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INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
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WP.29	WP.1	SC.1	WP.15 (prop.)
<p>1. The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) (hereinafter referred to as WP.29), acting within the framework of the policies of the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Europe (hereinafter ECE) and subject to the general supervision of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) shall, provided such actions are in conformity with the Terms of Reference of the ECE (document E/ECE/778 Rev. 3) and consistent with the Agreements listed in Annex 1:</p> <p>(a) Initiate and pursue actions aiming at the harmonization or development of technical regulations or amendments to such regulations which may be accepted world-wide, and which are directed at improving vehicle safety, protecting the environment, promoting energy efficiency and anti-theft performance, providing uniform conditions for periodical technical inspections and strengthening</p>	<p>1. The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (hereinafter referred to as WP.1), acting within the framework of the policies of the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Europe (hereinafter ECE) and subject to the general supervision of the Inland Transport Committee shall, provided such actions are in conformity with the Terms of Reference of the ECE (document E/ECE/778/Rev.3) and consistent with the legal instruments listed in the annex: Initiate and pursue actions aimed at reinforcing and improving road safety, developing and harmonizing traffic regulations and rules for road signs and signals while also taking account notably of the environment, and strengthening relations between countries. To this end:</p> <p>(a) Develop and keep up to date the Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, done at Vienna in 1968, and the European Agreements</p>	<p>1. The Working Party on Road Transport (hereinafter referred to as SC.1), acting within the framework of the policies of the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Europe (hereinafter ECE) and subject to the general supervision of the Inland Transport Committee shall, provided such actions are in conformity with the Terms of Reference of the ECE (document E/ECE/778/Rev.3) and consistent with the legal instruments listed in the annex:</p> <p>(a) Promote the facilitation and development of international transport by road (goods and passengers) through the harmonization and simplification of the rules and requirements relating to it and the administrative procedures and documentation to which such transport is subject;</p> <p>(b) As regards infrastructures, define a coordinated plan for the construction and upgrading of roads of international importance (the international “E”</p>	<p>1. The Working Party on Transport of Dangerous Goods (hereinafter referred to as WP.15), acting within the framework of the policies of the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Europe (hereinafter ECE) and subject to the general supervision of the Inland Transport Committee shall, provided such actions are in conformity with the Terms of Reference of the ECE (document E/ECE/778/Rev.3) and consistent with the legal instruments listed in Annex 1:</p> <p>a) Initiate and pursue actions aimed at reinforcing and improving safety in the international transport of dangerous goods by road;</p> <p>b) Develop and keep up to date the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR),</p>

<p>economic relations world-wide, according to the objectives laid down in the respective Agreements. (b) Foster the reciprocal recognition of approvals, certificates and periodical technical inspections among Contracting Parties to the Agreements that expressly provide for such action. (c) Serve as the specialised technical body for the relevant Agreements established under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Inland Transport Committee. Its function is to develop recommendations regarding the establishment or amendment of technical regulations which may be accepted world-wide and regarding uniform conditions for periodical technical inspections, consistent with the provisions of those Agreements. (d) Foster world-wide participation in its activities by encouraging cooperation and collaboration with countries and regional economic integration organizations (REIOs) not yet participating</p>	<p>which supplement them of 1971, as well as other relevant legal instruments. (b) Encourage the accession of new countries to the Conventions and Agreements mentioned above. (c) Develop, update and circulate the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic (R.E.1) and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2), and make them documents for recommending best road safety practices; also draft recommendations on specific subjects. (d) Organize and prepare road safety campaigns, to be known as “Road Safety Weeks”, at regular intervals (at least every four years) in the ECE region and promote them outside the ECE in conjunction with the other United Nations regional commissions. (e) Encourage participation in its activities by fostering cooperation and collaboration with the countries, the European Commission, international governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with road safety and the other United Nations</p>	<p>network) in the ECE region, based on a consistent and easily identifiable numbering system and meeting minimum pre-established technical standards. Promote the extension of the network, develop its characteristics in terms of technological developments and traffic flows and reinforce its safety and environmental protection aspects. Also contribute to the construction, maintenance and operation of the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project