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Adoption of the agenda

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Addendum

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/223 and Add.1

I. Policy-linked questions relating to the work of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

2. Matters arising from the sixty-fourth session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies and Conferences

The Committee will be **informed** about the outcome of the sixty-fourth session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, held in Geneva, from 29 to 31 March 2011: the transport and trade infrastructure high-level segment, the new directions of UNECE activities, the United Nations (UN) Secretary General's request for budget cuts and the launch of the review of the UNECE reform.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Commission welcomed the implementation and achievements of the ECE reform adopted in December 2005 and underlined the importance of its first 5-year review that will take place in 2011–2012 according to guidelines found in document ECE/EX/1, with the view to drawing conclusions on the future work priorities of the ECE.

The Commission requested the Executive Committee to duly consider the outputs of the discussion of its sixty-fourth session in reviewing the work programme of the ECE Sectoral

Committees and the Sectoral Committees to consider the said outputs, as appropriate. The outputs of the discussion of the Commission session and the proposed modalities for the review of the work of the ECE as a follow-up to the Commission's session will be circulated as document E/2011/37-E/ECE/1462 and EXCOM Informal document No. 2011/5/Rev.1, respectively.

The Committee will be **informed** by the Director of the Transport Division of its contribution to the nineteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York, 2–13 May 2011, as well as about the preparatory meeting of the RIO+20 held in Geneva in December 2011.

The Committee may wish to **consider** the matter in conjunction with items 8, 11 and 13 of the agenda and **provide guidance** to the secretariat.

Documentation

E/2011/37-E/ECE/1462 and EXCOM Informal document No. 2011/5/Rev.1

3. Review of the transport situation in UNECE member countries and emerging development trends

(a) Transport developments in the European Union

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, about the most important legislative and policy initiatives in the field of transport undertaken by the European Union (EU) in 2011.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

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

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the International Transport Forum about the latest developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

(c) Developments related to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the OSCE about the latest developments related to the work of OSCE.

Documentation

Informal document No. 3

(d) Review of the transport situation and emerging trends in ECE region

The Committee may wish to **note** the review of the transport situation in 2011 and emerging trends in ECE region (Draft publication ECE/TRANS/226) that was prepared by the secretariat on the basis of a decision taken at the seventy-third session (ECE/TRANS/221, para. 14). The Committee may wish to **note** that at its twenty-fourth session, the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) approved the transformation of the review into an annual publication on transport trends and economics in the ECE region (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/50, para. 31).

Members of the Committee are expected to **exchange views** on the main topics addressed.

Documentation

Draft publication ECE/TRANS/226

4. Climate change and transport

(a) Mitigation of environmentally harmful effects of inland transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the developments that took place in 2011 on the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) project, funded by the United Nations Development Account (UNDA). The project aims at developing and implementing of a monitoring and assessment tool for carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in inland transport, including a transport policy converter to facilitate climate change mitigation. The assessment tool, including the policy converter, may pave the way For Future Inland Transport Systems, thus it was named ForFITS. The Committee may wish to **note** the project achievements on providing an overview of statistical data collection and modeling efforts in the CO₂ emission mitigation. The Committee may also wish to note the progress on developing an assessment model, on the basis of a uniform and transparent methodology, facilitating the evaluation and analysis of the emissions of CO₂ for future inland transport systems (road, rail and inland waterways). An international Experts Meeting is scheduled to be held in Geneva in March 2012.

(b) Impacts of climate change on international transport networks and adaptation requirements

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the two meetings of the Expert Group on climate change impacts and adaptation for international transport networks, held in Geneva, on 5 September and 8 November 2011 and its future plans.

The Committee may wish to **recall** that following its invitation to its subsidiary bodies to incorporate global warming and transport in their agendas (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 94), UNECE and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), jointly organized a workshop on the subject, held under the auspices of the WP.5. The workshop raised awareness about the important challenges that climate change impacts and adaptation requirements present for international transport networks. It also demonstrated the urgent need to prepare appropriate policy actions, and to exchanging information about best practices. At its seventy-third session, the Committee, agreed to establish a Group of Experts, which in May 2011 was approved by the UNECE Executive Committee. The Group of Experts is expected to complete its work and submit a final report within by May 2013. The programme of work and terms of Reference of the Group of Experts is contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2011/1. The progress report will be circulated as Informal document No. 4.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2011/1, Informal document No. 4

5. Assistance to countries with economies in transition

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the information reflected in ECE/TRANS/2012/1, particularly those related to the Special Programme of Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) and the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), and other advisory workshops and missions.

