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I. ATTENDANCE

1. The Working Party on Transport Statistics held its sixtieth session from 15 to 17 June 2009 in Geneva.
2. The session was attended by representatives of the following countries: Austria; Croatia; Czech Republic; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Latvia; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America. Representatives of the European Commission (EC) were also present (DG TREN, Eurostat, European Railway Agency (ERA)).
3. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR); Danube Commission and the International Transport Forum (ITF). The following non-governmental organization was represented: International Road Transport Union (IRU).

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda item 1)

4. The Working Party adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/156).

III. UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES (Agenda item 2)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/206, ECE/TRANS/2009/6, ECE/TRANS/2009/7, ECE/TRANS/2009/8, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.1/7

5. The Working Party took note of the results of the seventy-first session of the Inland Transport Committee (24-26 February 2009), in particular its considerations and decisions relating to the 2010 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses, port hinterland transport, transport security, transport and trade facilitation (from the perspectives of global supply chains) and global warming.
6. The Working Party was informed that the Inland Transport Committee had requested its subsidiary bodies to address the subject of global warming and transport, as appropriate, within their work, and the secretariat to ensure the necessary coordination and backstopping of these activities, including fuel quality standards (ECE/TRANS/206, para. 28).
7. The Working Party was also informed that the Inland Transport Committee had endorsed the review of gender issues in transport and requested the secretariat to circulate the related documents to all Committee's subsidiary bodies for their consideration (ECE/TRANS/206, para. 13). It was agreed that these issues would be taken into account for data collection in particular for road safety indicators.
8. A representative of the secretariat presented the activities of the UNECE Expert Group on Hinterland Connections of Seaports. The Working Party decided to review at its next session

in 2010 the report of the UNECE Group of Experts on Hinterland Connections of Seaports, particularly its recommendations on the need for statistical data.

IV. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT: TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PAN-EUROPEAN PROGRAMME (Agenda item 3)

9. The Working Party took note of the outcome of the third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Amsterdam, Netherlands, 22-23 January 2009) and the adopted "Amsterdam Declaration".

10. The Working Party declared its readiness to assist THE PEP, upon request, in the production of statistical data and indicators on the impact of land transport on health and the environment, particularly in urban areas.

V. METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND HARMONIZATION OF TRANSPORT STATISTICS (Agenda item 4)

A. Classification system for transport statistics

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/155, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/155/Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/4, Informal document WP.6 No. 10 (2009)

11. The Working Party took note of the new structure of version 2 of the Central Product Classification (CPC) (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/3).

12. The Working Party approved document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/4 on the correspondence between NST 2007, CPA 2008 and CPC Ver.2. It invited its chairman, EUROSTAT and the secretariat to examine CPA codes that, according to document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/4, seemed to be lacking in the NST 2007 Groups, and to report back to WP.6 at the 2010 session. It also approved Informal Document WP.6 No. 10 (2009) on Questions Asked on NST 2007 and decided to post it on the website. NST 2007 will be included on the agenda of the sixty-first session of WP.6 which will focus on the experiences of the use of NST 2007 in order to identify good practices.

B. Statistics on passenger transport by buses and coaches

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/2, Informal document WP.6 No. 1 (2009)

13. The Chairman of the WP.6 Task Force on Buses and Coaches (Peter Smeets, the Netherlands) reported on the meetings of the Task Force held after the last WP.6 session on 25 and 26 September 2008 in Wiesbaden and on 12 and 13 February 2009 in Prague. He presented the content of the Handbook and the various contributions to this work and noted that one of the main issues was the question whether to include urban transport in the scope of the handbook since the term "long-distance transportation" is defined differently among countries.

14. The representative of the European Commission/DG TREN presented the chapter on “Users' needs” and underlined that financial indicators and service quality indicators were poor or not covered in most official statistics. Therefore, they were not taken into account in the questionnaire.
15. The representative of Czech Republic presented her contributions on “Traffic and Transport Measurement” (chapter 3) and on “Accidents” (chapter 6).
16. The Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG) presented the annexes to the handbook: definitions used, “methodology and questionnaire” and “available data” collected from various sources including the UNECE Transport Statistics Database.
17. The representative of IRU expressed his support for this work and noted that passenger transport by bus and coach was environmentally-friendly and that there was an urgent need for statistical information - comparable at international level –, to support transport policy and business decisions.
18. Several delegates expressed the need for harmonized statistics on passenger transport by buses and coaches.
19. The Working Party approved document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/1 and Informal Document WP.6 No. 10 (2009) containing the Statistical Handbook on Passenger Transport by Buses and Coaches. It also approved the pilot questionnaire on passenger transport by buses and coaches to be circulated before the end of 2009. Finally, it decided to consider the results of the pilot questionnaire at its session in 2010 with the aim of identifying a follow-up action, if any.

