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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION**

Addendum

Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

**Item 1 Adoption of the agenda**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/207 and Add.1

**I. QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN GENERAL**

**Item 2 Results of the meetings of the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2010/1

1. The Committee will **consider** document ECE/TRANS/2010/1 containing the results of the meetings held by the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee held in 2009. The Committee may wish to refer to the decisions of the Bureau under the relevant items of its agenda.

2. The Committee may wish to **note** that, at its seventieth session, the Committee had decided that: (a) its annual sessions would be divided in three parts: policy-oriented, technical and reporting; (b) discussions would focus on issues that need consideration and require decisions by the Committee; (c) a list of main decisions would be adopted; (d) all items of informative character and formal approval by the Committee would be considered as a whole and on the basis of the annotated agenda circulated by the secretariat.

3. The Committee may further wish to **note** that the adoption of the report of its seventy-second session will be limited to the adoption of a list of main decisions, while the report of the policy-oriented segment (half-day round table), in the form of Chairman's conclusions, will be GE.09-

circulated at a later stage, together with the full complete report of the session.

**Item 3 Matters arising from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies and Conferences**

Documentation: E/ECE/1453, Informal document No. 1

4. The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat of the results of the sixty-third session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, held from 30 March to 1 April 2009 in Geneva. The Committee will be invited to **consider** these, as appropriate. The conclusions of the Commission session are provided in the annual report (E/ECE/1453), available on the UNECE website at [http://www.unece.org/commission/2009/63rd\\_index.htm](http://www.unece.org/commission/2009/63rd_index.htm).

5. The Committee may wish to **consider** the following resolutions of the Economic and Social Council: 2009/19 on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Informal document No. 1) and 2009/11 on the “Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar”, adopted at the 2009 substantive session of the Council (Geneva, 6 to 31 July 2009).

**Item 4 Report to UNECE Executive Committee on the implementation of the priorities of the UNECE reform for strengthening some activities of the Committee**

Documentation: Informal document No. 2

6. The Committee will **consider** Informal document No. 2 presenting an outline of the progress on the implementation of the UNECE reform in the field of transport and on specific requests to the Committee, contained in the workplan of the UNECE reform.

7. The Committee will be **informed** orally by its Chairman of the results of his meeting with the Executive Committee on 27 February 2009 on the implementation of the UNECE reform in the field of transport.

8. The Committee may wish to **consider** Informal document No. 2 in conjunction with the outcome of the discussions under agenda item 9 and **request** its Chair and Vice-Chair to report on the progress of the implementation of the UNECE reform in the field of transport to the Executive Committee of UNECE at its meeting scheduled on 26 February 2010.

**Item 5 Assistance to countries with economies in transition**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2010/3

**(a) Activities of the Trans-European Motorway and Trans-European Railway Projects, including the revision of their Master Plan**

9. The Committee will be **informed** orally about the recent developments of the Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects, including the progress on the implementation of their Master Plan and its Revision.

10. The Committee may wish to **reiterate** its support to this activity and **invite** the Steering Committees of the TEM and TER Projects to continue pursuing these activities. The Committee may also wish to **invite** the Governments of Eastern and South-Eastern European countries that are not yet members to the TEM and TER Projects to consider full participation in the projects and signing the respective cooperation agreements.

**(b) Other activities, projects and fund-raising issues**

11. The Committee may wish to **note** the activities aimed at assisting countries with economies in transition, undertaken in 2009, as reflected in document ECE/TRANS/2010/3, particularly related to the Special Programme of Economies of Central Asia (SPECA), the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Transport Corridor Europe Caucasus Asia (TRACECA), the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), advisory workshops and missions.

12. The Committee may wish to support the activities developed in the secretariat with a view to strengthening the cooperation with these organizations, in particular ECO and OSCE.

13. The Committee may also wish to **note** that a number of capacity building projects proposals have been developed by the secretariat and that extrabudgetary funding is needed to implement these projects. The Committee may wish to **reiterate** its request that adequate resources be made available in the secretariat for the substantive backstopping and further development of these activities and **encourage** member countries to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT).