The Committee may wish to **support** the activities developed in the secretariat with a view to strengthening cooperation with these organizations.

The Committee may also wish to **note** a number of capacity-building project proposals developed by the secretariat, particularly in the field of transport statistics. Since extra budgetary funding is needed to further develop 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).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2012/1

6. Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) 2011 Symposium: “Inclusive and Innovative Urban Mobility” and environmental aspects of transport

Recalling its earlier discussions on strengthening environmental and health aspects of transport (ECE/TRANS/2008/4) and the decision to strengthen cooperation with and contributing to THE PEP (ECE/TRANS/200, para. 24), the Committee may wish to **take note** of the report of THE PEP Steering Committee on its ninth session (16–17 November 2011). As part of its initiative to engage the three sectors, the Steering Committee organized on 16 November 2011, in Geneva, a symposium on “Inclusive and innovative urban mobility” in line with priority goal No. 2 of the Amsterdam Declaration adopted in 2009 by the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment.

As mandated by the Amsterdam Declaration, THE PEP also organized in 2011 a capacity-building workshop on “Working together for sustainable and healthy urban transport” held in Kiev on 8–9 June 2011 focusing on integrated policy approaches for sustainable urban mobility. The workshop was financially supported by Austria, France, Norway and Switzerland and was attended by renowned experts from France, Germany (GIZ), Russian Federation, Ukraine, European Union delegation in the Ukraine and the International Association for Public Transport (UITP).

Documentation

ECE/AC.21/SC/2011/4, ECE/AC.21/SC/2011/8

II. Policy-oriented segment

7. Round table discussion on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee at its June 2011 meeting had agreed that the seventy-fourth session of the Committee should include a half-day policy segment, in the form of a round table, on “Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)”, to be held in the afternoon of the first day of the session.

Delegations are **invited to participate** in a policy debate on this theme. The provisional agenda of the policy segment will be circulated as Informal document No. 5.

Documentation

Informal document No. 5

III. Second Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

8. Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies on the review of UNECE reform and strengthening cooperation (one and one half hour restricted meeting for government delegates only)

The Committee may **recall** that the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments, the members of the Bureau and Government delegates participating in the seventy-third session of the Committee attended the first meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies, held on 2 March 2011 as part of the Committee's session. The meeting — a restricted meeting for Government delegates only — allowed the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies to discuss strengthening cooperation, share experiences and address common challenges. At its seventy-third session, the Committee welcomed this meeting and recommended that such meetings should become a regular feature of its sessions.

The second meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments, the members of the Bureau and Government delegates — to be held as restricted meeting for Government delegates only — aims to allow the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies to focus on the review of the UNECE reform, as well as on issues relating to strengthening cooperation, synergy and interdependence and sharing experiences.

In view of the restricted character of the meeting, the results of the discussions would be circulated among the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and the members of the Bureau, in the form of Chair's conclusions. Government delegates are **invited to participate**. The provisional agenda of the meeting will be circulated as Informal document No. 6, along with other documents related to the review of the UNECE reform.

Documentation

Informal document No. 6, Briefing note for the Review of the ECE reform, Template "Information requested by EXCOM for the ECE review" with annexes 1 and 2

IV. Questions dealt with by the Committee's subsidiary bodies

9. Issues that need consideration and require decisions by the Committee

(a) Project related activities

(i) *Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects*

The Committee will be **informed** orally by the TEM and TER Project Manager on the recent developments of the Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and the Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects (ECE/TRANS/2012/2).

The Committee may wish to **reiterate its support** for the two projects and invite the TEM and TER Steering Committees to pursue their activities. The Committee may also wish to **invite** the Governments of Eastern, South-Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia that are not members of the projects to consider their full participation in the TEM and TER projects and their signing of the respective cooperative agreements.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2012/2

(ii) Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Project

The Committee will be **informed** about the progress and recent activities of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) under the EATL Phase II, including the sixth and seventh sessions held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, from 5 to 7 July 2011 and in Astrakhan, Russian Federation on 24 and 25 October 2011, organized in cooperation with the Ministries of Transport of Kazakhstan and Russian Federation, respectively, and in partnership with OSCE.

