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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh session***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 29 May 2017.

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Programme of Work: Taking Stock of National Legislation:
 - (a) Analysis of information collected via the web-based Road Signs Management System: starting from G, 1a sign;

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- (b) New design for signs G, 1a, G, 1b, and G, 1c;
 - (c) Secretariat's amendment proposals;
 - (d) Sign to communicate the need to crash through gates (barriers) of a vehicle if trapped at a level crossing;
 - (e) Use of an oblique bar in the C, 3, C, 4a and C, 4b signs;
 - (f) Amendment proposal to the text of point 8 (a) (i) of Section E, Annex 1;
 - (g) Use of rectangular panels or other solutions to warn road users about temporary road works;
 - (h) Evaluation of the non-Convention signs and related observations.
3. Other Business.
 4. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
 5. Adoption of the Report.

II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/21

2. Programme of Work: Taking Stock of National Legislation

(a) Analysis of information collected via the web-based Road Signs Management System: starting from G, 1a sign

The Group of Experts may wish to review its programme of work, specifically taking stock of the existing national legislation with the aim to describe and assess the degree of implementation of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. The Group of Experts will be invited to discuss the information collected via the web-based Road Signs Management System. In this context, experts will be invited to analyze the signs submitted in the "Convention category" (starting from the G, 1a sign) by using the methodology agreed upon at the second session, i.e. sign-by-sign assessment focusing on deviation identification and description, deviation evaluation, recommendations and assignment of "in-conformity indicators" for both images and definitions. The experts of Kuwait will be invited to do so for the signs G, 2a to G, 24 c.

(b) New design for signs G, 1a, G, 1b, and G, 1c

The Group of Experts will be invited to discuss new design for signs G, 1a, G, 1b, and G, 1c based on options that experts are expected to prepare for this session. When preparing their options for new G, 1 signs, experts are expected to consider the "nesting and stacking" technique, as presented by Spain at the previous session.

(c) Secretariat's amendment proposals

The Group of Experts, further to its request to the secretariat to prepare specific amendment proposals, will be invited to consider them as follows:

- a proposal to amend Convention's provisions for signs A, 29 and G, 22, to ensure that they do not refer to "bars" but to "stripes" (Informal document No. 1); and
- a proposal to replace the term "plate", where appropriate, with the term "additional panel", and the term "STOP symbol" with the term "STOP inscription", for consideration at this meeting (Informal document No. 2).

(d) Sign to communicate the need to crash through gates (barriers) of a vehicle if trapped at a level crossing

The experts from Austria and Kuwait will be invited to present revision of their original designs of a sign to communicate the need to crash through gates (barriers) of a vehicle if trapped at a level crossing.

(e) Use of an oblique bar in the C, 3, C, 4a and C, 4b signs

The experts from Portugal and Switzerland will be invited to offer suggestions regarding the use of an oblique bar in the C, 3, C, 4a and C, 4b signs, as well as other prohibitory signs.

(f) Amendment proposal to the text of point 8 (a) (i) of Section E, Annex 1

At the ninth session the Group of Experts formulated an amendment proposal to the text of point 8 (a) (i) of Section E, Annex 1 but have not reached a consensus on it. Accordingly, the Group of Experts may wish to revert to this amendment proposal.

(g) Use of rectangular panels or other solutions to warn road users about temporary road works

The Group will be invited to discuss the use of rectangular panels or other solutions to warn road users about temporary road works (ref. Article 31) or permanent changes to the road infrastructure in the 1968 Convention and to clarify the meaning of "exceptional circumstances" (ref. to point 7 of the European Agreement).

(h) Evaluation of the non-Convention signs and related observations

The Group will be invited to continue its discussions started at the sixth session on the evaluation of the non-Convention signs and related observations presented by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2016/1).

3. Other Business

At its seventy-ninth session, the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) asked the Group of Experts to accelerate its response to the initiative by THE PEP on possible amendments to the Convention on the basis of the report on "Signs and signals for cyclists and pedestrians". The authors have been invited to give a presentation to the Group of Experts.

The Group of Experts will also be informed of ITC's approval to extend its mandate until 31 December 2017.

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other matters of interest.

4. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Group of Experts is scheduled to take place on 30-31 August 2017 in Geneva.

5. Adoption of the Report

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of its eleventh session.