**Item 6 Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme and environmental aspects of transport**

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/8

14. Recalling its earlier discussions on strengthening environmental and health aspects of transport (ECE/TRANS/2008/4) and the decision to increase cooperation with and contribute to the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) (ECE/TRANS/200, para. 24), the Committee may wish **to take note** of the report of THE PEP Steering Committee on its seventh session (22-23 October 2009). The Steering Committee agreed on procedures to implement the priority goals and mandated activities stipulated by the Amsterdam Declaration (ECE/AC.2/21/2009/2), approved THE PEP workplan for 2009-2014 as well as project proposals for extrabudgetary funding and coordination by THE PEP secretariat (UNECE Environment and Transport Divisions and WHO/Europe).

**Item 7 Review of the transport situation in UNECE member countries and of emerging development trends**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2010/5 and addenda

**(a) Transport developments in the European Union**

15. The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the European Commission, Directorate of Transport and Energy, about the most important legislative and policy initiatives

in the field of transport undertaken by the European Union (EU) in 2009.

**(b) Developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum**

16. The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the International Transport Forum (ITF) about the major activities undertaken by ITF in 2009 and its future plans.

**(c) Review of the transport situation and emerging trends in UNECE region**

17. The Committee may wish to **note** the review of the transport situation in 2009 and emerging trends in UNECE region (ECE/TRANS/2010/5) that was prepared by the secretariat on the basis of a decision taken at the seventy-first session (ECE/TRANS/206, para. 25). Members of the Committee are expected to **exchange views** on the main topics addressed.

## **II. POLICY-ORIENTED SEGMENT**

**Item 8 Discussion on the inland water transport in UNECE region in the framework of a half-day round table, under the theme “Sustainable transport development: the case of inland water transport”**

Documentation: Informal document No. 3

18. The Committee may wish to **note** that at its June 2009 meeting, the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee had agreed that the seventy-second session of the Committee should include a half-day policy segment in the form of a round table on inland water transport in UNECE region, to be held in the afternoon of the first day.

19. The round table will aim to identify policy recommendations to better exploit the potential of the E-network of rivers, canals and inland ports for international transport.

20. Following the above, delegations are **invited to participate** in a policy debate on development, challenges and opportunities for inland water transport in UNECE region. The provisional agenda of the round table will be circulated as Informal document No. 3.

## **III. QUESTIONS DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE’S SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

**Item 9 Issues that need consideration and require decisions by the Committee**

**(a) Activities related to Euro-Asian transport links**

Documentation: Informal document No. 4

21. The Committee will be **informed** about the recent activities of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL), including the second session of the Group held in Geneva on 7 September 2009, and its third session which took place in Istanbul from 12 to 13 November 2009. The Committee will also be informed about regional EATL workshops held in Tehran in April 2009 (organized in partnership with the Economic Cooperation Organization) and in Istanbul (organized in partnership with the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Turkey and BSEC) in November 2009. The Committee will be requested to **endorse** the decision of the

Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) of September 2009 to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links by two years (until February 2012) allowing it to continue its work and elaborate its report. The EATL Strength-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT) Analysis conducted by the Group will be circulated as Informal document No. 4.

**(b) Activities related to hinterland connections of seaports**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/46, ECE/TRANS/210

22. The Committee is invited to **take note** of the decision taken by the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics at its twenty-second session (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/46, para. 6) to adopt and publish the final report of the Group of Experts on Hinterland Connections of Seaports (ECE/TRANS/210).

23. The final report mentioned above recommends inter alia that the UNECE should collect and process harmonized data on annual port-hinterland container and ro-ro ferry traffic flows, launch the development of a new evaluation tool for benchmarking the performance of transport and logistics systems, and that concerned UNECE member States should support and strengthen the TEM, TER and EATL projects. The report also calls for an examination of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR), the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC), the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) and the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (Harmonization Convention) by respective Working Parties with a view to introducing amendments that would be conducive to the development of efficient port-hinterland linkages.

24. The Committee may wish to **invite** the Working Parties responsible for the tasks mentioned above (on Road Transport, (SC.1), on Rail Transport (SC.2), on Transport Statistics (WP.6), on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) and on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30)) to consider whether and how they could be implemented.