The Committee may wish to **endorse** and **approve** the final report of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links, the draft form of which was adopted by WP.5 at its twenty-fourth session, in September 2011, and by the Expert Group at its seventh session. A draft copy of the EATL final report will be made available to the ITC delegates.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Government of the Russian Federation has provided funding for the EATL throughout Phase II, since its start in 2008 and is continuing funding it beyond 2010.

The Committee may also wish to **note** that at its twenty-fourth session, WP.5 noted that the strategic objectives and conclusions contained in the draft report of the Expert Group indicate the critical importance attached to further developing Euro-Asian transport links. It also noted that developing Euro-Asian inland transport links would be a long-term undertaking, requiring a great deal of effort and perseverance, and enhanced coordination and cooperation among all countries along the EATL. Notwithstanding the value of the results achieved after four years of uninterrupted joint work of UNECE and the Governments of 27 participating countries, as well as previous joint work of UNECE and UNESCAP from 2002–2007 there is still a lot of unfinished work. More importantly, the sustainable development of transport links and priority projects identified in the Phase II, would be seriously impaired if the climate created around the project and the momentum established among participating member States during the Phase II are not sustained. It also noted that in order to enhance prospects for continuing the project and related activities in future, as well as to continue implementing concrete results achieved so far, the political will and the commitment from participating Governments, international financial institutions, relevant international organizations and the private sector, as appropriate, are of a crucial importance.

In view of the above and the specific recommendation of the EATL Expert Group, the Working Party (WP.5): requested the Committee (a) to **approve** the extension of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian transport links for two more years with possibility of further extension in order to allow the group to continue its work in a new EATL Phase III; (b) to **approve** the proposal of the group to seek political support and commitment from participating governments for the continuation of the EATL work in a new Phase III through the organization of a meeting of Ministers of Transport of EATL countries, and to **invite** UNECE secretariat to organize it in 2012; (c) to **thank** the Government of the Russian Federation for funding the EATL work; (d) to **thank** OSCE for its political support and for co-funding and co-organizing some of the activities of the project; (e) **invite** the Steering Committees of the TEM and TER Projects and UNECE secretariat to explore practical ways ensuring operational interaction of the TEM and TER Projects with EATL; (f) also, to **invite** governments, international governmental and non-governmental organization, IFIs, businesses and donors to consider co-funding future project activities; and UNESCAP secretariat to take an active role in future work of the Expert Group in close cooperation with UNECE secretariat.

The Committee may wish to **consider endorsing** the above requests of WP.5.

Documentation

Publication of the final draft report of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL Phase II)

(b) Road transport

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

The Committee will be **informed** about two special meetings of Contracting Parties to the AETR Agreement that took place on 4 March 2011 and 12 July 2011 and about the EXCOM's decision on 19 September 2011 to approve establishing an AETR Expert Group. The terms of reference of the AETR EG are contained in ECE/EX/2011/L.16. The AETR EG first meeting is scheduled to take place on 2 March 2012 when the secretariat will table an "AETR road map" (ECE/TRANS/2012/3) which provides a number of options and general directions to consider. The Committee will also be informed about the status of implementing the digital tachograph in the non-EU AETR Contracting Parties (Informal document No. 7).

Documentation

ECE/EX/2011/L.16, ECE/TRANS/2012/3 and Informal document No. 7

- (ii) *Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road concerning the electronic consignment note (e-CMR)*

The Committee will be **informed** about entry into force of the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) on 5 June 2011 concerning the electronic consignment. The secretariat will inform the Committee about Article 5 of the Additional Protocol that stipulates that parties interested in the performance of e-CMR should agree on the procedures and their implementation. There are currently seven e-CMR Contracting Parties: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland.

(c) Road traffic safety

The Committee will be **informed** about developments related to the United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/255 of 2 March 2010 which proclaimed the period 2011–2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety. This will include information about a regional launch conference organized by the UNECE and the Government of Serbia in Belgrade, the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development on 1–14 May 2011, UNECE road safety poster signing campaign, road safety film prepared by the UNECE, UNECE's road safety information campaign during the 2011 World Scouts Jamboree, held in Kristianstad (Sweden, 27 July to 6 August 2011), the awareness raising and advocacy initiatives at the 2011 EuroBasket, held in Lithuania (31 August to 18 September 2011). The Committee's subsidiary bodies have reviewed and agreed on the Decade of Action for Road Safety – UNECE Plan 2011–2020 (ECE/TRANS/2012/4). The Committee may wish to **consider** monitoring its progress. The Committee will also be **informed** about the latest developments concerning establishing an Expert Group on safety at level crossings.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2012/4