C. Glossary for Transport Statistics

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 2 (2009)

20. The Working Party was informed about the fourth edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics and its translations. The illustrated version of the Glossary will be printed on paper by ITF and will be available in 4 languages (English, French, German and Russian). Eurostat will translate the final English version of the Glossary in all official EU languages.
21. The Working Party welcomed the finalization of the 4th edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics and noted that preparatory work on the 5th edition would start soon. It requested the secretariat to provide a Russian translation of the illustrated glossary as soon as possible. The Working Party decided to consider new terms and definitions at its annual sessions. The coming WP.6 sessions will have a standing agenda item dealing with proposals for revisions of definitions and insertion of new definitions. Approved changes will be posted on the website of WP.6.

D. Common questionnaire

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 3 (2009), ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/8 - /11

22. The Working Party was informed by the secretariat about the status of availability of data collected through the common questionnaire for transport statistics. The new edition of the web version of the Common Questionnaire (WEBCOQ) to collect data up to 2007 was opened in November 2008. This new edition includes format changes to make the application more user-friendly and also took into account most of the suggestions and comments received by Eurostat on last year's version. Several improvements were needed (e.g. links to the new language versions of the Glossary, and tools to compare data over several years, as well as the revision of data).

23. The Working Party invited the Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG) to improve further the user-friendliness of the common questionnaire and welcomed that it would soon be available in Russian. It also invited IWG to review the variables and data cells contained in the common questionnaire with a view to its updating in line with new data requirements and streamlining based on a thorough examination of data availability and needs. The IWG was also invited to consider the possibility of establishing a workshop devoted mainly to countries which do not complete the WEBCOQ in order to understand why those countries do not answer questionnaires and what are the problems they are facing.

24. Eurostat will examine how to ease the burden of filling-in of the web-based- Common Questionnaire and how to find new tools for checking the data entered in the Common Questionnaire. The possibility of supplying data in agreed flat files will be examined.

25. The 2010 session of WP.6 will discuss the contents of indicators in the Common Questionnaire based on the documents ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/8, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/9, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/10 and ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/11 and on a document to be prepared by IWG containing proposals to insert or delete variables in the Common Questionnaire. The Working Party welcomes any written suggestions from member States and Organizations on the subject.

E. Questionnaire on road traffic accident statistics

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 4 (2009)

26. The Working Party was informed by the secretariat on the status of availability of data on road traffic accidents. The Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG) reported on its intention to include, very soon, the entire questionnaire on road traffic accidents in the web version of the Common Questionnaire (WEBCOQ).

27. The Working Party noted that IWG had proceeded with the importation of data from the CARE database covering EU plus Norway and Switzerland into the long questionnaire on road traffic accident statistics (long RAS) and the inclusion of these data fields into the same application as the common questionnaire. The short questionnaire on road traffic accident statistics (short RAS) would remain unchanged.

F. Transport of gas through pipelines

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 5 (2009)

28. The Working Party noted that IWG had considered the possibility of drafting a questionnaire on the transport of gas through pipelines similar to the questionnaire on oil pipelines transport as requested by the Working Party in 2008 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/155, para. 25). IWG suggested that the Working Party could establish a task force having for mandate to draft a questionnaire on gas pipelines.

29. However, the Working Party invited IWG to proceed with the preparation of a pilot questionnaire on transport of gas through pipelines based on recommendations of the Informal Meeting on Transport Statistics Through Pipelines (Geneva, 3-4 April 2008) (Informal Document WP.6 No 4 (2008)) in cooperation with concerned industry groups and major transporters of gas. The results of the pilot questionnaire would be reviewed at the 2010 session of the Working Party.

G. Pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 6 (2009)

30. The Working Party was informed that the pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance consisted in 4 tables (with priority to tables 1 and 2) measuring road traffic volumes with different breakdowns: by type of vehicle; by type of vehicle and road; by type and age of vehicle; and by type of vehicle and age/gender of driver.

31. The Working Party noted that the web version of the pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance was expected to be available in June 2009 as a separate section of the Common Questionnaire. Its results would be considered at the 2010 session of the Working Party.