**(c) European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/388

25. The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about the main European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)-related developments that took place since the last session and in particular about the difficulties encountered by several non-EU Contracting Parties in complying with the set deadline of 16 June 2010 for implementing the digital tachograph. In order to facilitate cooperation between countries concerned by this issue, the secretariat convened the ad-hoc expert group on the implementation of digital tachograph by non-EU Contracting Parties to AETR on 26 February 2010.

26. The Committee may wish to **invite** the non-EU Contracting Parties to take all the necessary measures for the implementation of the digital tachograph within the deadline. The Committee may also wish to **invite** the EU member States that are Contracting Parties to the

AETR as well as the private sector to provide all their possible assistance to the non-EU countries concerned, enabling them to comply with the deadline.

**(d) Activities related to road transport and road traffic safety**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/388, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2009/125, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/5, ECE/TRANS/2010/4, Informal document No. 5

27. Following the decision of the Committee at its seventy-first session, the secretariat will **inform** the Committee of the current status of transit road transport quotas of permit systems in the UNECE region. The Committee may wish to **note** that the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) had decided to keep this item on the agenda for its next session and requested the secretariat to monitor the developments related to the transit issue and to the opportunities to further facilitate international transport. Moreover, SC.1 had requested the secretariat to regularly inform SC.1 and the Committee accordingly, based on information from the member governments and relevant road transport NGOs. Documents ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/5 and ECE/TRANS/2010/4 contain such information.

28. The Committee may wish to **invite** Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) to accede to/ratify the Additional Protocol to the CMR allowing the use of the electronic consignment note (e-CMR). The Committee may wish to **note** that three more ratifications are needed for the Protocol to enter into force.

29. The Committee will be also **informed** that the UNECE Road Safety Forum, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), had approved its Action Plan aimed at increasing its role in contributing to improved global road safety and decided to establish an ad-hoc group of experts to deal with Intelligent Transport Systems of relevance to WP.1, notably with Variable Message Signs. The mandate of this group will be considered and possibly approved at the fifty-ninth session of WP.1.

30. The Committee may wish to **welcome** the progress made by of the Road Safety Forum and to approve the establishment of the ad-hoc group of experts dealing with Intelligent Transport Systems of relevance to WP.1, so that it can meet before the seventy-third session of the Committee in 2011.

31. The Committee will **consider** Informal document No. 5 containing the results of the first global conference on road safety, held in Moscow from 19 to 20 November 2009. The conference was attended by 1,500 high-level officials from 150 countries, international governmental and non-governmental organizations, and culminated with the adoption of the Moscow Declaration, which invites the General Assembly of the United Nations to declare 2011-2020 the Decade of Action for Road Safety.

32. The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat of the progress made in the implementation of the project funded by the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) “on improving road safety: setting regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets”, carried out by the five United Nations regional commissions in 2008-2009.

33. The Committee will also be **informed** about the follow-up to the cooperation with the Hellenic Basketball Federation and the declaration on “Team Work and Fair Play on the Basketball Court and on our Roads” signed by the Greek basketball champions in Halkida in June 2009. This initiative was taken up at the European level by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) and FIBA Europe, and was supported by the Polish Authorities. As a result, the “Respect of the rules” declaration was endorsed and signed by FIBA, UNECE and the Polish Government during a joint press conference held in Katowice, Poland, on 17 September 2009, on the occasion of the Eurobasket 2009 tournament. It is hoped that during next year World Basketball Championship in Turkey the European initiative will evolve into a global commitment.

**(e) Preparation of a new Annex 9 (rail crossing) to the Harmonization Convention**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2009/2 and Rev.1 and Corr. 1-3

34. The Committee may wish to **note** that, on the basis of contributions by the Organization for Cooperation Railway Lines (OSJD), the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF), European Commission (EC) and the secretariat, the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) had continued its activities towards the finalization of amendment proposals for the introduction of a new Annex 9 to the Harmonization Convention. These proposals will be considered at the February 2010 session of WP.30 and, if approved, will be submitted to the Administrative Committee to the Harmonization Convention (AC.3) for adoption. The Committee may wish to welcome this information and to highlight the importance of a new Annex 9 for further facilitation of international transport by rail.