(d) Review of most important issues relating to rail transport*(i) Towards unified railway law*

The Committee will be **informed** about implementation of and follow-up to the UNECE Position Paper towards unified railway law in the pan-European region and on Euro-Asian transport corridors (ECE/TRANS/2011/3) as adopted at its last session (ECE/TRANS/221, paras. 55–57). In accordance with its terms of reference, approved by the Executive Committee (EXCOM), the Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law met twice in 2011 to launch short-term work under step A of the UNECE Position Paper. Step A consists in preparation of an Inter-governmental Document (IGD EurAsia) to provide political support and a framework for so-called General Terms and Conditions for rail transport contracts (GTC EurAsia), to be developed by the railway industry and experts from the Organization for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD) and the International Rail Transport Committee (CIT) in cooperation with the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF).

At the second session of the Group of Experts (Geneva, 7 October 2011), a final draft of GTC EurAsia for consideration by the group had not yet been established by the railways and no consensus emerged among experts on how to further pursue the mandated work on IGD EurAsia. At its sixty-fifth session on 3 and 4 November 2011, the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) took note of the discussions within the Group of Experts and agreed that an extension of the time schedule by one year would be necessary to finalize step A of the Position Paper. SC.2 also supported the proposal of the chair of the Group to convene an informal meeting at the beginning of 2012 to prepare a revised IGD EurAsia, which would reconcile the existing positions within the Group of Experts and would be submitted for approval for the next official meeting of the group.

The Committee will be informed about the progress of work on the revised IGD and GTC EurAsia and may wish to provide further guidance on the way forward.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/216, ECE/TRANS/2011/3

(ii) Positioning of UNECE activities in rail transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the current review undertaken within the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) to streamline its work procedures and to further sharpen its profile. Following the decision of SC.2 at its sixty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/216), this will include work relating to underground (metro) and speed trains; the specific requirements for freight and passengers transport; policies on infrastructure and operations; as well as rail service profitability and productivity indicators in addition to its new activities towards unified railway law. Following this review, a strategy on concrete and value-added activities undertaken by UNECE in the field of rail transport is planned to be finalized that will also reap synergy benefits through enhanced cooperation with other Working Parties. The Working Party organized a workshop on the “Role of terminals and logistics centres for intermodal transport” jointly with the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) and has reviewed possible areas of work.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/216

(e) Review of most important issues relating to inland water transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the latest activities of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), including the adoption of a roadmap on future work on the

European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), the revision of the UNECE inventory of main standards and parameters of the E waterway network (“Blue Book”), further development of the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61) and updating of the Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (Resolution No. 57). Following the decision of SC.3 at its fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 14), the Committee is invited to consider a note by the secretariat on the possible role of UNECE in hosting the future European Hull Database.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2012/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191 and Add.1–3

(f) Transport and competitiveness

The Committee will be **informed** about the progress made and the status of the project Supply Chain Challenges for National Competitiveness through Transport.

Documentation

Informal document No. 8

(g) Strengthening border crossing facilitation (Harmonization Convention, eTIR project and other customs transit facilitation measures)

The Committee may wish to **welcome** information that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, has issued Depositary Notification C.N.534.2011.TREATIES-1 of 1 September 2011, communicating the entry into force on 30 November 2011 of a new Annex 9 on rail border crossing to the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982 (Harmonization Convention).

The Committee will be **informed** about the OSCE-UNECE Handbook of Best Practices at Border Crossings. This Handbook, financed by OSCE, contains numerous case studies from UNECE member States as well as a chapter describing different border crossing performance measurement techniques and may become a useful tool to promote facilitation at border crossings.

