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Working Party on Road Traffic Safety

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Geneva, 23-25 March 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 23 March 2009

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report of the fifty-sixth session
3. Information on activities of interest to the Working Party
 - (a) Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

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- (b) International organizations
 - (c) National delegations
4. Future role of the Working Party
 5. Revision of the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic (R.E.1) and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

- (a) Approval of the revised text of the R.E.1

Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

- (b) Signing for cycle routes
6. Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic, 1968, and the vehicle technical regulations
 7. Consideration of amendment to the Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968
 8. Other business
 9. Date of next session
 10. Adoption of decisions

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/121

1. According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item to be adopted by the Working Party is its agenda.

Item 2 Adoption of the report of the fifty-sixth session

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/120

2. The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report on its fifty-sixth session.

Item 3 Information on activities of interest to the Working Party

3. The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat of road safety-related developments that took place since the previous session of the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies. Representatives of international organizations and national delegations might wish to inform of developments at their respective areas.

Item 4 Future role of the Working Party

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2008/5/Rev.1

4. The Working Party is expected to discuss its future role and the reshaping of its scope and activities so as to adapt to the fast changing situation in road safety and better contribute to finding solutions to the Global Road Safety Crisis. It is expected that the WP.1 considers and possibly approves the revised form of the document ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2008/5, which includes the suggestions and comments made by participants during the fifty-sixth session of the Working Party.

Item 5 Revision of the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic (R.E.1) and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

(a) Approval of the revised text of the R.E.1

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2009/1

5. The secretariat has consolidated all the parts of the revised resolution previously approved by the Working Party and will submit the text, in the three official languages, to the Working Party for final consideration and approval.

Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

(b) Signing for cycle routes

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/24/Rev.1

6. The Working Party is expected to consider and approve the revised text concerning signing for cycle routes for inclusion into the Consolidated R.E.2.

Item 6 Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic, 1968, and the vehicle technical regulations

7. At its fifty-sixth session the WP.1 was invited by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) to consider the possibilities of ensuring the correspondence between the Convention on Road Traffic, 1968, and the European Agreement supplementing it, on one hand, and the technical regulations adopted by the WP.29, on the other hand. It was stated that the discrepancies between the provisions of the Convention and the technical regulations were already creating obstacles to international road traffic. WP.1 is therefore expected to have at least an exchange of views based on the results of work of the small group of volunteers (France, Germany, Turkey, IMMA and Laser Europe) with support from the secretariats of WP.1 and WP.29 as well as on the outcome of bilateral contacts between the Chairmen of WP.1 and WP.29.

Item 7 Consideration of amendment to the Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2008/9/Rev.1

8. The Working Party might wish to consider the text submitted by the International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles (IANGV), on behalf of the natural gas vehicle industry including fuel station operators and owners, which aims at including the signing for compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) into the Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968. The CNG and LPG signs have already been included into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2) in September 2007.

Item 8 Other business

9. WP.1 may wish to be updated by the Russian Federation on the progress regarding the preparations of the Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety to be held in Moscow in November 2009.

10. The Working Party may wish to be informed by Spain on the outcome of the high-level road safety meeting with Latin American countries (to be held in Madrid on 23-24 February 2009).

11. The Working Party may wish to discuss any other business under this agenda item.

Item 9 Date of next session

12. The fifty-eighth session of the Working Party is scheduled to take place in Geneva from 22 to 25 September 2009. Participants wishing to submit proposals for that session are invited to do so by 30 June 2009 at the latest, in order to allow the secretariat to process the documents according to the internal procedures.

Item 10 Adoption of decisions

13. The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its fifty-seventh session based on a draft to be prepared by the secretariat.
