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**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

**INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

(18 – 20 February 2003)

**NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND SUGGESTED TIMETABLE FOR  
THE COMMITTEE'S SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION**

**Note by the secretariat**

**Tuesday, 18 February 2003 starting at 10 a.m.**

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA [ECE/TRANS/151](#)**

**I. QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN GENERAL <sup>1/, 2/</sup>**

**2. RESULTS OF THE COMMITTEE'S BUREAU MEETINGS [TRANS/2003/2](#)**

The Committee will have before it document TRANS/2003/2 containing the results of the Bureau meetings held in 2002 after the last session of the Committee.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES AND CONFERENCES [TRANS/2003/3](#)**

The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing information on the discussions and decisions of the Commission (fifty-seventh session, 7-10 May 2002) which have a bearing on the work of the Inland Transport Committee. The Commission's Annual Report ([E/2002/37-E/ECE/1395](#)) contains the full account of discussions.

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<sup>1/</sup> The documents of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies may be consulted on the following website of the UNECE Transport Division : <http://www.unece.org/trans>.

<sup>2/</sup> Subsequent to a decision by its Bureau, the Committee may wish to discuss the agenda items in accordance with the following three categories: (i) items which may be taken note of; (ii) items which may be considered; and (iii) items which may be decided upon/endorsed/approved. In line with the above categories, the Committee may focus its discussion on categories (ii) and (iii).

The Committee may wish to consider, in particular, questions on the economic dimension of security in the UNECE region; the functioning of the principal subsidiary bodies and the programme of work; strengthening the organization; UNECE technical assistance and operational activities; and preparation and follow-up to world conferences as reflected in document TRANS/2003/3. The Committee may take these issues duly into account when dealing with the relevant agenda items and **indicate** appropriate follow-up.

The Committee may also wish to **consider** the question of gender mainstreaming in the light of the resolution on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002. The resolution is reproduced in TRANS/2003/3.

**4. DRAFT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE** [TRANS/2003/2, annex 2 APPENDIX](#)

The Committee may wish to **undertake** a review of the draft Strategic Objectives of the Committee as prepared by its Bureau (TRANS/2003/2, annex 2, appendix). The Committee may wish to discuss both the substantive directions and working methods contained in the document, further specify them and initiate action accordingly.

**5. ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee will be informed orally on the activities related to transport, which are being carried out within other international organizations.

**6. INTERSECTORAL ACTIVITIES**

**(a) Transport, Environment and Health**

[ECE/AC.21/2002/3](#)  
[ECE/AC.21/2002/5](#) and [Corr.1](#)  
[ECE/AC.21/2002/6](#)  
[ECE/AC.21/2002/8](#)

The Committee may wish to consider the report of the second High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health (Geneva, 5 July 2002) (ECE/AC.21/2002/6) as well as the Declaration adopted at this meeting (ECE/AC.21/2002/8). The meeting decided to establish a Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) as outlined in document ECE/AC.21/2002/5 and Corr.1. THE PEP will be administered under the auspices of UNECE and WHO/Euro and will consolidate and take forward the previous London and Vienna processes. A newly created Steering Committee on Transport, Environment and Health will consolidate and replace in particular the joint Meeting on Transport and the Environment (JMTE) of UNECE as well as the London Charter Steering Group of WHO/Euro. The first session of the Committee is scheduled to be held on 10 and 11 April 2003.

The Committee may wish to note in this context, that, as requested, the secretariat has prepared the necessary documentation for the mid-term review of the Vienna Programme of Joint Action (POJA), undertaken by the High-level Meeting, assessing progress achieved and difficulties met in the implementation of POJA from 1997-2002 (ECE/AC.21/2002/3).

(b) **Blue Corridor Project**

[ENERGY/2002/4](#)  
[TRANS/2003/14](#)

The Committee will have before it document ENERGY/2002/4 and TRANS/2003/14. It will also be informed by a member of the secretariat of the current status of the Blue Corridor Project.

The Committee may wish to take note of the above contributions and **provide guidance** on the follow-up to be given to the issues raised therein, in particular as regards the Blue Corridor Project (ENERGY/2002/4).

7. **REVIEW OF THE TRANSPORT SITUATION IN ECE MEMBER COUNTRIES AND OF EMERGING DEVELOPMENT TRENDS** [TRANS/2003/5](#)

The Committee may wish to **consider** the document on the transport situation and trends in member countries in 2002, prepared by the secretariat on the basis of national contributions and other sources, following the decision taken by the Committee at its sixty-fourth session ([ECE/TRANS/139, para. 17](#)).