The Committee may also wish to **take note of and support** the outcome of recent activities of the secretariat, Contracting Parties and the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) with a view to strengthening the TIR Convention (ECE/TRANS/2012/6), in particular:

- Main results of a strategic review of the TIR system which was commissioned by UNECE with a view to assessing the relevance of TIR, in comparison with alternative solutions, and better understanding of what the current market demand is, from the perspectives of a wide range of clients (shippers, logistics and transport operators and Customs administrations).
- Preparation of a new annex to the TIR Convention on the conditions and requirements for authorizing an international organization to organize the functioning of the TIR guarantee system and further consideration of audit provisions aimed at ensuring good governance and transparency in the TIR system.
- Progress made in developing the technical aspects of the eTIR project and conducting its cost/benefit analysis, in line with the request of ITC at its previous session. In this context, the Committee is invited to **support** the continuation of the eTIR project and to **prolong** the mandate of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and

Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (WP.30/GE.1) to the year 2012.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2012/6

(h) Inland transport security

The Committee will be **informed** about the OSCE-UNECE Round Table that took place in the framework of the UNECE Inland Transport Security Discussion Forum in Vienna on 12–13 December 2011.

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

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about 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, GRPE, GRRF, GRSB and GRSP), the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement. The Committee will be informed by the secretariat about the programme of work of the World Forum (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/1/Rev.2). The Committee may wish to **note** that around 40 informal groups worked during 2011 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. 9.

The Committee may wish to **note** the total number of amendments to existing vehicle regulations adopted in 2011, updating them with the technical progress and introducing more severe limits.

The Committee will be also **informed** about the status of the 3 Agreements administered by WP.29 (1958, 1997 and 1998 Agreements), regarding the number of the Contracting Parties and the programme of work for each Agreement.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1089, Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1091
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1091/Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1093,
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/1/Rev.2, Informal document No. 9

(j) Market fuel quality

The Committee will be **informed** about the status of the adoption of a first set of recommendations on market fuel quality by the World Forum, and its decision to annex these recommendations to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.2). The Committee will also be informed about the decision by the World Forum concerning its future activities on market fuel quality.

(k) Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)

The Committee will have before it document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2011/12–ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/114 containing the "UNECE Road Map for promoting ITS – 20 global actions 2012–2020". The Committee may wish to recall that its seventy-second session had been informed that the development of an ITS Road Map was progressing. The Committee supported the need for deploying the work on ITS in all transport modes and invited its subsidiary bodies to contribute to elaborating the Road Map by incorporating ITS into their programme activities (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 97). For this purpose, the

secretariat has prepared the noted draft UNECE Road Map. The twenty ITS global actions reflect the input received from governments, businesses and academia through the UNECE public consultation on ITS (March – July 2011). In 2011, the draft Road Map was distributed to WP.5, WP.1, SC.1, SC.3, WP.24, SC.2, WP.15 and WP.29 for consideration and final comments and has been endorsed accordingly.

The Committee may wish to **take note** and **endorse** the "UNECE Road Map for promoting ITS – 20 global actions 2012–2020".

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2011/12–ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/114

(l) Review of most important issues relating to intermodal transport and logistics

The Committee will be **informed** about implementing the road map on future work with the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) and the joint session with the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) under the theme “Role of terminals and logistics centers for intermodal transport” (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/129). The Committee may wish to **provide guidance** on whether and how to undertake a review of the technical infrastructure and performance standards of the AGTC and AGC Agreements jointly with the working party SC.2 (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2010/2), to bring them up to date and in line with modern technical requirements, such as the mandatory standards of the Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSI) applicable for EU rail transport.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.24/129; ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2010/2

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

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 2011/25 on 27 July 2011 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. 10) and that the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), the RID/ADR/ADN¹ Joint Meeting and the ADN Safety Committee have already taken or are taking action as required in operative paragraphs 3, 4, 6 and 7 of section A of the resolution. The Committee may also wish to **note** that, pursuant to operative paragraphs 2 of sections A and B, the secretariat has already published the seventeenth revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (in English, French, Russian and Spanish), Amendment 1 to the fifth revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria (in English, French and Spanish) and the fourth revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (in English, French, Russian and Spanish). Other language versions should come out soon.

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 20 to 24 June 2011 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/78) and will meet again from 28 November to 7 December 2011. The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals met from 27 to 29 June 2011 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/42) and met again from 7 to 9 December 2011.

¹ 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).

The Committee may wish to **note** that, following the accession by Iceland, there are 47 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, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine) to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol to come into force.

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 electrical connections between motor vehicles and trailers, requirements for extinguishers, restrictions for the passage of vehicles carrying dangerous goods in limited quantities 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 2013, 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 2013.

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 2013, sufficiently in advance to prepare for its effective implementation before the entry into force of the amendments in question.