**(f) Progress on the computerization of the TIR procedures-The eTIR project**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2009/5

35. The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about the progress made in the computerization of the TIR procedure (eTIR) and, in particular, about the recent activities of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2009/5). Because of the highly technical nature of the work on Chapter 3 of the eTIR Reference Model dedicated to the in-depth analysis of the future computerized TIR system, the Expert Group will, for the time being, continue its deliberations through the exchange of emails. The Committee may wish to **reiterate** its appeal to all parties concerned to support the important work of computerization of the TIR procedure and to ensure that Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) experts from both Customs and the transport industry would participate in and actively contribute to the discussions of GE.1. The Committee may also wish to **prolong** the mandate of the Expert Group to the year 2010 in order to continue its work.

**(g) Border crossing performance measurement**

36. The Committee will be **informed** about a recent joint initiative with the OSCE in the area of border crossing facilitation. In particular, the Committee will be informed about the status quo of the OSCE-UNECE project to develop and publish a “Handbook of Best Practices at Borders”. The Handbook, financed by OSCE, will contain a chapter describing different border crossing performance measurement techniques, including an assessment of their suitability and

effectiveness. This chapter may also include guidelines suitable for reporting on progress made in fulfilling Annex 8 of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods. The Handbook may become a useful tool to promote facilitation at border crossings.

**(h) Transport and competitiveness**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2010/10

37. The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about the outcome of the Round Table on Supply Chain Challenges for National Competitiveness through Transport, held on 2 December 2009 (ECE/TRANS/2010/10).

38. The Committee may further wish to **consider** and **approve** the outline of the project "Supply chain challenges for national competitiveness through transport" and the indicative timeline as contained in an informal document submitted at the twenty-second session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics held on 8 and 9 September 2009, annexed in document ECE/TRANS/2010/10.

**(i) Review of the most important issues related to the harmonization of vehicle regulations**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1070 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1072, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1077, Informal document No. 6

39. The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat of the most recent developments in the work carried out by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicles Regulation (WP.29) and its six subsidiary Working Parties (GRB, GRE, GRPR, GRRF, GRSG and GRSP), the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement, the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement and the Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement. The Committee may wish to **note** that 30 informal groups worked during 2009 in parallel to the World Forum and to its subsidiary bodies to assist them in developing new vehicle regulations and updating the 135 existing vehicle regulations based on technical progress. A list of matters under discussion by the informal groups will be circulated as Informal document No. 6.

40. The Committee will be **informed** that, following the request of the Committee at its 2009 session, the WP.1 initiated in 2009 the work to ensure a continuous concordance/consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and the regulations developed by the World Forum. Unfortunately, a solution has not yet been found. The Committee may wish to **recall** that the World Forum had expressed the wish that the Vienna Convention should enable the vehicles entering international traffic to meet the regulations developed by WP.29 as an alternative to the provisions in the Convention governing the technical specifications of the vehicles. The Committee may wish to **recommend** that WP.1 continue working in this direction and give this matter priority.

41. The Committee may wish to **note** that the European Communities adopted Regulation (EC) No. 661/2009 in which 50 EU Directives on vehicles have been replaced by reference to vehicle regulations developed by the World Forum. The Committee may also wish to note that at the November session of the World Forum, the delegation of the Russian Federation informed



WP.29 that around 120 regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement would be made mandatory in the Russian legislation by making direct references to them.

42. The Committee may wish to **note** that the World Forum vice-Chair represented the World Forum at the first Ministerial Conference on Road Safety held in Moscow from 18 to 20 November 2009. The Committee may also wish to **note** that the secretary of the World Forum participated in the Conference on Elimination of Technical Barriers to Trade, organized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OECD in Paris in October 2009, where he presented the 1958 Agreement and its Regulations annexed to it as a useful tool to eliminate technical barriers to trade.

