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## **I. Attendance**

1. The Working Party on Transport Statistics held its sixty-second session from 6 to 8 July 2011 in Geneva under the chairmanship of Mrs. O. Kastlova (Czech Republic).
2. The session of the Working Party was attended by the following countries and international organizations: Czech Republic; France; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Slovenia; Sweden; Switzerland; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.
3. Representatives of the European Union (EU) were also present (DG MOVE and Eurostat). The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Danube Commission (DC), European Railway Agency (ERA), International Transport Forum (ITF) and World Health Organization (WHO).

## **II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)**

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/WP.6/160

4. The Working Party adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/160).

## **III. UNECE Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies (agenda item 2)**

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/221

5. The Working Party took note of the results of the seventy-third session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) (1–3 March 2011), in particular of its considerations and decisions relating to 2010 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses and transport of people with reduced mobility.
6. The Working Party was informed about the meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies during the last ITC session. Chairs discussed strengthening cooperation, sharing experiences and addressing common challenges. The ITC welcomed the organization of the first meeting of the Chairs and recommended that such meetings become a regular feature of its sessions.
7. The Working Party was informed that the ITC approved as a whole, the report and related activities of the Working Party on Transport Statistics in 2010 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/159).
8. The Working Party took note of the United Nations project for future inland transport systems (ForFITS) aiming to report on the global status of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets through inland transport, to review the existing measuring methodologies and to establish a common methodology for the assessment and monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
9. The Working Party was informed about two workshops on the use of the Web Common Questionnaire organized in Almaty (Kazakhstan), in September 2010 and April 2011.
10. The Working Party welcomed the planned workshop on transport statistics in Central Asia (Azerbaijan) on the use of the Web Common Questionnaire with the purpose of improving the response rate. The Working Party will be informed of the outcome at its next session in 2012.

## **IV. Methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics (agenda item 3)**

### **A. Classification system for transport statistics**

*Documentation:* Informal document WP.6 No. 4 (2011)

11. The Working Party approved Informal document WP.6 No. 4 (2011) containing the replies to new questions about the contents of the Groups of NST. An updated version will be put on the website of WP.6. NST 2007 will be maintained on the agenda of the next session.

12. The Working Party invited the secretariat, the representatives of France, Netherlands and Eurostat to prepare, for the next session, a draft of short designations at a 2 digit level.

13. Delegates were invited to inform the Working Party of their experiences on the use of NST 2007 at the next session.

### **B. Glossary for Transport Statistics**

*Documentation:* Informal document WP.6 No. 1 (2010), ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/5

14. The Working Party welcomed the translation of the illustrated version of the fourth edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics in Russian. 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 put on the website of WP.6.

15. The Working Party invited the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG) to consider the document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/5 in order to complete these definitions of vehicle energy types.

### **C. Common questionnaire**

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/1

16. The Working Party took note of the availability of data collected through the Common questionnaire for transport statistics.

17. The Working Party invited the IWG to consider the document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/1 in order to propose a breakdown by kind of transport (taxis, buses and coaches, etc.).

18. The Working Party invited all countries to participate actively in the data collection through the Web Common Questionnaire.

### **D. Methodology on road traffic accident statistics**

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/2

19. The Working Party took note of the status of availability of data on road traffic accidents and was informed that the IWG is working on including the questionnaire on road traffic accidents in the web version of the Common Questionnaire.

20. The Working Party was informed that some member States are reporting the number of killed following various methodologies: on the scene (Albania and Uzbekistan), within

1 day (Kyrgyzstan), within 7 days (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation and Turkmenistan), within 20 days (Georgia), within 1 year (Republic of Moldova) and with no time frame (Armenia).

21. The representative of the Russian Federation informed the Working Party that her country has applied the harmonized definition of "killed". For 2009 statistics, data are available following the old methodology (within 7 days) and (within 30 days).

22. The representative of the Netherlands made a presentation on the international comparability of statistics on road traffic injuries. He underlined that a complete insight on the consequences of road crashes is needed requiring the use of several databases and that a good cooperation between several departments (Infrastructure/Health/ Police) needed to be established. Databases from the accident reporting system should be linkable by common variables and the estimation procedures should be exchanged in order to have a good estimation.

23. The representative of DG MOVE (CARE Database) presented the objectives, history, structure and functioning of CARE Database. She mentioned that the objective of the Common Accident Data Set (CaDAS) is to improve the compatibility of road accident data throughout the European Union. For this model, each country is responsible for the Qualification and Validation of their own Data; the use of common methodology will improve the compatibility of road accident data between all countries.