The Committee may wish to **note** that, following ratification by the Czech Republic, the number of Contracting Parties to ADN has reached 17.

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 twentieth session from 23 to 27 January 2012.

The ADN Administrative Committee will meet on 27 January 2012 (see agenda ECE/ADN/16 and Add.1), mainly for adopting all draft amendments prepared by the Safety Committee in 2011 and January 2012, i.e. the set of amendments that should enter into force on 1 January 2013 and that would ensure harmonization of ADN with ADR and RID.

The Committee may wish to **recall** 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 **remind** Contracting Parties to submit such information, including details of competent authorities, without delay if they have not yet done so.

The Committee may wish to **note** that WP.15 and the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting considered the outcome and conclusions of the policy-oriented segment on "Transport of dangerous goods: Global and regional dimensions" endorsed by the Committee at its last session (ECE/TRANS/221, para. 28 and annex) and noted several possible developments (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/210, paras. 64–73 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/124, paras. 113–125). In particular, the Committee may wish to:

(a) **Note with satisfaction** that harmonization between RID and annex 2 of SMGS is progressing fast, thanks in particular to the commitment of the Governments of Latvia and Poland;

(b) **Note** that there is nevertheless a need to harmonize also SMGS with ADR and ADN and, to facilitate the process, **strongly encourage** SMGS countries, in particular those which are not members of the European Union or which are not RID Contracting States to be represented in the sessions of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting;

(c) **Note** that further work is needed, to consider whether in the long term, it would be possible to have a single regime for transport in tank-wagons, based on the requirements for UN portable tanks.

(d) **Note with interest** that, in order to facilitate accession of additional countries to ADR, WP.15 asked the secretariat to draft a road map on how to set up the administrative structures required for implementing ADR and **invite** ADR Contracting Parties to provide the necessary inputs, based on their experience, so that WP.15 may further develop recommendations and/or guidelines in this respect during the next biennium.

(e) **Note** that possible further steps to extend the scope of training for which provision was made by ADR and to broaden the scope of some such provisions to other modes of transport will be envisaged.

Documentation

Informal document No. 10, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/78, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/42, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/210, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/212, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/122 and Add.1–3, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/124 and Add.1–2, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/40 and Add.1, ECE/ADN/15

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

The Committee will be **informed** about the status of 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-sixth session of WP.11 in 2010 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/222, Annex I).

The Committee may wish to **note** that at its sixty-seventh session (25–28 October 2011), WP.11 adopted a test procedure for multi-compartment multi-temperature equipment for inclusion in ATP (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/224, Annex I). This concluded many years of arduous discussion on this item.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/224

(o) Review of most important issues relating to transport statistics, including 2010 E-Road and E-Rail Traffic Censuses

The Committee will be **informed** about recent activities of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6), in particular the harmonization of statistical methodologies, capacity-building activities and new developments regarding the UNECE online database on transport statistics. The Committee will also be **informed** about the implementation of the ITC Resolutions on the 2010 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses (Informal document No. 11).

Documentation

Informal document No. 11

10. Issues of an informative character and for formal approval by the Committee

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

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 this document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/223/Add.1

(b) Approval of the biennial evaluation of the Committee's work 2010–2011

The Committee may wish to **consider** and **adopt** the programme performance assessment for 2010–2011 (biennial evaluation) of the Transport subprogramme (ECE/TRANS/2012/7). This document provides an overview of the performance assessments of the transport subprogramme and is drawn up in line with the decision of the Commission requesting each Sectoral Committee to conduct biennial evaluations, and the plan for the biennial performance assessment which the Inland Transport Committee adopted at its seventy-second session in 2010.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2012/7

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

The Committee will **consider** Informal document No. 12 prepared by the secretariat containing tables in English, French and Russian on the status as at 31 December 2011 of signatures, ratifications and accessions concerning international instruments on inland transport concluded under the auspices of the Committee. Informal document No. 12 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.

Documentation

Informal document No. 12

V. Questions relating to the work of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

11. Results of the meeting of the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee

The Committee will **consider** document ECE/TRANS/2011/8 containing the results of the meetings held by the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee in 2011. The Committee may wish to refer to the decisions of the Bureau under the relevant items of its agenda.

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.