8. **TRANSPORT AND SECURITY** [TRANS/2002/15](#)  
[TRANS/2003/6](#)

Following the decision by the Committee at its sixty-fourth session to request its subsidiary bodies to identify, within their respective fields of competence, the differences between "security" and "safety" concepts and the relevant concrete questions that could be addressed in this respect, taking into account the work and studies undertaken by other organs, in particular by ECMT, the Committee may wish to **consider** the note prepared by the secretariat containing the conclusions of the discussions that have taken place in the subsidiary bodies on this issue. The Committee may also wish to be **informed** of the measures taken in this field at national level by Governments and international organizations. The Committee may wish to ask Governments to **identify** and **decide** on specific actions to be taken at international level regarding the transport security.

9. **ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION** [TRANS/2003/7](#) and  
Adds. [1-2](#)

The Committee may wish to **note** the activities aimed at assisting countries with economies in transition, undertaken in the year 2002 as reflected in document TRANS/2003/7 and, in particular, the progress in TEM and TER Projects as well as the five UN Regional Commissions' joint project on Capacity Building in Developing Interregional Linkages, approved by the General Assembly.

Based on the above documentation and information, the Inland Transport Committee may wish to **have an exchange of views** and **consider** reiterating its request that adequate resources be made available in the secretariat, and in particular for the uninterrupted services of a second Regional Adviser on Transport, which has proved to be indispensable for the substantive backstopping and further development of these activities. It may also wish to **consider** the matter of raising funds for operational activities through the UNECE Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT), **decide** on a new approach to be followed that would be based on specific projects, and encourage member countries to contribute to the

TFACT starting with the two specific projects already proposed, and **invite** countries with economies in transition to submit their project proposals to the secretariat.

## **10. STATUS OF APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL UNECE TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS AND CONVENTIONS**

The Committee will have before it a document in English and Russian prepared by the secretariat containing tables on the status as at 31 January 2003 of signatures, ratifications and accessions concerning international instruments on inland transport concluded under the auspices of the Committee. The Committee will also be informed of the accessions registered since its last session.

The Committee may wish to **take note** of this information and **invite** countries, which have not yet done so to become Contracting Parties to ECE Agreements and Conventions in the field of transport as soon as possible.

**Tuesday, 18 February 2003 (afternoon)**

## **II. QUESTIONS DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE'S SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

### **11. TRANSPORT TRENDS AND ECONOMICS**

[TRANS/WP.5/32](#)

The Committee will have before it for **consideration** and **approval** the report of the fifteenth session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) (TRANS/WP.5/32).

#### **(a) Replies to the questionnaire on transport developments**

[TRANS/2003/8](#)

The Committee will have before it for **consideration** the document summarizing replies to the quinquennial questionnaire on transport developments covering general transport policy; economic, technological, operational and infrastructure aspects. The Committee may wish to **take note** of the main tendencies in transport developments in member countries and **discuss** the possible use of information collected through the questionnaire in future.

#### **(b) Implementation of Pan-European transport corridors and areas**

The Committee will be **informed** by the representative of the European Commission on recent developments concerning Pan-European transport corridors and areas. The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about the outcome of a recent meeting between the EC and UNECE concerning the possible future role of the UNECE secretariat in monitoring developments in Pan-European Transport Corridors and Areas.

#### **(c) Evaluation of inland transport infrastructure projects**

[TRANS/WP.5/2002/7](#)

The Committee may wish to **take note** that "A set of Guidelines for Socio-Economic Cost Benefit Analysis of Transport Infrastructure Investment Project Appraisal" has been completed thus accomplishing the endeavour of the Working Party to develop a harmonized European-wide methodology for transport infrastructure investment project appraisal based on the methodologies applied by the European Commission

and the International Financial Institutions as well as the prevailing practice in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

The Committee may wish to **support** the widest possible dissemination of the methodology to all member countries and other interested users.

(d) **Euro-Asian transport links**

[TRANS/2003/9](#)

In order to give an impetus to further elaboration of the elements of the Common UNECE/ESCAP Strategic Vision for Euro-Asian Transport Links as adopted at its sixty-fourth session and promote the development of Euro-Asian transport links, the Committee may wish to **support** the establishment of a UNECE-ESCAP task force (with participation of the European Union). Such task force could be entrusted to coordinate activities and efforts of the concerned countries and involved international organizations, assist in establishing working groups for each Euro-Asian Land Transport Corridor and monitor development of joint projects and development and implementation of a joint policy for each Corridor. These activities should be closely connected with the project elements related to the ECE – ESCAP Euro-Asian Land Bridges, under the Capacity Building in Developing Interregional Transport Linkages Project of the five UN Regional Commissions, approved by the General Assembly.

The representative of the Russian Federation and the representative of Turkey will **inform** the Committee on recent activities related to further development of Euro-Asian transport links in the territories of their respective countries. Other member Governments may wish **to inform** the Committee on related activities. The Committee may wish to **encourage** and **support** the continuation of activities of the Russian Federation and Turkey aimed at further developing the Transsiberian and Southern Euro-Asian transport corridors.

