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Item 17 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the list of main decisions of the seventy-third session

List of main decisions

Note by the secretariat

At its seventy-third session, the Inland Transport Committee:

1. **Adopted** the provisional agenda;
2. **Decided** to establish a Group of Experts on climate change impacts and adaptation for international transport networks for two years, according to the Terms of Reference (ToR) contained in the annex of document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/48, and **requested** its Chair to submit a proposal to the Executive Committee (EXCOM) for approval;
3. **Supported** the activities developed by the secretariat in cooperation with other regional and subregional organizations and programmes aimed at assisting countries with economies in transition; in particular **recalled** UNECE member States who have not yet informed the secretariat about their national focal point on transport statistics, to do so as soon as possible;
4. **Encouraged** UNECE member States to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for Assistance of Countries in Transition (TFACT);

5. **Endorsed** the outcome of the policy-oriented segment (round table), and **agreed** that a summary report of the round table, in the form of Chair's conclusions, be annexed to the full report of the session;
6. **Welcomed** the organization of the first meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and **recommended** that such meetings should become a regular feature of the Committee's sessions;
7. **Invited** member countries of Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) projects to propose candidates for the post of TEM/TER Project Manager and inform the secretariat as soon as possible of their proposals and **encouraged** Governments of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia that are not yet members of the TEM and TER projects to consider full participation;
8. **Requested** the secretariat to explore possibilities of ensuring funding for the continuation of the Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) project's activities beyond 2010 with Governments and potential donors and **welcomed** the readiness of the Government of the Russian Federation to continue funding the project;
9. **Supported** the work on developing multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI) mechanisms, subject to availability of external funding and **recommended that** the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) and the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) consider creating a joint Group of Experts of limited duration to work on enhancing safety at level crossings, taking into account all relevant experience within other bodies such as the European Railway Agency (ERA);
10. **Urged** the signatories to the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (e-CMR) which allows for the use of electronic consignment note and the Contracting Parties to the CMR Convention to ratify or accede to the Additional Protocol and **supported** the continued work of an informal group

of experts to explore the issue of "quantitative restrictions imposed on international road transport of goods";

11. **Approved** the vision and approach contained in the position paper of SC.2 on unifying railway law in the pan-European region and along Euro-Asian transport corridors (ECE/TRANS/2011/3). **Decided** to establish a Group of Experts on this subject according to the ToR described in the annex of document ECE/TRANS/2011/3 and **requested** its Chair to submit this proposal to EXCOM for approval;

12. **Endorsed** the White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189) reserving the possibility for the delegations to submit their additional comments, if any, by 18 March 2011;

13. **Approved** the establishment of a task force under WP.5 to advance the work of the project "Supply Chain Challenges for National Competitiveness through Transport" with participation from the relevant Working Parties;

14. **Supported** the recent activities of the secretariat and Contracting Parties on strengthening the TIR Convention and ensuring transparency in managing the TIR system;

15. **Decided** to prolong the mandate of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR procedure to the year 2011 and conduct a cost-benefit analysis of e-TIR;

16. **Requested** member States to address the issue of X-ray scanning of commercial road transport vehicles at the national level, including taking measures to ensure that X-ray equipment used is harmless for drivers.