The Committee may further wish to **note** that the adoption of the report of its seventy-fourth session will be limited to a list of main decisions, while the report of the policy-oriented segment (half-day round table), in the form of Chair's conclusions, will be circulated at a later stage, together with the complete report of the session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2012/8

12. New or amended Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of some of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

The Committee will have before it documents ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2011/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191/Add.2, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2011/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/161, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/9, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2011/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/377/Add.1/Rev.1 containing the new terms of reference and the rules of procedures for SC.2, SC.3, WP.5, WP.6, WP.24 and WP.30 as well as amended ones for SC.1. The Committee may wish to adopt the new terms of reference of the above-mentioned Working Parties.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2011/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191/Add.2, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2011/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/161, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/9, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2011/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/377/Add.1/Rev.1

13. Review of the UNECE reform and proposals for renewed (five-year) mandates of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

The Committee will have before it Informal document No. 13 containing the Committee's draft proposals on the review of the UNECE reform in the field of transport and on the renewed (5-years) mandates of the Committee's subsidiary bodies, as well as Briefing note for the Review of the ECE reform, Template "Information requested by EXCOM for the ECE review" with annexes 1 and 2. Document TRANS/2004/18 of 13 April 2004 containing the "Strategic Objectives of the Committee" adopted by it at its sixty-sixth session (17–19 February 2004) will be made also available for information purpose.

The Committee will be **informed** orally by its Chair of the results of his meeting with the Executive Committee on 3 March 2011 on implementing the UNECE reform in the field of transport.

The Committee may wish to **consider** document Informal document No. 13 in conjunction with the outcome of the discussions under agenda items 2, 8, 9 and 11 and **request** its Chair to present its proposals on the review of the UNECE reform to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Documentation

Informal document No. 13, Briefing note for the Review of the ECE reform, Template "Information requested by EXCOM for the ECE review" with annexes 1 and 2

14. Programme of work and biennial evaluation 2012–2013 and Strategic framework for 2014–2015

The Committee will have before it document ECE/TRANS/2012/9 containing the draft programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for the period 2012–2013. At its session in November 2011, the Bureau considered the draft programme of work for the period 2012–2013 and decided to recommend it to the Committee for approval.

The Committee is invited to **consider** and **adopt** its programme of work for the biennium 2012–2013. The programme will then be submitted to the ECE Executive Committee for formal approval. The Committee will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium and such adjustments will be reflected in a separate document.

The outputs/activities listed in this document correspond to the ECE proposed programme budget for 2012–2013. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions and advisory services.

The ITC may also wish to **consider** and **adopt** the biennial evaluation plan (2012–2013) for the Transport subprogramme contained in document ECE/TRANS/2012/10. At its session in November 2011, the Bureau considered the biennial evaluation plan (2012–2013) for the Transport subprogramme and decided to recommend it to the Committee for approval.

The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in order to facilitate the task of the Committee assessing whether all outputs which are necessary to achieve the expected result have been included in the plan.

Furthermore, the Committee is invited to **consider** and **approve** the draft Strategic Framework 2014–2015 for Transport subprogramme (ECE/TRANS/2012/11). In accordance with the UNECE programme planning process, the draft strategic framework has to be reviewed by the Sectoral Committees, (or their Bureaux –when Committees have not met during the last four months of 2011) before submission to the Executive Committee of the UNECE in November/December 2011 and to United Nations Headquarters in early 2012. The Bureau, at its November 2011 session, considered the draft proposal and decided to recommend it to the Committee for approval.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2012/9, ECE/TRANS/2012/10, ECE/TRANS/2012/11

15. Draft work plan 2012–2016

The Committee will have before it document ECE/TRANS/2012/12 containing its draft Work plan. The Committee may wish to **adopt** its work plan for the period 2012–2016.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2012/12

16. Schedule of meetings in 2012

A preliminary list of meetings has been circulated for **consideration** and **adoption** by the Committee, based on proposals made by the Committee's subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2012/13

17. Election of officers for the Committee's sessions in 2013 and 2014

The Committee is expected to **elect** its officers for its sessions in 2013 and 2014.

18. Composition of the Committee's Bureau in 2012 and 2013

The Committee may wish to **decide** on the composition of its Bureau for the preparation of its sessions in 2012 and 2013.

VI. Miscellaneous**19. Any other business. Date of next session**

The Committee may **note** that its seventy-fifth session is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva from 26 to 28 February 2013.

20. Adoption of the list of main decisions of the seventy-fourth session

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