The Committee may also wish **to note** that an informal meeting of the Southern corridor countries to analyse the infrastructure and regulatory shortcomings and determine further substantive and organizational steps regarding activities for the development of Euro-Asian links will be held in Turkey in March 2003.

(e) **Transport in the Mediterranean**

(i) **Seminar on Traffic Flows in the Mediterranean**

The Committee may wish to **support** the initiative of CETMO for the organization of a Seminar on freight flows in the Mediterranean region, to be jointly organized with UNECE and other United Nations regional commissions (ECA, ESCWA and ESCAP).

(ii) **Work of the Transport Study Centres in the Mediterranean**

**TRANS/2003/10  
and Add.1**

The Committee will have before it documents on the work of the Centres.

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the work carried out by the centres and provide guidance for future work.

- (f) **Studies on transport economics and track costs undertaken by other organizations** [TRANS/2003/11 and Adds.1-2](#)

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the information received from the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) (TRANS/2003/11), the European Commission (EC) (TRANS/2003/11/Add.1) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (TRANS/2003/11/Add.2).

**12. ROAD TRANSPORT** [TRANS/SC.1/371](#)

The Committee will have before it the report of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1), on its ninety-sixth session, for **consideration** and **approval** (TRANS/SC.1/371).

- (a) **European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)**

The Committee may wish to **note** that at its ninety-sixth session, SC.1 adopted proposals to amend Annex I to the AGR (TRANS/SC.1/371, annex 1). Proposals to amend Annex II were adopted by SC.1 on the basis of a proposal by the TEM Project but it was decided to await the adoption of other proposals to amend Annex II before transmission to the Secretary-General.

In this regard, the Working Party asked the ITC to **approve** the convening of the nineteenth Ad hoc Meeting on the Implementation of the AGR on 6-7 May 2003 for the examination of proposals concerning the environment and safety in tunnels. Moreover, the Ad hoc meeting is requested to study the possible impact on the E road network of ESCAP's decision to draw up a legal instrument for the Asian Highway.

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

The Committee may wish to **endorse** the proposals adopted at the ninety-sixth session of SC.1 aimed at introducing into the AETR the mandatory use of the digital tachograph on new vehicles after a transition period of five years from the entry into force of the relevant provisions ([TRANS/SC.1/371/Add.1](#)).

Some ECE member States expressed concern about how checking authorities in non-EU States should treat vehicles equipped with the new digital tachographs according to EU legislation during the five year transition period foreseen for the introduction of this device in the AETR. The Working Party agreed that there would be a need to organize another information day for checking authorities of non-EU States in collaboration with the European Commission. The Committee may wish to approve the holding of such an information day for AETR checking authorities in 2003, possibly back to back with the 97<sup>th</sup> session of SC.1.

- (c) **Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)**

The Committee may wish to **note** that, at its ninety-sixth session, SC.1 considered responses to a questionnaire on the draft of a new Protocol to the CMR prepared by Unidroit aimed at introducing an electronic consignment note. In view of some questions still to be settled in the proposed draft Protocol, the Working Party decided to convene an informal Group of Experts in the Spring of 2003 (April or May) to work on a draft text and resolve any outstanding problems.

(d) **Consolidated Resolution on the Facilitation of International Road Transport (R.E.4)**

The Committee may wish to **note** that, in accordance with a decision taken at its sixty-fourth session, the SC.1, at its ninety-sixth session, made significant progress on the revision of R.E.4, but could not conclude its work.

The Committee may wish to **take note** of a new version of R.E.4 prepared by the secretariat (TRANS/SC.1/2002/4/Rev.1) which incorporates the latest changes proposed by the Working Party. Moreover, SC.1 discussed the importance of developing provisions on access to the profession of road transport operator. The Committee may wish to **decide** whether such provisions should also be incorporated.

(e) **Visas for professional drivers**

At the sixty-fourth session of the Committee, several delegations reiterated their concerns with regard to difficulties encountered by carriers in obtaining visas and asked that concrete solutions be sought to improve the situation. The Committee gave the responsibility of considering this problem in detail to SC.1 and WP.30. A questionnaire was sent to member countries in June 2002.

A provisional synthesis of the 19 replies to the questionnaire was presented to SC.1 at its ninety-sixth session. The final synthesis of replies to the questionnaire will be made available for the Committee's session. The Working Party requested the ITC to **take a decision** on how to pursue work on this subject.

(f) **Activities of the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project** [TRANS/SC.1/2002/7](#)

The Committee may wish to take **note** of the progress report of the TEM Project (TRANS/SC.1/2002/7) and the relevant paragraphs of the report of the Working Party on Road Transport (TRANS/SC.1/371) and, particularly, the efforts made by the UNECE Transport Division in close collaboration with the TEM member countries and the Project Central Office during the year 2002, for the implementation of the first steps of a new short-term strategy for further integration of TEM into the new European transport context.