24. The representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) presented the two methods for estimating road traffic fatalities which were used in the first WHO Global Survey:

- the standardized 30-day road crash fatality to adjust all reported country data; and
- the negative binomial regression model. In this model, determinants of traffic accident mortality are taken into account: exposure factors (car density, road density), policies on specific interventions and their enforcement (alcohol, speed, investment on public transport) and strength of health system (presence of pre hospital care, emergency care).

25. The Working Party was informed that the secretariat had received from the CARE Database, data for 2008 except some data on types of collisions and data on road traffic accidents under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication.

26. The Working Party invited the secretariat to make a special effort on the collection of data on types of collisions and of data on road traffic accidents under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication. The Working Party invited the IWG to investigate the main gaps in the data collection on road safety in order to fill these gaps. The Chair invited IWG to hold its next meeting in Prague.

27. The Working Party decided to keep the issue of international comparability on its agenda and to have, during the next session, a segment on "Statistical performance indicators in road safety".

## **E. Statistics on the transport of dangerous goods**

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/3

28. The representative of the United States of America presented the results of the US Commodity Flow Survey for the carriage of dangerous goods in 2007 (value by mode, volume by mode (metric tonne and tonne-km), value by UN Class). He also presented the reported hazardous materials incidents (2001 to 2010), the reported hazardous injuries by mode (2001 to 2010) and the reported hazardous fatalities by mode (2001 to 2010).

29. The Working Party was informed that the UNECE, which provides secretariat services to intergovernmental bodies responsible for the updating or administration of international legal instruments on the transport of dangerous goods for all modes (road and inland waterway (IWW), rail in cooperation with the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)), had organized a round table discussion on "Transport of dangerous goods: Global and regional dimensions" at the seventy-third session of the Inland Transport Committee. This event showed a clear need for reliable data on the transport of dangerous goods for the whole ECE region.

30. The Working Party adopted the pilot questionnaire on the transport of dangerous goods in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/3. This questionnaire will be sent only to non-European Union (non-EU) member States as Eurostat had already collected similar data on the carriage of dangerous goods.

31. The pilot questionnaire would be circulated as soon as possible and its results reviewed by the Working Party at its next session.

## **F. Statistics on the transport of gas through pipelines**

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/4

32. The Working Party was informed that by the end of April 2011, 15 countries had delivered data and the most available data are the length of operated pipelines provided by 14 countries. Carrying capacity is only available for 2 countries.

33. The pilot questionnaire would be circulated again through the Web Common Questionnaire and its results reviewed by the Working Party at its next session. IWG will elaborate a methodology on conversion.

## **G. Pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance**

*Documentation:* Informal document WP.6 No. 1 (2011)

34. The Working Party was informed that by the end of June 2011, the number of countries that had delivered data are, respectively, 16, 12 and 8 for Table 1 (Road traffic on national territory by type of vehicle, million vehicle kilometres), Table 2 (Road traffic on national territory for national and foreign vehicles by type of vehicle and type of road, million vehicle kilometres) and Table 3 (Road traffic on all territories for national vehicles by type and age of vehicle, million vehicle kilometres).

35. The pilot questionnaire would be circulated again through the Web Common Questionnaire and its results reviewed by the Working Party at its next session.

## **H. Statistics on passenger transport by buses and coaches**

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/6

36. The Working Party was informed that by the end of April 2011, 21 countries had delivered data and the most available data are related to the number of passengers as well as the number of vehicle-km.

37. The pilot questionnaire would be circulated again through the Web Common Questionnaire and its results reviewed by the Working Party at its next session.

## I. Statistics on hinterland connections of seaports

38. The representative of Eurostat presented the mandate and the programme of work of the Task Force on Intermodal Transport Statistics, which will hold its next session from 27 to 28 September 2011.

39. This session will focus on the analysis of the "German approach" consisting of the use of existing statistics and the identification of transshipment terminals. The Task Force will consider the definition of the method, hypotheses and data applicability to other countries. A first pilot test on rail statistics and a first list of terminals could be considered.

40. The Working Party invited the secretariat to follow this issue in cooperation with Eurostat's Task Force on intermodal transport statistics in 2011 and to report on it at the next session of the Working Party.