43. With regard to the 1958 Agreement and the Regulations annexed to it, the Committee may wish to **note** that in 2009 the number of Contracting Parties to the Agreement remained the same (48). One hundred amendments to 54 existing Regulations were adopted by the Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.1) of the Agreement. The Committee may also wish to **note** that in 2009, the secretariat had participated in the conference of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Egypt and provided countries of the Arab Gulf with information on the Agreement in order to facilitate the decision-making regarding their future accession to the Agreement.

44. With regard to the 1998 (global) Agreement and global technical regulations (gtrs), the Committee may wish to **note** that the number of Contracting Parties to the 1998 Agreement remained the same (31) in 2009. The Executive Committee of the Agreement (WP.29/AC.3) adopted for its establishment in the Global Registry of the 1998 Agreement two new gtrs on Off Cycle Emissions and on emissions of Non Road Mobile Machinery as well as five amendments to existing gtrs. A total of 11 global technical regulations are currently established in the Registry of Global Technical Regulations. The Committee may wish to **note** that work continued on the nine priorities identified to establish new draft global technical regulations and update the existing ones. Regarding the reduction of emissions, including CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, of light vehicles, covering also passenger vehicles, WP.29/AC.3 agreed to develop a new global technical regulation on this matter. All the stakeholders of WP.29, (Canada, United States of America, The European Community and its member States, Australia, China, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa,) voted in favour of the development of this new gtr and most of them will collaborate in the research activities needed to complete it. The Committee may also wish to **note** that, in addition to the above-mentioned nine priorities, the six subsidiary Working Parties of the World Forum also worked on the seven items that WP.29/AC.3 had authorized to pursue or to set as new priorities. The Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement (AC.3) is currently identifying the priorities for the development of new global technical regulations.

45. With regard to the 1997 Agreement on Periodical Technical Inspections, the Committee might wish to **note** that the number of Contracting Parties to the Agreement remained the same (9) in 2009. The Committee may wish to **note** that the World Forum considered at its November 2009 session a new draft Rule on periodical technical inspections with respect to safety of heavy commercial passenger and goods vehicles used in international transport, which was referred to the concerned Working Parties for consideration. The Committee may again **consider** inviting the 18 countries (Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Slovakia) which signed the Agreement to speed up their national ratification procedures.

46. The Committee may wish to **note** that WP.29 considered a revision on the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3), to update its provisions and the references to the vehicle regulations developed by the World Forum. WP.29 is expected to carry out this revision in the course of 2010.

**(j) Fuel standards**

47. The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat of the progress of work in the World Forum on the development of market fuel quality standards as a mean to further reduce emissions from vehicles. The Committee may wish to **note** the close link between the market fuel quality and the emissions of pollutants from motor vehicles.

48. The Committee may also wish to **note** that the informal group met twice during 2009 and agreed to develop technical specifications for market fuel quality taking into account the emission control technologies and to identify on the basis of these specifications the most appropriate administrative procedure for publishing them (e.g. as a guideline or as an annex to either the Regulations concerned or the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) or the Special Resolution No. 1 (S.R.1) or as a new regulation under the 1958 or 1998 Agreement).

49. The Committee may wish to further **note** the need that all countries or regions, developed and emerging ones, should be involved in that market fuel standards harmonization. These standards could be based on the World Wide Fuel Charter (WWFC). The informal group agreed to work not only on conventional fuels, but, also on biofuels and to focus: (a) in a first step, on the liquid fuels; and (b) in a further step, on gaseous fuels.

**(k) White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe**

50. The secretariat will present the draft “White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe”, prepared under the auspices of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport. The White paper presents the evolution of inland water transport in the UNECE region since the 1996 UNECE “White Paper on trends in and development of inland navigation and its infrastructure”, highlighting the development of the inland waterway network under the framework of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), and promotes a pan-European vision for the inland water transport development.

**(l) Harmonization of navigation rules for inland water transport in Europe based on the European Code for inland waterways**

51. The secretariat will inform the Committee about the results of the work on further harmonizing navigation rules for inland water transport in the UNECE region through the UNECE European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI).

