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Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on Road Transport****Group of Experts on European Agreement Concerning Work of
Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)****Thirty-fifth session**

Geneva, 31 May 2024

Item 1 of the provisional

Adoption of the Agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9:30 am on Friday 31 May 2024,
Salle IX.

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Programme of Work:
 - (a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis;
 - (b) Appendix 1C;
 - (c) Amendment proposal to Article 4, paragraph 2;
3. Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”.
4. TACHOnet.
5. Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between European Commission Services and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
6. Terms of reference and procedures of the Group of Experts on AETR
7. Other Business.
8. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
9. Adoption of the Report.

* Delegates are requested to register online at: <https://indico.un.org/event/1008709/>

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session's agenda (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/75).

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/75

2. Programme of Work

(a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis

At the last session, the Group of Experts was informed that neither the Russian Federation nor the European Union have changed their positions regarding ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/2. The Group will be invited to continue discussing this topic to aim at reaching a compromise solution.

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/2

(b) Appendix 1C

At the last session, the Russian Federation reiterated its comments on ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1/Rev.1 (Portugal's proposals to modify Annex IC in order to adapt the European Union specifications on the smart tachograph to the AETR legal framework (as Appendix 1C)). 7. At the same session, the European Union informed the Group that it was still reviewing ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/3 (the Russian Federation comments on Appendix 1C proposal).

At this session, the Group will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1/Rev.1 together with ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/3 (which contain comments of the Russian Federation).

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1/Rev.1,
ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/3

(c) Amendment proposal to Article 4, paragraph 2

At the last session, the Russian Federation recalled ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/4 which proposes to amend Article 4 to facilitate the application of the AETR Agreement in the "force majeure" situations. It noted that if a country such as the Russian Federation cannot meet the AETR obligations, it would be forced to leave the Agreement. Also, the Russian Federation, together with Belarus, a supporter of the amendment, informed the Group that they intend to proceed with submitting this proposal to Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1). In general, Belarus and the Russian Federation invited other Contracting Parties – at the next session - to propose alternative wording to be considered for "force majeure" situations; requested the secretariat to provide advice how to address this matter; and requested the Group to discuss how to address the situations when there are (force majeure) impediments to fulfil obligations under the AETR Agreement. At this session, the Group will be invited to discuss these issues.

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/4

3. Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the "AETR area"

The Group will be invited to continue exchanging information on this subject.

4. TACHOnet

At the last session, the European Union did not submit a revised version of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.3 (a proposal to introduce a new Appendix 4 on exchange of information). The Group will be invited to discuss the revised document (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.4) if, and when submitted.

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.4

5. Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between European Commission Services and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

The secretariat will inform the Group about the current status of this issue.

6. Terms of reference and procedures for the Group of Experts on AETR

Belarus has requested, further to discussions which took place at 33rd SC.1/GE.21 session and further to ITC decision No. 9 (Informal document No. 6/Rev.4), to discuss the Group of Experts' on AETR terms of reference and procedures. The Group of Experts on AETR will be invited to begin discussing this issue.

Documentation: (ITC) Informal document No. 6/Rev.4, ECE/EX/2/Rev.1, ECE/EX/2011/L.16

7. Other Business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

8. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 28 October 2024 at Palais des Nations in Geneva.

9. Adoption of the Report

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of this session.