H. Statistics on transport of dangerous goods

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/5; ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/12

32. The Working Party took note of the results of a pilot questionnaire circulated to 20 UNECE member States (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan) to examine the availability of statistics for the transport of dangerous goods (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/5).

33. The pilot questionnaire consisted of 15 questions on the following subjects:

- (a) Collection of statistics on dangerous goods;
- (b) Range of statistics on dangerous goods;
- (c) Sources and suppliers of dangerous goods data;

- (d) Accessibility and dissemination of dangerous goods data;
- (e) Classification system used for dangerous goods data;
- (f) Methodological problems hindering the systematic collection of dangerous goods data.

34. Out of the seven countries replied to the survey, only Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia are collecting statistics on the transport of dangerous goods. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia do not collect such statistics for various reasons.

35. The Working Party was informed by Eurostat on the methodology for collecting statistics on the transport of dangerous goods in particular for road and rail where mandatory data are collected from the EU countries and disseminated by Eurostat. For inland waterways, the data collection is on a voluntary basis (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/12).

36. The representative of the United States of America presented the evolution of hazardous materials incidents, injuries and fatalities in his country by mode based on statistics available in the Hazardous Materials Information System, US Department of Transportation. He also mentioned other dangerous goods data collected via the Commodity Flow Survey.

37. Considering the results of a pilot questionnaire on the availability of statistics on the transport of dangerous goods, the Working Party noted that apart from EU member countries for which the provision of such data was mandatory, only very few other countries in the UNECE region were in a position to provide such data. As the Working Party did not identify specific user needs for such data at the pan-European level, it decided to postpone further work on this subject until new requests for the provision of such data would arise.

I. Statistics on transport by light goods vehicles

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 9 (2009)

38. The Working Party took note of the Guidelines for conducting surveys on light goods vehicles presented by Eurostat (Informal document WP.6 No. 9 (2009)). Methodologies used by countries that carried out specific survey on small vehicles (Germany, France, the United Kingdom and Norway) presented many common characteristics, but these surveys are not fully harmonized among countries, because they were designed according to different national needs.

39. The representative of the European Commission (DG TREN) noted that the EU legislation was different for heavy and for light goods vehicles. Most transport policy-related legal acts apply only to vehicles above 3.5 tonnes of load capacity or maximum permissible laden weight (i.e. so-called heavy goods vehicles). To ensure fair competition between the two categories of vehicles, DG TREN is about to launch a study on the use of light goods vehicles and on potential competition between these two categories.

40. The Working Party had a very useful exchange of information on data collection procedures and survey methodologies used in the collection of data on transport by light goods vehicles and invited experts to continue to provide such information at future sessions of the

Working Party. When providing data in the common questionnaire, the Working Party invited countries whose definitions of light goods vehicles and passenger cars deviate from those in the Glossary to specify this in a separate note in the questionnaire.

J. Statistics on transit traffic

41. The representative of the United States of America informed that the Bureau of Transportation in his country had good data on the transit of goods through Canada or Mexico to other countries. However, these data cannot currently be disseminated due to confidentiality concerns. There are data gaps in the transit of goods through the United States, such as road trips between Canada and Mexico. The North American Transportation Statistics will seek to reduce transit data gaps.

42. The representative of Eurostat informed that his organization collected and disseminated data on transit transport for inland waterways, rail freight and road freight (only some tables are disseminated for road freight). For transit traffic, only data on rail freight and road freight are collected (partial dissemination for road freight). The collected tables are for:

- (a) Inland waterways (performance on the national territory);
- (b) Rail (performance on the national territory; with breakdown as: national; international-incoming; international-outgoing; transit);
- (c) Road freight (performance of the national fleet).

43. The Working Party took note of information provided by EUROSTAT and the United States of America on methodologies used in the collection of data on transit traffic in road, rail and inland water transport.

VI. TRAFFIC CENSUSES IN THE UNECE REGION (Agenda item 5)

A. 2005 E-Road traffic census

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/18

44. The Working Party took note of the results of the 2005 E-Road traffic census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/18, paras. 5-7). A CD-ROM on the main results of this census was distributed by the secretariat.

B. 2005 E-Rail traffic census

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.4/4

45. The Working Party took note of the results of the 2005 E-Rail traffic census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.4/4, paras. 5-9). A CD-ROM on the main results of this census was distributed by the secretariat.