## J. Data on reduced mobility by rail

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/SC.2/212, annex III, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2010/8

41. The representative of ERA mentioned that the accessibility of the rail system will progressively become measurable; however, assessment methodology needs to be established first. States have the obligation to report on accessibility but data are not available, except in some countries where useful information could be extracted from databases even if the analysis of time series is complex. ERA has selected a sample of 7 countries to be studied.

42. The Working Party welcomed the information presented by ERA and decided to keep this item on its agenda for information on results of studies carried out by ERA.

## K. Relation between energy statistics and transport statistics

43. The Working Party decided to keep this item on its agenda.

## V. Traffic censuses in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region (agenda item 4)

### A. 2010 E-Road traffic census

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/221, para. 97, Informal document WP.6 No. 2 (2011)

44. The Working Party was informed about the status of the 2010 E-Road traffic census. The following countries confirmed their intention to implement the resolution on the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census: Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Luxembourg, Poland, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Switzerland and Turkey.

45. The representatives of France, Sweden and the United Kingdom informed the Working Group about the intention of their countries to implement this resolution.

46. The Working Party noted that the Inland Transport Committee had **invited** UNECE member States that had not yet informed the secretariat about their intention to take part in the 2010 E-Road traffic census complying with Committee Resolution No. 259 to do so as soon as possible, and **urged** all UNECE member States to submit the required traffic data by **1 November 2011**.

47. The Working Party invited all UNECE member countries in Europe to participate in the 2010 E-road traffic census in compliance with ITC Resolution No. 259 and to transmit relevant data to the UNECE secretariat within the stipulated time frames.

48. The Working Party invited the secretariat to send reminders on the deadline for submission of data.

## **B. 2010 E-Rail traffic census**

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/221, para. 97, Informal document WP.6 No. 3 (2011)

49. The Working Party was informed about the status of the 2010 E-Rail traffic census. The following countries confirmed their intention to implement the resolution on the 2010 E-Rail Traffic Census: Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Luxembourg, Poland, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Switzerland and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

50. The representatives of France, Sweden and the United Kingdom informed the Working Group about the intention of their countries to implement this resolution.

51. The Working Party recalled that it is mandatory for member States of the European Union (EU) to undertake the 2010 E-Rail Traffic Census according to Regulation No. 91/2003 of 16 December 2002 on rail transport statistics adopted by the European Parliament and the Council. These countries should send their replies to Eurostat which will transmit them to the secretariat.

52. The Working Party noted that the Inland Transport Committee had **invited** UNECE member States who had not yet informed the secretariat about their intention to take part in the 2010 E-Rail traffic census complying with Committee Resolution No. 260 to do so as soon as possible, and **urged** all UNECE member States to submit the required traffic data by **30 June 2012**.

53. The Working Party invited all UNECE member countries in Europe to participate in the 2010 E-road traffic census in compliance with ITC Resolution No. 260 and to transmit relevant data to the UNECE secretariat within the stipulated time frames.

## **VI. Collection and dissemination of transport statistics by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (agenda item 5)**

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/7

54. The Working Party was informed about the quality checks carried out for the UNECE transport statistics database. It noted that the secretariat has disseminated, through the online database, new performance indicators derived from data in the UNECE database:

- number of fatalities per million inhabitants;
- number of injuries per million inhabitants;
- number of fatalities per 10,000 passenger cars;
- number of injuries per 10,000 passenger cars;
- number of passenger cars in use per 1,000 inhabitants;
- severity of road traffic accidents (fatalities per 1,000 accidents); and



- railway density (total length of lines operated (km) per 1,000 km<sup>2</sup>).

55. The Working Party noted that the provisional version of the "Statistics for Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS)" is online. The annual publication on "Main Transport Indicators in the UNECE region" is also online in English and Russian. Another publication (UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America) is being finalized.

56. The Working Party welcomed the information on implementing the decisions in the road map on the collection and dissemination of transport statistics.

## **VII. Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (agenda item 6)**

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

## **VIII. Statistical activities of international organizations of interest to the Working Party (agenda item 7)**

### **A. European Commission (DG MOVE)**

58. The representative of the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) of the European Commission informed the Working Party about the developments in the Community transport policy and their statistical implications. The White Paper — adopted at the end of March 2011 — sets out the European Commission's strategy on transport policy for the next decade and contains old and new challenges (increasing competitive pressure in the global economy, increasing oil price and persistent oil dependency, growing congestion and poorer accessibility). It has some statistical implication and future needs, particularly:

- Extensive use of modeling for the White Paper impact assessment;
- Necessity of indicators on modal split (by distance) for both freights and passenger transport;
- Need to improve the availability of detailed data on emissions (urban/interurban, passenger/freight);
- Need to monitor developments in the urban areas: data on urban mobility;
- Harmonization of definition of injured people in road safety.

