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Draft terms of reference of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6)

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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 (hereinafter UNECE) and under the general supervision of the Inland Transport Committee (hereinafter 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, inter-governmental 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.