C. 2010 E-Road traffic census

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/206, annex II; ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/18; ECE/TRANS/2009/11

46. The Working Party was informed that the Inland Transport Committee had approved Resolution No. 259 on 2010 E-Road traffic census (ECE/TRANS/206, annex II) and the recommendations to governments related to this census prepared by WP.6 ad hoc groups of experts (ECE/TRANS/2009/11), and had requested member States that did not participate in the 2005 E-Road traffic census to ensure their participation in the 2010 census.

47. The Working Party examined the report of the ad hoc group of experts on the E-Road traffic census, including the calendar of activities related to the 2010 E-Road traffic census. (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/18).

48. The representative of the European Commission underlined the importance of the statistics collected through the E-Road traffic census from the user's needs point of view. These statistics are unique and very useful for policy makers. They show traffic distribution by corridor, allow analysis of changes over time and provide indication on traffic hot spots. They also allow measuring capacity of road infrastructure and help to assess environmental impact if the breakdown by main road vehicle categories is available.

49. The Working Party decided to have an exchange of information at its 2012 session, about national methodologies applied in the E-Road traffic census, together with a discussion of the contents of the 2015-census as response to user's needs.

50. The Working Party decided that the ad hoc group of experts on the E-Road traffic census 2015 should be convened at the latest in the second half of 2012 in order to allow the Working Party to review and decide on the 2015 census recommendations at its session in 2013 for transmission to the Inland Transport Committee in early 2014.

D. 2010 E-Rail traffic census

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/206; Annex III; ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.4/4; ECE/TRANS/2009/12

51. The Working Party was informed that the Inland Transport Committee had approved Resolution No. 260 on 2010 E-Rail traffic census (ECE/TRANS/206, annex III) and the recommendations to governments related to this census prepared by WP.6 ad hoc groups of experts (ECE/TRANS/2009/12), and had requested member States that did not participate in the 2005 census to ensure their participation in the 2010 census.

52. The Working Party considered the report of the ad hoc group of experts on the E-Rail traffic census, including the calendar of activities related to the 2010 census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.4/4).

53. The Working Party decided to have an exchange of information at its 2012 session, about national methodologies applied in the E-Rail traffic census, together with a discussion of the contents of the 2015-census as response to user's needs.

54. The Working Party decided that the ad hoc group of experts on the E-Rail traffic census 2015 should be convened in the second half of 2012 at the latest in order to allow the Working Party to review and decide on the 2015 census recommendations at its session in 2013 for transmission to the Inland Transport Committee in early 2014.

VII. COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF STATISTICS BY UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE AND GAP ANALYSIS (Agenda item 6)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/6; Informal document WP.6 No. 7 (2009)

55. The Working Party took note of a leaflet prepared by the secretariat on "MAIN TRANSPORT INDICATORS, 2007" available on the UNECE WP.6 website in English and Russian.

56. The Working Party was informed that the next editions of the UNECE Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America (ABTS) and the Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS) were respectively planned for December 2009 and April 2010. The former editions are available on the Working Party website in PDF and in the form of EXCEL tables. It was also informed that the number of downloads from the UNECE Transports Statistics Database (online) had reached between 2000 and 3000 per month.

57. The Working Party welcomed the data gap analysis undertaken by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/6) as a first step to improve data collection procedures and to possibly streamline data coverage in the common questionnaire in accordance with country needs and data availability. The Working Party decided to consider at its session in 2010 proposals from IWG to improve the timeliness and response rate of data through the common questionnaire and the long RAS. It also welcomed the proposal to possibly convene country workshops to improve the use of the common questionnaire and reduce the rate of non-response.

VIII. INTERSECRETARIAT WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORT STATISTICS (Agenda item 7)

Documentation: Informal document WP.6 No. 7 (2009)

58. The Working Party took note of a report of Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG) on its activities during the past year. It decided to review the mission statement of the IWG at its next session.

IX. STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY (Agenda item 8)

A. European Commission (Transport and Energy)

59. The representative of Directorate-General for Transport and Energy (DG TREN) informed the Working Party of recent developments in European transport policy and in particular its vision for the future of transport. This vision implies among others a safe and secure “quality” transport for all users and an environmentally sustainable transport. Technological solutions are necessary to move away from oil dependency, to make transport more sustainable and to integrate all transport modes. DG TREN is working on a new transport policy White Paper in 2010 for policy measures to be taken during the next decade.

60. The representative of DG TREN stressed the importance of intermodal data (for the integration of modal networks and also the performance of nodes and terminals), smart pricing that takes external costs into account (polluter pays principle) and the need for better data on external costs (e.g. congestion).