### **B. European Commission (Eurostat)**

59. The representative of Eurostat informed the Working Party about the activities carried out by his organization and the main objectives of their programme of work for 2011, in particular:

- Implementation of the Community "acquis" (all data for year 2010 available by December 2011);
- New data collection, compilation and dissemination of transport safety data from DG MOVE and transport safety agencies;
- Feasibility study on new users' needs in rail transport statistics;

- Feasibility study on production of intermodal transport statistics and logistics performance indicators;
- According to the modes, more or less advanced feasibility studies on emissions;
- Production of transport infrastructure, equipment, enterprises, safety indicators, etc. through the use of the Common Questionnaire accessible via Internet;
- Production of regional indicators (infrastructure, means, safety, transport) based on both the annual survey (RegWeb) and the legal data collections.

### **C. International Transport Forum**

60. The representative of the ITF noted that his organization is allocating more resources to statistics with a unit of 4 people and is more focused on policy relevant data. Important work was done to make the website more user-friendly and new statistical products were developed. In the future, ITF intends to increase the contribution of statistics to the annual Summit in Leipzig (Germany) and to create a statistical workshop linked with the Summit topic.

### **D. Danube Commission**

61. The representative of the DC informed the Working Party of recent activities carried out in her organization.

## **IX. Programme of work, biennial evaluation, work plan and terms of reference of the Working Party (agenda item 8)**

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/8, Informal document WP.6 No. 5 (2011), Informal document WP.6 No. 6 (2011)

### **A. Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2012-2013**

62. In accordance with the decision of the ITC to review its programme of work every 2 years, the next review being in 2012 (ECE/TRANS/200, para. 120), the Working Party reviewed and adopted its programme of work for 2012–2013 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2011/8.

63. In accordance with the guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within UNECE which requires a review of the mandate and the extension of these Working Parties every 5 years (ECE/EX/1), the Working Party, having reviewed its activities, proposed to the ITC to renew its mandate and status for another cycle of 5 years as of 2013.

64. In this context, the Working Party was informed that the number of downloads from the UNECE transport statistics online database had increased regularly in 2009 and 2010 by 19 per cent and 47.8 per cent respectively compared to 2008.

**B. Work plan for 2012–2016**

65. As requested by the ITC Bureau on 20 June 2011, the Working Party reviewed its traditional 4-year work plan for 2012–2016 (Informal document WP.6 No. 6 (2011)). The newly adopted work plan indicating proposed deletions, modifications and additions is contained in Annex I to this report.

**C. Terms of reference (ToR)**

66. In accordance with the guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within UNECE (ECE/EX/1), the Working Party considered its terms of reference on the basis of a secretariat document (Informal document WP.6 No. 5 (2011)). The Working Party adopted its ToR as annexed to the present report (Annex II).

**X. Other business (agenda item 9)****A. Date of next session**

67. The Working Party decided to hold its next session from 14 to 16 May 2012.

**B. Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics**

68. The Working Party took note of preliminary dates and venues of meetings in 2011–2012 of the following bodies:

Task Force on Intermodal Transport Statistics (Eurostat)	27–28 September 2011
Working Group on Rail Statistics (Eurostat)	9–10 November 2011
Coordinating Group for Statistics on Transport (CGST, Eurostat)	14–15 December 2011
UNECE Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6)	14–16 May 2012
North American Transportation Statistics (NATS) Interchange (Washington, D.C.)	18–20 June 2012
Working Group on Maritime Transport (Eurostat)	Q2
Coordination Committee for Statistics on Transport (Eurostat)	December 2012

**XI. Summary of decisions (agenda item 10)**

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

## Annex I

### Work plan for 2012–2016

#### **Programme activity 02.12: Transport statistics**<sup>1</sup>

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

Description: Collection and compilation of transport statistics, including road, rail inland waterways and road safety data. Development and maintenance of the on-line UNECE Transport Statistics Database in order to make available reliable, timely and comparable inland transport data for all the countries of the ECE region, within the ECE area

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 safety data from UNECE member Governments:**

- (i) Addition of supplementary chapters to the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics (gas transport via pipelines, transport by bus and coach).
- (ii) Continue to streamline data collection procedures in the field of transport and road traffic safety and to review user needs on a permanent basis, including those of other UNECE inter-governmental bodies.
- (iii) Target solutions to improve the collection of statistics in problematic areas, as indicators of sustainable transport, including, but not limited to the following items:

Statistics on road traffic (vehicle-km);  
Statistics on the transportation by buses and coaches;  
Statistics on the transport of dangerous goods;  
Statistics on transport of gas through pipelines;  
Statistics on transport to and from seaports and inland waterways ports (hinterland connections);  
Statistics on high speed rail transport.

