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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2004-2008

Note by the secretariat

The Working Party may wish to examine its draft programme of work for 2004-2008 and, in particular, the continued relevance of priorities assigned to individual work elements and the expected outputs identified for the next two-year period, i.e. by 2004/2005.

Proposals made by the secretariat for deletion are struck through; additions are in bold text.

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PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.3: ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY

Priority: 1

Description: Mindful of the world-wide scope of its work, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will examine matters and adopt measures aimed at improving road traffic safety. To this end, it will consider, inter alia, the implementation of the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and the European Agreements supplementing them and elaborate proposals for updating these legal instruments as well as the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.1 and R.E.2). It will also seek to promote the global application of this work.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety will pursue the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Monitoring and encouraging the implementation of the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and the European Agreements supplementing them and the Protocol on Road Markings, and elaboration of amendment proposals to these legal instruments with a view to raising of road safety standards. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of ~~2002/2003~~ 2004/2005:

- Consideration and/or adoption where appropriate of ~~a number of~~ **new** amendment proposals to the above instruments concerning, in particular, ~~the safety of cyclists and moped riders; international driving permits;~~ definitions of mopeds and motorcycles; **overtaking**; ~~siting of traffic signs; safety in tunnels (user behaviour and signing); ; priority at roundabouts; blue markings; mobile phones; behaviour at pedestrian crossings; incorporation of the distinguishing sign into the registration plate; accident black spots; visibility and legibility of signs etc;~~

- (b) ~~Development of new recommendations to be included in~~ **Revision and updating of the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.1 and R.E.2) and updating of the existing ones (in cooperation with other subsidiary bodies of the TTC)** for the purpose of ensuring higher standards of safety on roads. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of ~~2002/2003~~ 2004/2005:

- **Complete overhaul of R.E.1 on the basis of a new structure;**
- **Incorporation into R.E.1 and R.E.2 of recommendations already adopted in particular those on periodic** technical inspections, assistance to victims of road accidents, **pedestrians**, roadworks signing, speed control humps, contraflow cyclists;
- Consideration, development and incorporation into R.E.1 and R.E.2 of **new** recommendations concerning **in particular** assistance to victims of road accidents, use of mobile phones while driving, safety in tunnels, skateboarders, roller skaters, etc., roadside checks, drugs and alcohol, road signing;
- ~~Issuance of R.E.1 according to the newly adopted structure;~~

- (c) Exchange of information on national road safety programmes, in particular taking into account means of financing of road safety activities, and on road safety regulations and requirements in force in member States and circulation of such information in order to avail Governments of the practice and experience gained on these matters.

Priority: 3

Output expected by the end of 2002/2003 2004/2005: Updating the set of tables reflecting current national road traffic safety requirements, national legal instruments and national methods of training and follow-up for categories A and B driving licences.

- (d) Assisting countries in transition in the establishment of sound and up-to-date traffic safety practices and procedures.

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2002/2003 2004/2005 Organization of a **possible** workshop or seminar on road safety possibly in collaboration with other organizations.

- (e) Consideration of selected timely topics related to road safety in the form of an in-depth discussion based on papers prepared by experts and undertaking appropriate follow-up action with a view to finding concerted solutions to the most urgent problems in the field of traffic safety.

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2002/2003 2004/2005: Identification of at least one timely topic for in-depth discussion.

ACTIVITIES OF LIMITED DURATION

- ~~(f) Examination with the help of a small group of experts of the possibility of preparing a new legal instrument on driving permits based on the EU Directive 91/439/EEC.~~

~~Priority: 1~~

~~Output expected by the end of 2002/2003: Decision on the possibility of developing a new legal instrument.~~

- (f) Contribution to **and follow-up of** activities envisaged in the Programme of Joint Action adopted at the 1997 Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment, as well as the London Charter on Transport, Environment and Health.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2002/2003 2004/2005: Consideration of proposals to amend the Vienna Conventions and European Agreements emanating from the Vienna and/or London follow-up processes.

- (g) **Organization of the Fourth Road Safety Week (5-11 April 2004) with a view to active participation of countries and organizations aimed at combating aggressive driving behaviour.**

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2000 2004/2005: Organization of a seminar on 5 April 2004 on the theme of the Fourth Road Safety Week.

- ~~(h) Evaluation of the Road Safety Week and adoption of possible follow-up action.~~
~~Output expected by the end of 2001: Organization of a day of evaluation on 10 September 2001.~~

- (i) Consideration of possible **future global role of the Working Party** ~~approaches to the work on a United Nations Long Term Strategy on Road Safety aimed at the establishment within the United Nations of a concerted programme of action in this regard.~~ Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2002 2004/2005: Decision on the possibility of **transforming WP.1 into a global forum for road safety** ~~developing a long term strategy aimed at the improvement of road traffic safety in the ECE region or an alternative initiative.~~
