inform it about developments in that organization.

- (b) Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics

52. The Working Party **approved** the tentative dates and locations of meetings in 2003-2004 of the following bodies:

- (a) Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics

Paris, October 2003
Luxembourg, February 2004;

- (b) Coordinating Committee for Transport Statistics (CCST)

March 2004.

- (c) Date of next session

53. The Working Party **decided** to hold its fifty-fifth session from 9 to 11 June 2004.

- (d) Deadlines for the submission of documents

Regarding the deadlines for the submission of documents to the secretariat, the Working Party **agreed** on the following deadline:

3 March 2004

for the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

54. In accordance with the decision taken by the Working Party at its fifty-first session (TRANS/WP.6/139, para.3), the report on its fifty-fourth session was **established** by the

Chairman with the assistance of the secretariat for submission to the Inland Transport Committee.

55. The decisions adopted by the Working Party during the session are contained in the following paragraphs: 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 35, 38, 40, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53.