13. **ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY**

[TRANS/WP.1/81](#)  
[TRANS/WP.1/85](#)  
[TRANS/WP.1/86](#)

The Committee will have before it the reports of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) on its thirty-eighth session (TRANS/WP.1/81) for **consideration and approval** and on its thirty-ninth session (TRANS/WP.1/85) and fortieth (special) session (TRANS/WP.1/86) for **consideration** pending final adoption at the forty-first session of the Working Party in April 2003.

(a) **International instruments related to road safety (Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, European Agreements supplementing them, Consolidated Resolutions R.E.1 and R.E.2)**

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the draft amendments to the Vienna Conventions and the European Agreements supplementing them adopted by WP.1 regarding the use of mobile phones while

driving, incorporating the distinguishing sign into the registration plate and driving permits (TRANS/WP.1/85, annex 1).

The Committee may also wish to **endorse** the ongoing work of WP.1 on amendments concerning the definition of mopeds and motorcycles, driving permits, safety in tunnels, visibility and legibility of road signs and alcohol (TRANS/WP.1/85, paras. 18-39).

In light of the volume of work still to be done on the finalization of a package of amendment proposals and the wish to finalize this work in 2003, the Working Party requests the Committee to **approve** the holding of an additional special session in 2003, if necessary. The dates of 7 to 9 July 2003 are proposed for that meeting.

As regards the revision of the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2), the Committee may **note** that the Working Party adopted, in principle, provisions on signing of roadworks ([TRANS/WP.1/85/Add.1](#)).

**(b) Fourth Road Safety Week in the ECE Region (5 - 11 April 2004)**

The Committee is invited to **adopt** the resolution forwarded to it by WP.1 on the Fourth Road Safety Week in the UNECE Region to be held from 5-11 April 2004. The aim of the week is to combat aggressive driving behaviour; the slogan is "respect is safety". These dates were selected to coincide with World Health Day on 7 April 2004 which will be devoted to "Safe Roads".

**14. SAFETY IN TUNNELS**

**(a) Follow-up to the Recommendations of the ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels (road)**

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the sixth meeting of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels (road) which is scheduled to be held on 21-22 January 2003.

In its resolution No. 249 on safety in tunnels adopted at its sixty-fourth session, the Committee requested its subsidiary bodies WP.1, WP.29, SC.1 and WP.15 to consider rapidly the recommendations on safety in tunnels pertaining to their sphere of competence and to identify those that could be incorporated into existing legal instruments. The Committee will be **informed** about the follow-up given to the recommendations in those bodies.

**(b) Activities of the ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels (rail)**

[TRANS/SC.1/2002/7](#)  
[TRANS/AC.9/2](#)  
[TRANS/AC.9/4](#)

The Committee will have before it, for **consideration and approval**, the reports of the first and second meetings of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels (rail), which were held on 27-28 June 2002 and 25-26 November 2002.



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15. HARMONIZATION OF VEHICLE REGULATIONS

[TRANS/WP.29/841](#)  
[TRANS/WP.29/861](#)  
[TRANS/WP.29/885](#)

The Committee may wish to **consider** and **approve** the work carried out by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and by its six subsidiary Working Parties (GRPE, GRSG, GRRF, GRE, GRB, GRSP) during 2002, as reflected in the reports of WP.29 on its one-hundred-and-twenty-sixth (TRANS/WP.29/841), one-hundred-and-twenty-seventh (TRANS/WP.29/861) and one-hundred-and-twenty-eighth (TRANS/WP.29/885) sessions.

(a) **The 1958 Agreement and annexed ECE Regulations**

The Committee may wish to **note** that, during 2002, the number of Contracting Parties to the Agreement reached forty, by the accessions of New Zealand, Lithuania and Azerbaijan. The one-hundred-and-fifteenth Regulation was adopted and will enter into force on 1 February 2003. Fifty-nine amendments to forty-one existing Regulations were agreed.

(b) **The 1998 (Global) Agreement**

The Committee may wish to **note** that, during 2002, the number of Parties to the Agreement reached twenty-one, by the accessions of New Zealand, Netherlands, Azerbaijan, Romania, and the ratification by Spain. The Executive Committee (AC.3) of the Agreement set fifteen priorities for establishing new draft global technical regulations. A resolution by AC.3 was sent to the United Nations Secretary-General, reiterating the insistence of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement on the execution of the depositary functions in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement.

(c) **The 1997 Agreement on Periodical Technical Inspections**

The Committee may **note** that there continue to be six Contracting Parties to the Agreement only and may again **consider** inviting the eighteen countries that signed the Agreement on 13 November 1997 to speed up their national ratification procedures. A proposal for draft Rule No. 2 remained under consideration, concerning inspections with respect to safety of heavy commercial passenger and goods vehicles used in international transport.