B. European Commission (Eurostat)

61. The representative of Eurostat informed the Working Party of the activities carried out by his organization and the main objectives of their programme of work for 2009, in particular:

1. Implementation of the Community « acquis » (all data for year 2008 available by December 2009);
2. Provision of a central support for the implementation of NST 2007, in all concerned modes;
3. Production of transport infrastructure, equipment, enterprises and safety indicators through the use of the Common Questionnaire to be accessed via Internet;
4. Systematic updating and quality improvement of regional transport indicators based both on the annual survey (RegWeb) and on the legal data collections;
5. Consolidation and further development of methodology and production for structural indicators, sustainable development indicators, modal split indicators and TERM indicators;
6. Consolidation of the development of the Community data collection on road traffic measurement (road VKm); and
7. Dissemination of Community transport statistics both in electronic format and under the form of publications.

C. International Transport Forum

62. The representative of the International TRANSPORT Forum (ITF) reported on its main statistical activities:

- (a) The Quarterly Transport Statistics:

Each year on 1st March, ITF collect data for the 4th quarter of the previous year and produces a

leaflet on “Key Transport Statistics”. ITF is working on correcting the data for seasonal variations to produce an analytical report every quarter. But this remains a difficult task since there are still too many missing figures for the last time period collected.

(b) Investment in Transport Infrastructure:

The last data collection included information up to 2007. The questionnaire answer rates are improving and show information for about 40 countries.

(c) Transport Trends:

ITF produces each year in September/October a press release on road accident statistics and later on the annual “Trends in the Transport Sector” book for the ITF Forum in May.

D. European Railway Agency

63. The representative of European Railway Agency (ERA) presented information on his organization, a Community agency receiving mandates from the European Commission (DG TREN) and providing recommendations to the EC and EU Member States, along with the related impact assessment. He presented the ERA project on “Database for Rail Economic Analysis Management” (DREAM) which consists of 4 main blocks to produce the result of an economic analysis (railway system description, data processing, data storage, scenarios and assumptions).

64. The representative of ERA mentioned also that ERA was developing a public database of safety documents on rail and will collect and disseminate data on rail accidents (activity transferred from Eurostat to ERA). ERA is looking forward to establishing good cooperation with the Working Party.

E. Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine

65. The representative of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) presented its project on “Market observation for inland waterway transport in Europe” which has several aims: monitoring of structural and cyclical trends in the important factors affecting inland navigation, early detection of crisis situations, constitution of elements of “proof” of the existence of crisis situations or needs to put forward in political circles and gathering of all kinds of information concerning inland navigation of use at the European level (observatory of inland navigation). The project consists in establishing a system of economic indicators based on a network of information sources and on preparing analyses, studies and forecasts.

F. Danube Commission

66. The representative of the Danube Commission informed the Working Party of recent activities carried out in her organization, in particular a questionnaire on transport of dangerous goods on the Danube.

X. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2010-2014 (Agenda item 9)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/7

67. The Working Party reviewed its programme of work for 2010-2014 as proposed by the secretariat in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2009/7 and approved it as set out in the annex to this report for consideration by the Inland Transport Committee in February 2010.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda item 10)

A. Use of data from road-pricing systems in transport statistics

68. At the invitation of the secretariat, Mr. Michel Houée (France) presented a new method applied in France for estimating foreign visitors' flows from motorways toll management system.

69. The Working Party noted that information on the use of the German Maut system for the collection of transport statistics would be provided at its session in 2010.

B. Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics

70. The Working Party took note of preliminary dates and venues of meetings in 2009-2010 of the following bodies:

Co-modality and logistics Task Force (Eurostat)	2 nd Sem. 2009
Maritime transport Task Force (Eurostat)	2 nd Sem. 2009
Coordination Committee for Statistics on Transport (Eurostat)	11-12 December 2009
Working Group on maritime transport (Eurostat)	16-17 March 2010
UNECE Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6)	31 May-2 June 2010
Working Group on Road Traffic (Eurostat)	27-28 October 2010
Coordination Committee for Statistics on Transport (Eurostat)	15-16 December 2010

71. The Working Party felt that, at its next session, the concept of road traffic congestion should be considered with a view to its statistical coverage.

72. At the invitation of the secretariat, a representative of the Czech Republic presented the use of online GIS in his country for information on road traffic accidents.

XII. DATE OF NEXT SESSION (Agenda item 11)

73. The Working Party decided to hold its next session in the week of 31 May to 4 June 2010, possibly on 1 to 3 June 2010 (to avoid difficulties in entering the Palais des Nations). The exact date will be communicated by the secretariat in due course.