**(m) Review of the most important issues related to the transport of dangerous goods**

Documentation: ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/70, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/34, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/201, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/203, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/114 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/116, Add.1-2, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/32 and

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/32/Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/33 and Add.1, ECE/ADN/4, ECE/ADN/6, ECE/ADN/7, ECE/TRANS/2010/2

52. The Committee may wish to **note** that the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 2009/19 on 21 July 2009 on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (see Informal document No. 1) and that the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), the RID/ADR/ADN<sup>1/</sup> Joint Meeting and the ADN Safety Committee have already taken or are taking action as required in operative paragraphs 3 to 6 of section A of the resolution. The Committee may also wish to **note** that, pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of sections A and B, the secretariat has already published the sixteenth revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (in English, French and Spanish), the fifth revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria (in English and French) and the third revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (in English, French and Russian). Other language versions should come out soon.

53. The Committee may wish to **note** that the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the Economic and Social Council met from 22 June to 26 July 2009 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/70) and will meet again from 30 November to 9 December 2009. The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals met from 9 to 11 June 2009 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/34) and will meet again from 9 to 11 December 2009.

54. The Committee may wish to **note** that, following the accession by Andorra, there are 45 Contracting Parties to the ADR. The Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of the ADR, adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties on 28 October 1993, has not yet entered into force as not all Contracting Parties to the ADR have become Parties to it. Thirty-three Contracting Parties have done so to date, and the Committee may wish to **urge** the remaining Contracting Parties (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kazakhstan, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and Ukraine) to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol to come into force.

55. The Committee may wish to **note** that WP.15: endorsed the common amendments to RID, ADR and ADN adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (WP.15/AC.1) during the biennium; adopted amendments specific to ADR, e.g. as regards revised instructions in writing, driver training and a new harmonized driver training certificate with security features, and the passage of vehicles carrying dangerous goods through road tunnels; requested the secretariat to prepare a consolidated list of all the amendments which it had adopted for entry into force on 1 January 2011, so that they could be made the subject of an official proposal in accordance with the procedure set out in article 14 of ADR. All these amendments should come into force on 1 January 2011.

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<sup>1/</sup> Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN).

56. The Committee may wish to **note** that WP.15 also requested the secretariat to publish the consolidated text of ADR as it would be amended on 1 January 2011, sufficiently in advance to prepare for its effective implementation before the entry into force of the amendments in question.

57. The Committee may wish to **note** that, pursuant to its request (ECE/TRANS/204, para. 93) the secretariat contacted the Office of Legal Affairs regarding the possible legal procedures for the deletion of the word "European" from the title of ADR, in order to facilitate accession by non-UNECE countries. No official answer has been provided by the Office of Legal Affairs so far, but it is likely that this would require the convening of a Conference of the Parties in accordance with the procedures defined in Article 13 of ADR.

58. The Committee may wish to **note** that, following ratification by Croatia and Slovakia, the number of Contracting Parties to ADN has reached 12.

59. The Committee may wish to **note** that the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN (ADN Safety Committee) (WP.15/AC.2) will hold its sixteenth session from 25 to 29 January 2010. The Committee may wish to **note** that the ADN Administrative Committee held its third session from 27 to 28 August 2009 (ECE/ADN/6) but, due to lack of a quorum (5 Contracting Parties represented, out of 11), could not take decisions.

60. The ADN Administrative Committee will meet again on 28 and 29 January 2010 (see agenda ECE/ADN/7), mainly for adopting all draft amendments prepared by the Safety Committee in 2009 and January 2010, i.e. the set of amendments that should enter into force on 1 January 2011 and that would ensure harmonization of ADN with ADR and RID. The Committee may wish to **note** that the adoption of this set of amendments requires the quorum, i.e. representation of 50 per cent of Contracting Parties at the said session, and may therefore wish to **urge** Contracting Parties to participate in sessions of the ADN Safety Committee.

61. The Committee may wish to **note** that the secretariat had sent a letter to Permanent Missions of ADN Contracting Parties to the United Nations Office in Geneva requesting countries to submit the various notifications required by ADN (see ECE/ADN/4, Annex). The Committee may wish to **urge** Contracting Parties to submit such information, including details of competent authorities, without delay.