16. RAIL TRANSPORT

[TRANS/SC.2/198](#)

The Committee will have before it the report of the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (TRANS/SC.2/198) for **consideration** and **approval**.

(a) **Determination of railway infrastructure capacity**

[TRANS/SC.2/2002/1](#)

The Committee may wish to **take note** of (i) the report of the Informal Ad hoc meeting on the allocation of railway infrastructure capacity for international rail services and infrastructure management (TRANS/SC.2/2002/1) and (ii) the Workshop on International Railway Infrastructure capacity Allocation which was held on 18 October 2002 (TRANS/SC.2/198 paras.40-45), as the direct outcome of the above-mentioned informal Ad hoc meeting.

(b) **European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC)**

The Committee may wish to **note** that in total 24 countries are at present Contracting Parties to the AGC Agreement and that amendments have been proposed by Slovenia to Annex 1 of the AGC (TRANS/SC.2/198, annex 1). The Committee may wish to **endorse** the invitation to those Governments that have not yet acceded to the AGC, to examine the possibility of doing so (TRANS/SC.2/198, para.25). It may also wish to **endorse** the Working Party's approval of the updated version of Annex 1 of the AGC, the new AGC map produced by the secretariat and the decision to set up a consolidated version of the Agreement (TRANS/SC.2/198, para.26).

(c) **Facilitation of border crossing in international rail transport**

The Committee may wish to **note** that the questionnaire testing the monitoring system regarding the progress made in the facilitation of border crossing in international rail transport was circulated to 7 UNECE member countries covering 10 border stations with a view to identifying border-stopping times as well as the type and average duration of different checking controls at each border station (TRANS/SC.2/198, paras.14-17). The Committee may wish to **support** this activity of the Working Party.

The Committee may also wish to **support** the initiative by OSZhD for convening an international meeting to deal with the railway border crossing facilitation issues, involving Governments, railways, customs and police authorities and other involved actors. The Committee may further wish to **invite** OSZhD, in collaboration with interested Governments and international organisations if necessary, to prepare an initial proposal containing the border crossing issues to be discussed, the involvement of various participants and other organizational issues.

(d) **Role of railways in the promotion of combined transport**

The Committee may wish to **support** the decision of the Working Party to invite the European Community to report, at its next session, on the status of application of Directive 2001/16/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2001 on the interoperability of the trans-European conventional rail system (TRANS/SC.2/198, para.18).

The Committee may also wish to **invite** member Governments to report at the next session of the Working Party on new efforts by railways to provide high-quality services to combined transport in order to further promote combined transport.

(e) **Activities of the Trans-European Railway (TER) Project**

[TRANS/SC.2/2002/13](#)

The Committee may wish to take note of the progress report of the TER Project (TRANS/SC.2/2002/13) and the relevant paragraph of the report of the Working Party on Rail Transport (TRANS/SC.2/198, para. 30) and, particularly, the major efforts made by the UNECE, in close collaboration with the TER member countries and the Project Central Office during the year 2002, for the implementation of the first steps of a new short-term strategy for further integration of TER into the new European transport context.

17. **INLAND WATER TRANSPORT** [TRANS/SC.3/158](#)

The report of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on its forty-sixth session has been circulated for **consideration** and **approval** by the Committee as TRANS/SC.3/158.

- (a) **European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN)** [ECE/TRANS/120 and Corr.1](#)  
[TRANS/2003/12](#)  
[TRANS/SC.3/159](#)

The Committee may wish **to note** that the Russian Federation has become a thirteenth Contracting Party to the AGN Agreement, thus extending its network to the whole of the national European Unified Deep-Water System of 7,200 km linking together the Baltic, White, Caspian, Azov and Black Seas. The Working Party at its forty-sixth session invited Governments, in particular, Austria, Finland, France, Greece and Germany, who signed the Agreement in 1997 and have not yet ratified it, to make all efforts to become Contracting Parties to the AGN.

The Committee may wish to **consider and adopt** a resolution on the Implementation of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance agreed by the Working Party and issued as TRANS/2003/12.

The Committee may also wish **to take note and endorse** the adoption by the Working Party of resolution No. 49 on the Inventory of the Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network, as set out in TRANS/SC.3/159.

- (b) **Technical and legal questions regarding the development and facilitation of international transport by inland waterway** [TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.2](#)  
[TRANS/SC.3/156](#)  
[TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.5](#)  
[TRANS/SC.3/147 and Corr.1](#)

The Committee will be **informed** orally of the progress made by the Working Party in implementing the Committee's resolution No. 250 on the Promotion of Inland Water Transport (ECE/TRANS/139, annex 2) as a follow-up to the Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport (Rotterdam, 5 and 6 September 2001).

