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Ad hoc Group of Experts on the E-Road Traffic Census

Ninth session  
Geneva, 10 November 2008

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINTH SESSION<sup>1,2</sup>**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10.00 hours on Monday 10 November 2008

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda

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2. Election of officers
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6. Draft Resolution on the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census
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## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/17

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the **adoption** of the agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/17).

### Item 2. Election of Officers

2. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure and established practice, the Ad hoc Group of Experts will **elect** a Chairman.

### Item 3. Mandate

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/155

3. At its fifty-ninth session (28-30 May 2008), the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) decided to establish an Ad hoc Group of Experts on the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census that should evaluate the results of the 2005 Census, prepare recommendations to Governments on procedures and methodologies for the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census and draft a resolution for adoption by the UNECE Inland Transport Committee in February 2009 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/155, para. 37).
4. For the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census, an Ad hoc Group of Experts will be convened on 11 November 2008 in Geneva. The agenda and relevant documentation is available at <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac4agenda.html>.

**Item 4. Results of the 2005 E-Road Traffic Census**

**(a) Presentation of the results of the 2005 E-Road Traffic Census**

5. The Ad hoc Group of Experts will be acquainted with the results of the 2005 E-Road Traffic Census. Particular problems encountered in the preparation of the 2005 Census will be discussed on the basis of informal documentation which will be available at the meeting.

**(b) Country notes to the 2005 E-Road Traffic Census**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/2008/2

6. The country notes accompanying the 2005 E-Road Traffic Census will be available in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/2008/2.

**Item 5. Draft Recommendations to Governments on the E-Road Traffic Census of Road Traffic and Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe in 2010 (“2010 E-Road Traffic Census”)**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/2008/1; ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/2008/1/Add.1; ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/2008/1/Add.2

7. As in the 2005 Census and on the basis of a decision of the Working Party on Road Traffic (SC.1) to include the inventory of main standards and parameters of the E-Road network in the E-Road Traffic Census (TRANS/SC.1/361, para. 17), Governments and interested international organizations are invited to prepare the recommendations for the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census. As a basis for discussion, the Ad hoc Group of Experts may wish to **consider** draft recommendations for the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/2008/1, Adds.1-2) and to **propose** any modification considered necessary. These draft recommendations are essentially the same as those for the 2005 E-Road Traffic Census and, in the light of the experiences and results, may need to be updated and adapted to new requirements and data needs.

8. The Ad hoc Meeting may wish to consider, in particular, the following issues:

**(a) Coverage of the Census**

9. For purposes of the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census, the network referred to is that described in Annex I of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) of 1975, in Amendments 1-9 to the Agreement (ECE/TRANS/16/Amends.1-9) and in any other amendment which will come into force before 2010 <<http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/ECE-TRANS-SC1-384e.pdf>>.

**(b) Purpose of the Census**

10. Internationally comparable data on main international road traffic arteries are of major and increasing importance in Europe, given the growing volume of international and transit traffic.

11. Every effort should be made within the framework of the E-Road Traffic Census to arrive at data which are as comparable as possible at the international level and respond to new data requirements and changes in traffic patterns. This information also contributes to finding solutions to the problems raised by traffic congestion and facilitates the study of environmental issues, road safety and energy consumption.

**(c) Scope of the Census**

12. As E-Roads constitute a relatively limited part of a country's road network, it is of particular interest to know the importance of the traffic on these roads as compared with the traffic borne by the whole of the road network (values to be reported, holiday traffic, peak-hour traffic, night traffic and others).

**(d) Comparability with the results of the 2005 E-Road Traffic Census**

13. The results of the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census should be as comparable as possible with the 2005 Census.

**(e) Categories of vehicles to be counted**

14. Counting should include passenger and goods vehicles. Motor vehicles with not more than 3 wheels, passenger and light goods vehicles, goods road vehicles and special vehicles, motor buses, coaches and trolley buses should be counted.

**(f) Values to be calculated**

15. For each E-Road in a country, it is recommended that the average annual daily traffic flow (AADT) be calculated. For the E-Road network, vehicle-kilometres should be calculated for the year of the Census and for the different vehicle categories.

**(g) Characteristics of E-Roads**

16. Information about the volume and distribution of traffic on these E-Roads will be of greater value if information about the characteristics of such roads can be obtained.

**(h) Compilation and publication of the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census**

17. It is recommended that Governments supply to the UNECE secretariat a report on the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census carried out in their country. Since the usefulness of the publication of the Census depends to a large extent on its timeliness, it is desirable that Governments try, to any extent possible, to furnish the data (including maps), before 1 November 2011.

**Item 6. Draft Resolution on 2010 E-Road Traffic Census**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/17, annex

18. The Ad hoc Group of Experts may wish to **consider and approve** the draft Resolution on the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census, as prepared by the secretariat and annexed to this agenda. The Ad hoc Group may wish to **transmit** it to the Inland Transport Committee for adoption at its seventy-first session (24-26 February 2009).

**Item 7. Other business**

19. The Ad hoc Group may wish to **discuss** the possibilities of producing the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census results on a CD-ROM, as well as the possibilities for putting a portion of the data on the Transport Division's Internet Home Page. Furthermore, the Ad hoc Group may wish to **consider and set** timetables and deadlines for the various phases (circulation of the questionnaire, collection of data, replies, consolidation and publication of the results).

**Item 8. Adoption of the decisions**

20. At the end of the meeting, the Chairman will make a brief summary of the decisions taken. Following the session, the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chairman, will establish a report on the outcome of the meeting, including the text of the draft ITC Resolution and the Recommendations to Governments for the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census.

Annex

**E-Road Traffic Census of Road Traffic and Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters on  
Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe in 2010  
("2010 E-Road Traffic Census")**

**Draft Resolution No. ...**

to be submitted to the Inland Transport Committee  
at its seventy-first session (24-26 February 2009)

The Inland Transport Committee,

Having regard to the last paragraph of its resolution No. 169 of 15 January 1954 (E/ECE/TRANS/445),

1. Invites Governments:

(a) To take a census of traffic on the E-Roads on their national territory, in accordance with the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe (AGR), and in line with the Recommendations to Governments for the E-Road Traffic Census of Road Traffic and Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe in 2010 (2010 E-Road Traffic Census) as set forth in UNECE document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/18/Add.1 considering 2010 as the reference year.

(b) To supply the results of the 2010 E-Road Traffic Census to the UNECE secretariat, if possible before **1 November 2011**, in conformity with the Recommendations set forth in UNECE document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/18/Add.1.

2. Recommends that Governments take a census of traffic on other non-urban roads in their national territory, applying where possible, the methods set out in the Recommendations mentioned under paragraph 1 (a) above.

3. Requests Governments to inform the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) by **30 September 2009** whether they agree to implement the provisions of this resolution.

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