XIII. SUMMARY OF DECISIONS (Agenda item 12)

74. As agreed and in line with the decision of ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, para.6), the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chairman, has prepared this report.

Annex

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2010-2014

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.12: TRANSPORT STATISTICS

02.12.1 Collection, processing and dissemination of transport statistics Priority: 1

Description: Collection and compilation of transport statistics, including data on motor traffic, road traffic accidents and rail traffic. Development and maintenance of the on-line UNECE Transport Statistics Database in order to maintain good quality, relevant, user friendly and timely transport statistics.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Transport Statistics will pursue the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Build and maintain a database for the annual collection of statistics on inland transport, including road traffic accidents from UNECE member Governments to be published in the following publications:
- (i) Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America (ABTS);
 - (ii) Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS);
 - (iii) Occasional publications.

Output expected: Publication of ABTS, RAS and Handbook of Transport Statistics; Circulation of Questionnaires and receipt of data from member Governments for ABTS and RAS in electronic format. Priority: 1

- (b) Publish, in the appropriate way, the results of the E-road and E-rail traffic censuses.

Output expected: Preparation of 2010 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses (2010). Publishing of 2010 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses (2013) Priority: 1

- (c) Use of PC-Axis for disseminating data collected via the regular questionnaires.

Output expected: Availability of main data online (2010). Priority: 1

02.12.2 Methodological work in transport statistics Priority: 2

Description: Development of appropriate and common methodologies and terminology for the harmonization of statistics, aiming also at the determination of indicators of sustainable transport. This includes: methodologies for the collection and compilation of statistics on road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline and combined transport as well as on road traffic accidents, in cooperation and coordination with other UNECE bodies, related international organizations, in

order to promote the availability of comprehensive, timely and reliable statistics for sustainable transport planning and analysis and to improve international comparability of transport statistics.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Transport Statistics will pursue the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Target solutions to improve the collection of statistics in problematic areas, as indicators of sustainable transport, including, but not limited to the following items:
- (i) Statistics on road traffic (vehicle-km);
 - (ii) Statistics on the transportation by buses and coaches;
 - (iii) Statistics on the transport of dangerous goods;
 - (iv) Statistics on transport of gas through pipelines;
 - (v) Statistics on transport to and from seaports and inland waterways ports (hinterland connections);
 - (vi) Statistics on high speed rail transport.

Output expected: A concrete decision for each problematic area, e.g., the addition of supplementary chapters to the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics (gas transport via pipelines, transport by bus and coach) (2010); an assessment of the applicability of the EU Regulations for the collection of dangerous goods data for non-EU member states (2010); as deemed necessary, and assessment of metadata on statistics on the volume of these transports (2011). Priority: 1

- (b) Statistics related to transport of dangerous goods.

Output expected: Continued progress toward the integration of transport of dangerous goods statistics into the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics, as well as the annual transport publications. Organization of workshops for member States which are not yet collecting statistics on transport of dangerous goods (2010 and 2011). Priority: 1

- (c) Coordination among member States, other UNECE bodies and related international organizations and non-governmental organizations to harmonize terminology used in the statistics of road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline, combined transport and road traffic accidents, including, but not exclusively, in the context of the work being undertaken by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (UNECE - International Transport Forum - EC/Eurostat) (Meetings 2-3 times per year).

Output expected: Translation of the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics into the UNECE official languages (2010); development of supplementary questionnaires as decided by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG) and WP.6; preparation of meetings of IWG; preparation of draft amendments to the fourth edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics (2011). Priority: 2

- (d) Development of common methodologies to facilitate and improve the collection of information on road and rail traffic flows and infrastructure parameters through surveys and censuses such as automatic counting procedures, including, but not limited to, in the context of the E-rail and E-road censuses.

Output expected: Development of common methodologies for the E-rail and E-road censuses to obtain data on traffic flows and infrastructure parameters on the AGR, AGC and AGTC networks. Promotion of Recommendations to Governments on E-road and E-rail censuses in 2010 and of resolutions adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on E-road and E-rail censuses in 2010. Preparation of 2015 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses (2012-2013) Priority: 1

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- (e) Development of projects to assist countries in the collection, organization and automation of transport statistics, including the convening of workshops and training seminars, drawing on the expertise of member Governments and related organizations.

Output expected: Information from Member States and international organizations on relevant activities. Priority: 2

- (f) Examination of methodology about existing statistics on transport of goods by light good vehicles.

Output expected: Preparation of a document on the existing methodology (2010).