The Committee may wish **to take note** of the publication by the secretariat of: (i) a second revised edition of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) in the form of a colour loose-leaf brochure (TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.2), reflecting Pan-European rules of the road, marking of vessels and signs and signalling on inland waterways; and (ii) Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (inland ECDIS)(TRANS/SC.3/156).

The Committee may also wish **to take note and endorse** the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of resolution No. 50 on Technical Requirements for the Prevention of Pollution from Vessels (TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.5). The resolution provides for technical measures aimed at a further restriction and/or complete prohibition of discharge into inland waterways of waste generated on board inland navigation vessels.

The Committee may wish **to note and endorse** the intention of the Working Party to establish, in cooperation with relevant non-governmental organizations, a Pan-European recreational navigation network through the elaboration and adoption of a resolution (TRANS/SC.3/158, para. 15). In this regard, it is also recalled that, desiring to promote and facilitate international tourism by inland and coastal waterways, the Working Party, at its forty-second session, adopted resolution No. 40 on the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (TRANS/SC.3/147 and Corr.1). Having been informed, at its forty-sixth session, by the representative of the International Touring Alliance (AIT) of the problems faced by boatmen in obtaining such certificates, due mainly to a non-application by some Governments of resolution No. 40, the Working Party asked the Inland Transport Committee to help to promulgate this resolution among all UNECE member Governments, including those who do not participate in the work of the Working Party SC.3, in order to promote international tourism by inland waterways. The Committee may wish **to call upon** its member Governments to apply the provisions of resolution No.40 of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.

## 18. COMBINED TRANSPORT

[TRANS/WP.24/95](#)  
[TRANS/WP.24/97](#)

The Committee will have before it the reports of the Working Party on Combined Transport (WP.24), on its thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions (TRANS/WP.24/95 and 97), for **consideration and approval**.

(a) **European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)**

[TRANS/WP.24/97](#)

The Committee may wish to **note** the progress made by the two informal *ad hoc* expert groups on “Partnership models and best practices in combined transport” as well as on “Efficiency of combined transport terminal operations” established under the auspices of the Working Party. The two expert groups have developed proposals to improve the performance of combined transport services in the framework of the AGTC Agreement. The Working Party is expected to adopt concrete recommendations and procedures in this respect at its sessions in 2003. The Committee may wish to **endorse** the thrust of these new concrete activities of the Working Party with a view to promoting the role of combined transport (TRANS/WP.24/97, paras. 26-36).

The Committee may wish to encourage all concerned Contracting Parties to accede to the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the AGTC Agreement, particularly those that have signed but not yet ratified it, i.e. Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy and Portugal in order that the Protocol will enter into force.

(b) **Possibilities for reconciliation and harmonization of civil liability regimes governing combined transport**

[TRANS/WP.24/97](#)  
[TRANS/WP.24/2002/5](#)  
[TRANS/WP.24/2003/6](#)

The Committee may wish to **note** that two meetings of the *ad hoc* expert group on civil liability rules in multimodal transport were held in 2002. The Committee may also wish to **note** the progress made to coordinate all United Nations activities in this field (UNECE, UNCTAD and UNCITRAL) regarding transport law for multimodal transport operations. The Committee may wish to **decide** to prolong the mandate

of the Working Party and its ad hoc expert group for 2003, with a view to pursuing the complex task of reconciling and harmonizing civil liability regimes governing multimodal transport.

- (c) **Proposal regarding the scope of work of the Working Party on Combined Transport** [TRANS/2003/13](#)

The Committee may wish to **endorse** the proposals made by the Working Party and the secretariat as contained in document TRANS/2003/13 with a view to refocusing its activities and to streamlining its working methods, including closer cooperation with ECMT in this field.

**Wednesday, 19 February 2003 (afternoon)**

- 19. BORDER CROSSING FACILITATION** [TRANS/WP.30/200](#)  
[TRANS/WP.30/202](#)  
[TRANS/WP.30/204](#)

The Committee will have before it the reports of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), on its one-hundredth, one-hundred-and-first and one-hundred-and-second sessions (TRANS/WP.30/200, 202 and 204), for **consideration** and **approval**.

- (a) **Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975)** [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/65](#)  
[TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/67](#)  
[TRANS/WP.30/2002/18](#)

The Committee will also have before it for this item the reports of the two sessions of the TIR Administrative Committee, serviced by the secretariat, which are contained in documents TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/65 and TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/67.

The Committee may wish to **note** that, following the completion of Phase II of the TIR revision process, the relevant amendments to the TIR Convention entered into force on 12 May 2002 clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the actors involved in TIR transport operations. In order to ensure proper implementation of these amendments, a TIR Contact Group meeting was held in Athens (Greece) on 22 and 23 April 2002 (TRANS/WP.30/2002/18).

With a view to continuing the rapid progress on Phase III of the TIR revision process, focusing on the revision of the TIR Carnet and computerization of the TIR procedure in particular, the Committee may wish to **decide** to prolong the mandate of the group of experts on the TIR revision process for the year 2003.