**(n) Review of the most important issues related to the transport of perishable foodstuffs**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.11/220

62. The Committee may wish to **note** that proposed amendments to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) adopted at the sixty-third session of Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) in 2007 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/216 and Add.1) were deemed accepted on 6 June 2009 and would enter into force on 6 December 2009. A new version of the ATP reflecting those amendments is available on the Transport Division website.

63. The Committee may wish to **note** that the countries from Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) participated in WP.11 for the first time thanks to the

TRACECA programme of the EU which currently has a project to encourage those Central Asian countries which are not ATP Contracting Parties to join the Agreement and the establishment of ATP testing stations in the region.

64. The Committee may also wish to **note** that the WP.11 failed to reach agreement on a proposal for an ATP test for multi-compartment multi-temperature vehicles. This is a subject which has been under discussion for many years by the Working Party and the model of the ATP Certificate even mentions multi-temperature equipment without there being a corresponding test in the ATP itself. It is estimated that in some countries today multi-temperature vehicles make up some 20-30 per cent of the fleet.

**(o) Road map on future work and operation of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2009/5

65. The Committee may wish to take **note** of an analysis on the future work and operation of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) On the basis of a report prepared by a virtual group of experts, the Working Party had agreed on a new draft programme of work (2010-2014). It had also decided to focus discussions on specific themes, moderated by a lead country or organization, to arrange, as far and as soon as possible, back-to-back sessions with other Working Parties, particularly with the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) and to improve visibility, communication and outreach, particularly to Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) countries, including the convening of round tables, seminars and sessions outside Geneva (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/125, paras. 18-22). The Committee may wish to consider and approve the approach taken by the Working Party.

66. In this context, the Committee may also wish to **consider** whether work should be initiated on civil liability provisions that would cover intermodal transport operations and/or extend existing land transport conventions, such as CMR (road), to cover also intermodal transport operations, in line with provisions contained already in the Convention Concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF), the Montreal Convention (air) or the newly adopted Rotterdam Rules (maritime).

**(p) Inland transport security**

67. The Committee will **be informed** about the outcome of a two day inland transport security meeting organized and hosted at the UNECE from 28 to 29 January 2010, as a follow-up to the work of the Multidisciplinary Inland Transport Security Expert Group. Its report, which had called for the continuation of work towards enhancing inland transport security, had been endorsed by the Committee at its seventy-first session in 2009. The meeting was organized in cooperation with private sectors partners and aimed at providing a forum to discuss horizontal issues addressed to the Committee's subsidiary bodies and to exchange good practices.

**(q) Global warming and transport**

Documentation: Informal document No. 7

68. The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat of the activities of the Division

regarding Global Warming and Transport contained in Informal document No. 7.

69. The Committee may wish to **note** that the WP.29 is preparing a round table on Climate Change and Transport at the June 2010 session of the World Forum. To this aim, the World Forum held a brainstorming session at its last session in November 2009. The members of the Committee are expected to **exchange views** on this subject.

70. The Committee may wish to consider **inviting** its members to participate at the above-mentioned round table.

**(r) Intelligent Transport Systems**

Documentation: Informal document No. 8

71. The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat of the progress made in the field of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and, in particular, the recent activities of WP.29 contained in Informal document No. 8. The Committee may wish to **note** that due to lack of expertise on infrastructure related aspects, WP.29 will for the time being continue its activities focusing on ITS application on vehicles.

72. The Committee may wish to **support** the need for deployment of ITS work in all transport modes and to **invite** its subsidiary bodies to contribute in the elaboration of a road map for incorporating ITS into their activities.

**(s) Transport of people with reduced mobility**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.2/212

73. The Committee may wish to **note** that a workshop on passenger accessibility of heavy rail system took place during the sixty-third session of the Working Party on Rail Transport and **endorsed** the policy statement adopted by the SC.2 (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/212, annex III).