in the context of an integrated international road infrastructure; (c) Draw up, apply and update appropriate legal instruments in order to meet the above objectives, also taking road safety and the environment into account; (d) Encourage the accession of new countries to the Conventions and Agreements listed in the annex; (e) Develop, circulate and update the Consolidated Resolution on the Facilitation of International Road Transport (R.E.4),</p>	<p>done at Geneva in 1957, and the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN), done at Geneva in 2000, as well as other relevant legal instruments;</p> <p>c) Encourage the accession of new countries to the Agreements mentioned above;</p> <p>d) Encourage participation in its activities by fostering cooperation and collaboration with the countries, the European Commission, international governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with safety of carriage of dangerous goods and the other United Nations regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the Sub-Committee of Experts on the</p>
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<p>in WP.29 activities, with regard to technical matters that come before WP.29.</p> <p>(e) Encourage all its participants to apply or adopt into their law world-wide harmonized technical regulations and conditions for periodical inspections.</p> <p>(f) Develop a work programme attending the respective Agreements in a coordinated and coherent manner.</p> <p>(g) Create a working environment that facilitates the fulfilment by Contracting Parties of their obligations set forth in the respective Agreements.</p> <p>(h) Ensure openness and transparency during the sessions.</p> <p>2. These Terms of Reference and the Rules of Procedure apply to WP.29 and do not modify the provisions of the Agreements listed in Annex 1.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the World Health Organization (WHO); in this context, organize seminars on appropriate issues as need arises.</p> <p>(f) Encourage exchanges of data between countries by compiling and circulating information on road accidents and their causes and on the legal provisions in force in the countries and best national and international road safety practices.</p> <p>(g) Collaborate closely with the other subsidiary bodies of the Inland Transport Committee, particularly the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1), the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) and the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6), on issues of common interest involving road safety.</p> <p>(h) Define and implement a work programme relating to the legal instruments and the Consolidated Resolutions in a</p>	<p>making it a reference document for disseminating best practices in road transport, and also prepare recommendations on specific subjects. In this context, promote the international motor insurance card system (Green Card);</p> <p>(f) Promote the harmonization of taxation and other measures in order to prevent discriminatory practices in international road transport;</p> <p>(g) Encourage exchanges of data between countries and the circulation of information, particularly on the facilitation of border-crossing and the legal provisions that countries have adopted as regards road transport or that have an impact on road transport;</p> <p>(h) Collaborate closely with the other subsidiary bodies of the Inland Transport Committee on issues of common interest concerning road transport, particularly the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP.30), the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), the Working Party on</p>	<p>Transport of Dangerous Goods of ECOSOC;</p> <p>e) Collaborate closely with the other subsidiary bodies of the Inland Transport Committee, particularly the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1), the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), and the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6), on issues of common interest involving safety on the transport of dangerous goods;</p> <p>f) Define and implement a work programme relating to the respective legal instruments;</p> <p>g) Create a working environment that facilitates the fulfilment by Contracting Parties of their obligations set forth in the</p>
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	<p>coordinated and logical manner. (i) Ensure openness and transparency during the sessions.</p> <p>2. These Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure apply to WP.1 and do not modify the provisions of the legal instruments listed in the annex.</p>	<p>Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5), the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) and the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6); (i) Foster participation in the activities of SC.1 and encourage cooperation and collaboration with the countries, the other ECE Divisions, particularly Trade, the European Commission, the international governmental organizations, particularly the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT), the international non-governmental road transport organizations and the other United Nations regional commissions on issues of common interest. Organize seminars on appropriate topics as need arises; (j) Develop a coordinated and logical programme of work relating to the legal instruments listed in the annex and the Consolidated Resolution; (k) Create a working environment that facilitates the fulfilment by Contracting Parties of their obligations set</p>	<p>respective legal instruments;</p> <p>h) Ensure openness and transparency during the sessions.</p> <p>2. These Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure apply to WP.15 and do not modify the provisions of the legal instruments listed in Annex 1.</p>
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