- (b) **International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982** [TRANS/WP.30/202](#)  
[TRANS/WP.30/204](#)  
[TRANS/WP.30/2001/16](#)  
[TRANS/2002/11](#)

The Committee may wish to **note** that the fifth session of the Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods will be held on 6 and 7 February 2003. The Administrative Committee will consider the acceptance of a new Annex 8 to the Convention, covering all elements of efficient border crossing procedures in the international road transport of goods,

including an International Vehicle Weight Certificate, acceptance of the Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections and provisions encouraging visa facilitation measures for professional drivers.

- (c) **Draft Conventions on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail** [TRANS/WP.30/204](#)  
[TRANS/WP.30/2002/12](#)  
[TRANS/2001/10](#)

The Committee may wish to **note** that, following a meeting of the Contracting States of the SMGS Agreement (TRANS/WP.30/2002/12), it was considered that additional consultations were necessary before finalizing the draft Convention covering the SMGS consignment note and the Contracting Parties to the SMGS Agreement. As a preliminary measure, the Committee may wish to **endorse** resolution No. 50 adopted by the Working Party recommending the use of the SMGS Consignment Note as a Customs transit declaration in countries applying the SMGS Agreement.

## 20. TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

- (a) **The Economic and Social Council's Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods met from 1-10 July 2002 (see report [ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/42](#) and [-/Add.1](#)) and will meet again from 2-6 December 2002. The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals met from 10-12 July 2002 ([see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/6](#)) and will meet again from 9-11 December 2002. The Committee itself will hold its first session from 11-13 December 2002. It will consider the work of both Sub-Committees over the 2001-2002 biennium and adopt recommendations that should be published by the secretariat in 2003 as the thirteenth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations; the fourth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria; and the first version of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

- (b) **Harmonization of the technical requirements of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) and the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)** [TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/88](#)  
and Adds. [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)  
[TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90](#)  
and Adds. [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)

The Committee may wish to **note** that the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting held two sessions (Bern, 18-22 March 2002 and Geneva, 9-12 September 2002) and adopted draft amendments to the common requirements of RID, ADR and ADN which should come into force on 1 January 2005. The Joint Meeting adopted also a procedure for cooperation with the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) to ensure conformity of EN standards with RID/ADR/ADN safety requirements for the purpose of incorporation by reference.

(c) **European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)**

**[TRANS/WP.15/170](#)**  
**[and Add.1](#)**  
**[TRANS/WP.15/172](#)**

The Committee may wish to **note** that there are 38 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 the Protocol. Twenty-five Contracting Parties have done so to date, and the Committee may wish to **urge** the remaining Contracting Parties (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Morocco, Republic of Moldova, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia) to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol to come into force.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the draft amendments adopted in 2000 and 2001 have been deemed accepted by Contracting Parties and will enter into force on 1 January 2003. A new consolidated (2003) edition of ADR has been published by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/160, Vols. I and II).

The Committee may also wish to **note** that the Working Party adopted new amendments to Annexes A and B of the ADR during its two sessions in 2002 (13-17 May 2002 and 4-8 November 2002). These amendments should enter into force on 1 January 2005 with a six-month transitional period.

(d) **European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)**

**[TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/11](#)**  
**[TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/13](#)**

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Russian Federation has acceded to ADN and, thus, is the first Contracting State. It is recalled that the ADN had been signed (subject to ratification) by the following 10 countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia. It was open for signature until 31 May 2001 and is now open for accession.

The Committee may also wish to **note** that the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the ADN held a session from 21 to 23 January 2003 and another one from 27 to 30 May 2002. It adopted, amended and restructured Regulations annexed to the ADN, which will be submitted to the ADN Administrative Committee as soon as the ADN enters into force. Pending this entry into force, the Committee may wish to **invite** UNECE member States to implement the amended and restructured Regulations as amended through their national legislation as from 1 January 2003, as recommended by the Joint Meeting. The text of the amended and restructured Regulations is being published under the symbol ECE/TRANS/170, Vols. I and II and is available in English and French on the Transport Division website ([www.unece.org/trans/danger/adnreg2003.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/adnreg2003.html)).

The Committee may also wish to **note** that another session of the Joint Meeting of Experts is scheduled to be held from 21 to 23 January 2003 to discuss new proposals of amendments.

