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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixtieth session^{1,2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 27 September 2010

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item to be adopted by the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) is its agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/128

2. Adoption of the report of the fifty-ninth session

The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its fifty-ninth session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/127

3. Information on activities of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about road safety related developments including major events that took place since its previous session. Representatives of international organizations and national delegations may wish to present

information on developments in their respective areas. All the participants are strongly encouraged to transmit in advance information on their traffic legislation to allow the secretariat to include the data in the UNECE web based compilation of national legislations.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/7

4. Convention on Road Traffic, 1968

Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic, 1968, and the vehicle technical regulations

At its fifty-ninth session, the Working Party decided to adjust the Convention to reflect the positive effect of technical progress in corresponding vehicle technical regulations.

The Working Party also decided to create a small (virtual) group of experts, consisting of representatives of both WP.1 and the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) to prepare, jointly, a proposal of amendment to the Convention, to be submitted to the sixtieth session of WP.1. The small group is also expected to define, for the clarification of articles 8 and 13 of the Convention, the Driver Assistance Systems (DAS) that assist the driver and those that act instead of the driver. From WP.1 the small group consists of experts from France, Germany, Russian Federation and Spain.

The Working Party is expected to consider and possibly approve the proposals submitted by the small group of experts.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2009/2/Rev.1

5. Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968

Proposal on Variable Message Signs (VMS)

At its fifty-ninth session, the Working Party approved the mandate of the informal group of experts dealing with Intelligent Transport Systems of relevance to its work and notably with Variable Message Signs, as follows: the informal group shall focus on drafting a proposal to amend the Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968, to include VMS. It is expected that the Working Party considers and possibly approves the proposals submitted by the informal group of experts.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/8

6. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic

A. Multi-disciplinary crash investigation

In response to the invitation of the Working Party at its fifty-ninth session, several member Governments have sent information on their national practices on multi-disciplinary crash investigation (MDCI). The secretariat compiled the information received into a formal

document to be considered at the sixtieth session, with a view to include MDCI in the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/9

B. Mutual recognition of international technical inspections certificates

At the fifty-ninth session of the Working Party the delegation of Russian Federation proposed to introduce into the R.E.1, best practices on the mutual recognition of international technical inspections certificates. In their opinion this would contribute to ensuring coherence and consistency of the system formed by the Convention on Road Traffic, 1968; the Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspections, 1997; and the Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals granted on the basis of these Prescriptions, done at Geneva on 20 March 1958 and amended as of 16 October 1995.

On the basis of two documents previously submitted to WP.29 by the delegation of Russian Federation, the Working Party is expected to consider the subject and decide on further steps to be followed.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/135, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/77

7. Election of officers

The Working Party will be invited to elect its officers for the period 2011-2013, in accordance with its Terms of reference and rules of procedure (chapter V, "Officers", Rule 12) as contained in document TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1, stipulating that "every two years, WP.1 shall, at the end of the last session of the second year, elect from among the representatives of members of the UNECE a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who shall take office at the start of the first session of the year following their election. The officers shall be eligible for re-election."

Documentation

TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1

8. Joint session with the Working Party on Road Transport

At its 104th session (19-21 October 2009) the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) decided to develop synergies with other working parties of the UNECE. To follow-up on this decision and as a first step, the Chair of SC.1 sent a letter to the Chair of the WP.1 and proposed holding a joint session, on 29 September 2009, to discuss issues of common interest.

At its fifty-ninth session, WP.1 discussed the approaching commemoration of 60 years of road safety activities in the United Nations system, coinciding with its sixtieth session. The occasion will be celebrated by organizing a joint session with the Working Party on Road Transport in the afternoon of 29 September 2010.

An expected outcome of the joint session is the identification of common areas of interest, on which further cooperation could be developed, such as but not limited to road safety in tunnels, implementation of the digital tachograph, infrastructure safety, fleet management and training for professional drivers, "Green Card" system, and corporate safety.

It is hoped that national delegations will include representatives of large transport companies, insurers and other stakeholders as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2010/10

9. Other business

The third European Road Safety Days will take place on 13 and 14 October 2010 in Brussels, Belgium, under the Belgian Presidency of the European Union. A "village of road safety" will be created where different organizations which are active in the field of road safety will expose their work and activities. The secretariat and WP.1 were invited to participate and present an overview on all the work that has been done by WP.1 and its impact on road safety, as well as on how the UNECE and WP.1 will act in the future to help reducing the number of fatalities in traffic. The Working Party is expected to consider and decide on the possibilities of being represented in this event.

The Road Safety Institute "Panos Mylonas" from Greece will inform the Working Party of opportunities provided by the World Scout Jamboree to be held in Rinkaby, Sweden, from 27 July to 7 August 2011, with the participation of more than 40,000 scouts from 180 countries. Bearing in mind that road traffic injuries are the first leading cause of death for ages 15-19 years old and the second for ages 5-14 years old, this event represents an excellent opportunity to promote road safety among young people. The Road Safety Institute "Panos Mylonas" is ready to design, implement and coordinate programmes and actions aiming to change road safety culture and behaviour. The Working Party may wish to consider possibilities to be associated with this initiative.

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

10. Date of next session

The sixty-first session of the Working Party is scheduled to take place in Geneva from 21 to 23 March 2011. Participants wishing to submit proposals for the sixty-first session are invited to do so by 20 December 2011 at the latest, in order to allow the secretariat to process the documents according to the internal procedure.

11. Adoption of decisions

The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its sixtieth session, based on which the secretariat will draft the report of the meeting.