**Item 10 Issues of informative character and formal approval by the Committee**

**(a) Approval of reports of the Committee's subsidiary bodies**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/207/Add.1

74. The Committee may wish to **approve** as a whole the reports and related activities of its subsidiary bodies and **request** the secretariat to incorporate related references in the complete ITC report on the basis of the respective annotations contained in document ECE/TRANS/207/Add.1.

**(b) Information on the 2010 E-Road and 2010 E-Rail Traffic Censuses**

Documentation: Informal document No. 9

75. The Committee may wish to **consider** Informal document No. 9 prepared by the secretariat on the implementation of ITC Resolutions related to the 2010 E-Road and 2010 E-Rail Traffic Censuses.

(c) **Status of accession to international UNECE transport agreements and conventions**

Documentation: Informal document No. 10

76. The Committee will **consider** Informal document No. 10 prepared by the secretariat containing tables in English, French and Russian on the latest status as at 31 January 2010 of signatures, ratifications and accessions concerning international instruments on inland transport concluded under the auspices of the Committee. Informal document No. 5 will also contain the accessions registered since the last session of the Committee. The Committee may wish to **take note** of this information and **invite** countries, which have not yet done so, to become Contracting Parties to UNECE Agreements and Conventions in the field of transport as soon as possible.

**IV. EVALUATION AND ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE WORK**

**Item 11 Biennial evaluation for the 2008-2009 biennium**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2010/6

77. The Committee will have before it document ECE/TRANS/2010/6 containing the report of its subsidiary bodies evaluation on the accomplishments, related indicators of achievement and methodologies for the 2008-2009 biennium, for each cluster of activities, approved by the respective Working Parties.

78. The Committee may wish to **consider** and **approve** the 2008-2009 biennium evaluation.

**Item 12 Performance planning for the evaluation of the 2010-2011 programme of work and approval of the strategic framework for the 2012-2013 biennium**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2010/7

79. The Committee will have before it document ECE/TRANS/2010/7 which provides an overview of the planned performance assessments for the transport subprogramme. In line with the decision of the Commission requesting each Sectoral Committee to conduct biennial evaluations, it sets the framework for such evaluation to be performed in the 2010-2011 biennium. The Committee is invited to **review** and **agree** on the expected accomplishments and related indicators of achievement proposed for each cluster of activities in this framework before its submission to the UNECE Executive Committee.

80. In addition, the Committee is presented with the subprogramme's 2012-2013 strategic framework drawn up in the context of the United Nations programme budget preparations (ECE/TRANS/2010/7). In accordance with the UNECE programme planning process, the strategic framework has to be **reviewed** by the Committee before it is submitted to the UNECE Executive Committee and the United Nations Headquarters.

**Item 13 Draft programme of work 2010-2014**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2010/8

81. The Committee will have before it document ECE/TRANS/2010/8 containing its draft Programme of Work. The Committee may wish to **adopt** its programme of work for the period 2010-2014.

#### **Item 14 Schedule of meetings in 2010**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2010/9

82. A preliminary list of meetings is being circulated for **consideration** and **adoption** by the Committee, based on proposals made by the Committee's subsidiary bodies ECE/TRANS/2010/9.

#### **Item 15 Election of officers for the Committee's sessions 2011 and 2012**

83. The Committee is expected to **elect** its officers for its sessions in 2011 and 2012.

#### **Item 16 Composition of the Committee's Bureau in 2010 and 2011**

84. The Committee may wish to **decide** on the composition of its Bureau for the preparation of its sessions in 2010 and 2012.

### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Item 17 Any other business. Date of next session**

85. The Committee may **note** that its seventy-third session is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva from **1 - 3 March 2011**.

#### **Item 18 Adoption of the list of main decisions of the seventy-second session**

86. The Committee will **adopt** the list of main decisions of the seventy-second session.

### **VI. PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE**

|                        |               |                   |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Tuesday, 23 February   | 10.00 – 13.00 | Items 1 - 7       |
|                        | 15.00 – 18.00 | Items 8           |
| Wednesday, 24 February | 10.00 – 13.00 | Items 9 (a) - (j) |
|                        | 15.00 – 18.00 | Items 9 (k) - 10  |
| Thursday, 25 February  | 10.00 – 18.00 | Items 11-17       |

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