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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
ONE-HUNDRED-AND-FOURTH SESSION^{1, 2}**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 19 October 2009

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the 103rd session.
3. Activities and developments of interest to the Working Party:

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- (a) Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies;
 - (a) International organizations;
 - (a) National delegations.

- 4. European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR):
 - (a) Implementation of the digital tachograph.

- 5. Road transport infrastructure:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR):
 - (i) Status of prior amendments to the AGR;
 - (ii) Consideration of new proposals for amendments to the AGR.
 - (b) Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project.

- 6. Harmonization of requirements concerning international road transport and facilitation of its operation:
 - (a) Proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS);
 - (b) Quantitative restrictions imposed on international road transport of goods;
 - (c) Review of questions concerning the facilitation of international road transport:
 - (i) International Motor Insurance System (Green Card);
 - (ii) Accession to and implementation of UNECE international legal instruments on road transport;
 - (iii) Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note.

- 7. Draft Programme of Work for 2010-2014.

- 8. Other business.

- 9. Date of next session.

- 10. Adoption of decisions.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/387

1. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2. Adoption of the report of the 103rd session

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/386 and Add.1

2. The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its 103rd session, prepared by the secretariat based on the list of decisions adopted during that session.

Item 3. Activities and developments of interest to the Working Party

(a) Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

Document: ECE/TRANS/206

3. The secretariat will inform the Working Party of the recommendations, requests and decisions made by the Inland Transport Committee, at its seventy-first session (24-26 February 2009) with regard to or having an impact on the activities of SC.1.

(b) International organizations

4. Representatives of international organizations at the session are invited to provide information regarding their activities of relevance to the Working Party and to communicate to the secretariat a short summary of their interventions. It would be highly appreciated if the secretariat received in writing the summaries at least one week before the session.

(c) National delegations

5. Participating delegations are invited to present information regarding developments that took place in road transport at national level since the previous session of the Working Party and to provide the secretariat with a short summary of their interventions. It would be highly appreciated if the secretariat received in writing the summaries at least one week before the session.

Item 4. European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)

6. The secretariat will inform the Working Party of the latest developments, including the reply received from the Office of Legal Affairs, concerning the implementation of the AETR as

well as on the process of entry into force of amendments. It is expected that the European Commission presents specific information on a proposal to adapt to technical progress Annex IB of Regulation (EEC) 3821/85 to improve and enhance the digital tachograph, which, once adopted, will have a direct impact on the AETR. The Working Party is also expected to consider issues concerning the possible opening of the AETR to non-UNECE countries or the best ways to disseminate the principles contained therein.

(a) Implementation of the digital tachograph

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/9

7. The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of ad hoc experts meetings on the subject, which took place on 2 December 2008 and 27 February 2009 in Geneva. The Working Party may wish to consider progress and to exchange best practices about the implementation of the digital tachograph.

8. The secretariat will organize, with the support of CORTE, a special meeting dedicated to this issue, on 22 October 2009, back-to-back with the SC.1 session. The meeting will be held in English only and it is highly hoped that the Contracting Parties, notably the non-EU ones, will ensure participation in it of their representatives.

Item 5. Road transport infrastructure

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

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/384

9. The Working Party may wish to consider issues related to the AGR.

(i) Status of prior amendments to the AGR

10. The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the status of amendments to the AGR, adopted by SC.1 at its previous session(s).

(ii) Consideration of new proposals for amendments to the AGR

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/3, TRANS/SC.1/2005/5

11. At its 100th session, the SC.1 considered possible amendments to the AGR (Annex II) to include in the Agreement provisions on evaluation of the impact of road safety with regard to roads, similar to the one that already existed for the environment. Taking into account that the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union (EU) were working on that subject, SC.1 decided to postpone discussions about the issue of road safety audits and inspections, and their possible inclusion in AGR. Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management was approved on 19 November 2008 and EU member States have to bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 19

December 2010. Twenty of the EU member States are also Contracting Parties to the AGR; the SC.1 may therefore wish to start re-considering the amendment proposals.

12. The Working Party may also wish to consider a new proposal for amendments to the AGR (Annex I) transmitted by the Government of Turkey.

(b) Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/4

13. The Working Party will be informed about progress made since its last session on the development of the TEM Project.

Item 6. Harmonization of requirements concerning international road transport and facilitation of its operation

(a) Proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS)

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2008/4

14. The Working Party may wish to continue consideration of the proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus submitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU), as decided by the 103rd session.

(b) Quantitative restrictions imposed on international road transport of goods

Documents: ECE/TRANS/2009/10, ECE/TRANS/2009/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/5

15. At its seventy-first session, the ITC considered document ECE/TRANS/2009/10, containing information on existing United Nations Conventions on the facilitation of transit, and document ECE/TRANS/2009/9 submitted by the Government of Turkey concerning quantitative restrictions on the international road transport of goods. The Committee requested the secretariat to monitor in an analytical way the developments related to the transit issue, as well as the opportunities to further facilitate international transport and to regularly inform SC.1 and ITC accordingly. In support of this task, the International Road Transport Union has prepared a document on the current status of transit road transport quotas of permit systems in the UNECE region, which is submitted for the consideration by the Working Party.

(c) Review of questions concerning the facilitation of international road transport

(i) International Motor Insurance System (Green Card)

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/6

16. The Working Party will be informed by the Council of Bureaux about the developments in the international Green Card System, since its previous session.

(ii) Accession to and implementation of UNECE international legal instruments in the field of road transport

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/7

17. The secretariat will inform the Working Party on the status of accessions to UNECE legal instruments on road transport since the last session. Following the request addressed by the ITC to its subsidiary bodies, the SC.1 may wish to consider reviewing and further improving mechanisms for monitoring the implementation of its respective legal instruments in 2009.

(iii) Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note

18. The Additional Protocol to the CMR was ratified by two countries. In order to enter into force, three additional ratifications are needed. The Working Party may wish to urge the Contracting Parties to the CMR to ratify this Protocol.

Item 7. Draft Programme of Work for 2010-2014

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2009/8

19. The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt its programme of work for the period 2010-2014, in view of submitting it for approval of the ITC at its seventy-second session in 2010.

Item 8. Other business

20. Taking into account that safety is a subject it has in common with the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) the Working Party may wish to consider best ways to develop synergies with WP.1 including organizing a joint meeting with it, in 2010.

21. The Working Party may wish to discuss any other business under this agenda item.

Item 9. Date of next session

22. The Working Party will be informed that the dates of 18-20 October 2010 have been selected for its one-hundred-and-fifth session in 2010. Delegations wishing to submit proposals for that session are invited to do so by 20 July 2010 at the latest, in order to allow the secretariat to process the documents according to the internal procedures.

Item 10. Adoption of decisions

23. The Working Party will adopt a brief list of decisions taken at its 104th session, based on which the secretariat will draft the final report.

III. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Preliminary timetable	
Monday , 19 October 2009	Items 1-4
Tuesday, 20 October 2009	Item 5
Wednesday, 21 October 2009	Items 6-10
