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Item 10 of the provisional agenda

Summary of decisions

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1. The session of the Working Party was attended by the following countries and international organizations: Belgium; Czech Republic; Denmark; Germany; Netherlands; Poland; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Sweden; Switzerland; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Danube Commission; Eurasian Economic Commission ; European Commission (EC) (DG MOVE and Eurostat); European railway Agency (ERA); International Transport Forum (ITF). India participated at the invitation of the secretariat.

Agenda item 2

UNECE Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

2. The Working Party took note of the results of the seventy-seventh session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) of interest to the Working Party.

Agenda item 3 (a)

Classification system for transport statistics of goods (NST 2007)

3. The Working Party considered and adopted the report of the Task force on classification held at the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic (Prague) on 6–7 November 2014 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2015/6).

4. Delegates were invited to inform the Working Party of their experiences on the use of NST 2007 at the next session. They are welcome to submit to the secretariat any questions or requests, comments, concerning the classification.

¹ Following the session, the UNECE secretariat, in cooperation with the Chairman, will establish the report of the session for formal transmission to the Inland Transport Committee in February 2016.

Agenda item 3 (b)
Glossary for Transport Statistics

5. The Working Party considered a proposal submitted by ERA on amendments relating to the definitions of “running track”, “line” and “railway network” (informal document WP.6 No. 2 (2015)). Member States were invited to report on the situation in their country by the end of September 2015.
6. Member States were invited to provide information on the breakdown of road networks in their respective countries.
7. The Working Party decided to continue the work on the definition of “2 + 1 Road”. Eurostat will be the focal point for this task and the Working Party will review the results for its next session.
8. The Working Party invited all member States to submit suggestions for improvements or/and additions to the Glossary.

Agenda item 3 (c)
Common questionnaire

9. The Working Party adopted a consolidated version of the streamlined Common questionnaire (documents : ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2015/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2015/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2015/3).
10. The Working Party invited the IWG to clarify some concepts in the Common questionnaire raised by DG MOVE and delegates were encouraged to participate in this exercise by sending their comments to the secretariat.
11. The Working Party invited all member States to participate more actively in the data collection through the web Common Questionnaire.

Agenda item 3 (d)
Road traffic accident statistics and rail traffic accidents

12. The Working Party decided to follow the work on the definition of “seriously injured” within EU and cooperate with the aim to harmonize it on the UNECE level.
13. The Working Party took note of the main indicators on rail traffic accidents collected by ERA.

Agenda item 3 (e)
Pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance

14. The Working Party adopted table 3 of the pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance (informal document WP.6 No. 4 (2015)) .

Agenda item 3 (f)
Intermodal transport statistics

15. The Working Party took note of the work of the Eurostat’s Task Force on intermodal transport statistics and decided to keep this item on the agenda for its next session.

Agenda item 4 (a)
2015 E-Road traffic census

16. The Working Party invited all member States to implement the resolution on the census adopted by the UNECE Inland Transport Committee in 2014 (ECE/TRANS/240, annex II) and the recommendations to governments related to this census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/4 and Corr.1).

17. The Working Party asked the secretariat to dedicate more resources for the dissemination of the E-Road traffic census results in particular the pan-European map.

Agenda item 4 (b)
2015 E-Rail traffic census

18. The Working Party invited all member States to implement the resolution on the census adopted by the UNECE Inland Transport Committee in 2014 (ECE/TRANS/240, annex III) and the recommendations to governments related to this census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/5).

19. The Working Party asked the secretariat to dedicate more resources for the dissemination of the E-Rail traffic census results in particular the pan-European map.

Agenda item 5
Dissemination of transport statistics by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

20. The Working Party took note of the work on the UNECE transport statistics database and the status of the publications: Statistics for Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS) and the “UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America” (former Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America (ABTS)) and the timescales for their publication.

Agenda item 6
Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG)

21. The Working Party took note of the IWG activities during the past year.

Agenda item 7
Statistical activities of international organizations of interest to the Working Party

22. The Working Party took note of information provided by the European Commission (DG MOVE and EUROSTAT), the International Transport Forum (ITF) and the Danube Commission.

Agenda item 8 (a)
Draft programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2016 - 2017

23. The Working Party reviewed and adopted its draft programme of work for 2016 – 2017 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation. The draft programme of work for 2016 – 2017 and the expected accomplishment indicators are contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2015/4.

Agenda item 8 (b)
Draft work plan for 2016–2020

24. The Working Party reviewed and adopted its traditional 4-year work plan for 2016–2020 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2015/5).

Agenda item 9 (b)
Date of next session

25. The Working Party decided to hold its next session on 25 – 27 May 2016. The exact date would be communicated by the secretariat in due course.

Agenda item 10
Report

26. The report of the Working Party will be prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the Chair.