- (e) **Convention on Civil Liability for Damage caused during Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels (CRTD)** [TRANS/AC.8/2](#)  
[TRANS/AC.8/4](#)

The Committee may wish to **recall** the decision taken at its last session (TRANS/139, paras. 108-111), to establish an ad hoc Meeting of Experts on CRTD and its intention to **decide** at the sixty-fifth session, on the basis of the findings of the CCNR and of the Ad hoc Meeting of Experts, whether to continue with a revised CRTD or to draw up a separate convention for each of the three modes of transport.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Ad hoc Meeting of Experts on CRTD met twice (4-6 November and 10-12 June 2002). The Ad hoc Meeting of Experts expressed its preference for the existing scope of the CRTD (three inland transport modes) (TRANS/AC.8/4, para. 10), and prepared draft amendments concerning mainly the limits of financial liability and definitions. Further work is deemed necessary for 2003. However, the Committee may wish to **note** that, despite priority 1 given to this element of the programme of work, only five governmental delegations participated in the work. The Ad hoc Meeting of Experts **requested** the Committee to appeal to member States for more active participation since this was an indispensable condition for success. The Committee may wish to **consider** the reports of the Ad hoc Meeting of Experts and **decide** as deemed appropriate.

**21. TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS** **TRANS/WP.11/206**

The Committee will have before it the report of the fifty-eighth session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (TRANS/WP.11/206) for **consideration** and **approval**.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Working Party continued the revision of the ATP Annexes and the elaboration of an ATP Handbook.

**Thursday, 20 February 2003 (morning)**

**22. TRANSPORT STATISTICS** [TRANS/WP.6/143](#)

The Committee will have before it the report of the Working Party on Transport Statistics on its fifty-third session (25-27 November 2002) (TRANS/WP.6/143) for **consideration** and **approval**.

- (a) **Classification of Goods for Transport Statistics (NST/2000)** [TRANS/WP.6/2002/6](#)

The Committee may wish to take **note** of the proposal made by the representatives of France and Poland for a future subdivision of the NST/2000 classes which would serve as a model for all UNECE countries and **support** further work on this matter in the Working Party on Transport Statistics.

- (b) **Transport and Environment Reporting Mechanism (TERM) indicators** [TRANS/WP.6/143](#)  
[TRANS/WP.6/2002/5](#)

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the Manual on Statistics on Environmental and Transport issues, prepared by Statistics Denmark, that would be used as an input for the forthcoming Eurostat task force to deal with Transport and Environment Reporting Mechanism (TERM) indicators.



- (c) **Methodological development and harmonization of transport and road accident statistics** [TRANS/WP.6/2002/3](#)  
[TRANS/WP.6/143](#)

The Committee may wish to **be informed** of the revision process of the Glossary for Transport Statistics (TRANS/WP.6/2002/3). Furthermore, it may wish to **learn about** the finalization of the 2000 Road Census and the activities under way regarding preparations for the 2005 Combined Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe; Rail Census Methodologies; the collection of data on gas pipelines and the follow-up to be ensured by Eurostat aiming at the gathering of statistics on the transport of dangerous goods according to the classes defined in the AGR.

In light of the follow-up meeting to the Barcelona Task Force on Sustainable Urban Transport Indicators (28-29 March 2000), the Committee may wish to **be informed** about the ad hoc seminar on harmonization of urban and regional transport statistics to take place in Prague 15-16 May 2003 (TRANS/WP.6/143; TRANS/WP.6/2002/5).

The Committee will **be informed** about the Working Party's decision to ask the Intersecretariat Working Group to identify the possibilities of preparing a common questionnaire concerning road traffic accident statistics.

### **23. TRANSPORT DIVISION WEBSITE**

The Committee may wish to **note** the addition of a search box on the Transport Division Welcome Page (<http://www.unece.org/trans/Welcome.html>) and the significant improvement on both size and download time of the 1958 Agreement web page (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29regs.html>), with a new referencing page and navigation menu, aimed at providing slow modem connections with reasonable waiting time and good accessibility to the website.

The Committee may also wish to **note** the regular updating of all the relevant documentation of previous and upcoming meetings and **provide guidance** for further improvements.

## **III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

### **24. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS IN 2003** [TRANS/2003/4](#)

A preliminary list of meetings is being circulated for **consideration and adoption** by the Committee; the list is based on proposals made by the Committee's subsidiary bodies (TRANS/2003/4).

### **25. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE'S BUREAU IN 2003 AND 2004**

The Committee may wish to **decide** on the composition of its Bureau for the sessions of the Committee in 2003 and 2004.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

##### 26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

###### (a) Preparation of electronic maps of inland transport networks

The Committee may wish to **consider** ways of contributing to the development of electronic maps in a standardized format for the AGR, AGC, AGTC and AGN networks with the ultimate objective of presenting all the networks in a single interactive map on CD-ROM or the internet for use by Governments and private entities interested in inland transport operations.

###### (b) Date of next session

The Committee may note that its sixty-sixth session is tentatively scheduled to be held from 17 to 19 February 2004.

**Thursday, 20 February 2003 (afternoon)**

##### 27. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION

In accordance with established practice, the Committee will **adopt** the report of its sixty-fifth session on the basis of the draft prepared by the secretariat.

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