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2010 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses

Note by the secretariat

1. During its seventy-first session, the Inland Transport Committee adopted two resolutions:

Resolution No. 259: E-Road Traffic Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe in 2010 (“2010 E-Road Traffic Census”); and

Resolution No. 260: E-Rail Traffic Census in Europe in 2010 (“2010 E-Rail Traffic Census”).

2. The deadline for the submission of the results of the censuses was fixed to **1 November 2011** for the E-Road traffic census and to **30 June 2012** for the E-Rail traffic census.

3. The secretariat received the results of the 2010 E-Road traffic census from the following countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Switzerland, Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Kingdom. Other countries are expected to submit their results soon: Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Finland, France, Luxembourg and Slovenia.

4. The E-Road traffic census is a unique exercise undertaken by the UNECE at the pan-European level, every five years. The results of this census are used for the modeling of transport policy measures (the calibration of EU transport models is based on the results of E-Road traffic census). They are used also by policy-makers for planning of infrastructure.

5. The E-Rail traffic census is done in cooperation with Eurostat. It is mandatory for Member States of the European Union (EU) to undertake 2010 E-Rail traffic census according to Regulation No. 91/2003 of 16 December 2002 on rail transport statistics adopted by the European Parliament and the Council.

6. The secretariat disseminated the results of the E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses through a dedicated website (www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/wp6.html) showing the evolution of traffic on the main road and rail infrastructure.

7. During its last session (28 February–1 March 2012), the Inland Transport Committee invited UNECE member Governments, in compliance with ITC Resolutions No. 259 and No. 260 adopted at its seventy-first session, to submit the results of the censuses conforming to the deadlines fixed by the ITC Resolutions.