Output expected: Increased availability of reliable, timely and comparable transport statistics, particularly about the less advanced countries of the region **Priority: 1**

##### **(b) Prepare and publish the following publications:**

- (i) UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America;
- (ii) Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS);
- (iii) "Flyer(s)" on selected transport indicators;
- (iv) Maps and data on E-Road Traffic Census;

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<sup>1</sup> Text struck through refers to text proposed for deletion; text in bold characters indicates newly proposed text.

- (v) Maps and data on E-Rail Traffic Census.

Output expected: Publication of UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America, RAS and Handbook of Transport Statistics; Circulation of Questionnaires and receipt of data from member Governments for UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America and RAS in electronic format (2011). Preparation of 2010 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses (2011). Publishing the first results of 2010 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses (2012) Priority: 1

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

Output expected: Availability of main data online (2011) Priority: 1

**02.12.2 Methodological work in transport statistics Priority: 1**

Description: Development and implementation of internationally recommended standards and practices to improve the quality and comparability of inland transport statistics, particularly in the areas of statistics on road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline and combined transport as well as on road traffic accidents. 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) **Harmonize methodology on road safety data**

Output expected: Increased of comparability of definitions used for "killed", "injured" and "seriously injured". Harmonization of methodology for data related to the accidents under influence of drugs and alcohol. Improvement of data quality for types of collision

Priority: 1

- (b) **Maintaining classification system for transport statistics of goods (NST 2007)**

Output expected: Annual Review of NST 2007 with the frequent asked questions to be published on the website (2011 and 2012) Priority: 2

- (c) **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 (2012) Priority: 1

- (d) **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: 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 and 2012) Priority: 2

- (e) **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) Priority: 1

ACTIVITIES OF LIMITED DURATION

- (f) **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: Organization of workshops on the Web Common Questionnaire (2011 and 2012) Priority: 2

- (g) **Update of the Handbook on transport statistics by buses and coaches**

Output expected: Preparation of a document on the results of the pilot questionnaire (2011) Priority: 2

- (h) **Update methodology on road vehicle-km**

Output expected: Preparation of a document on the results of the pilot questionnaire (2011) Priority: 2

## Annex II

### Terms of reference of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6)

1. The Working Party on Transport Statistics (hereafter referred to as WP.6) will operate in accordance with the UNECE Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within UNECE as approved by the UNECE Executive Committee at its fourth meeting on 14 July 2006 (ECE/EX/1). These guidelines refer to its status and characteristics, including the review of its mandate and extension every 5 years, its membership and officers, its methods of work and its secretariat provided by the UNECE Transport Division.
2. WP.6 will act within the framework of the policies of the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Europe (hereafter UNECE) and under the general supervision of the Inland Transport Committee (hereafter ITC) and in conformity with the Terms of Reference of UNECE (E/ECE/778/Rev.4).
3. In line with the objective of the UNECE transport subprogramme to facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable transport, WP.6 will in particular:
  - (a) Develop appropriate and common methodologies and terminology for the harmonization of land transport statistics to improve international comparability, aiming also at the determination of indicators of sustainable transport;
  - (b) Collect, compile and disseminate land transport statistics, including data on motor traffic, road traffic accidents, rail traffic, inland waterways and transport through pipelines;
  - (c) Develop and maintain the online UNECE Transport Statistics Database in order to ensure good quality, relevant, user friendly and timely transport statistics;
  - (d) Contribute to the coordination of statistical activities of international organizations in the field of transport in order to promote good statistical practices and consistency of disseminated data, minimize duplication of work and reduce the reporting and meetings burdens on UNECE member countries;
  - (e) Provide a forum for the exchange of experiences and best practices and provide guidance on how to address statistical challenges, including the availability, quality and interchange of data on land transport;
  - (f) Promote and provide technical cooperation and capacity-building in transport statistics;
  - (g) Encourage participation in its activities by fostering cooperation and collaboration with the European Commission, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other United Nations regional commissions and organizations or bodies of the United Nations system;
  - (h) Collaborate closely with other subsidiary bodies of ITC and other UNECE body on matters of common interest.