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#### Working Party on Road Transport

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the 107th session<sup>1,2</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 22 October 2012

#### I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the 106th session.
3. Activities of interest to the Working Party:
  - (a) Activities of UNECE bodies and other United Nations organizations;
  - (b) National delegations;

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<sup>2</sup> All delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website ([www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html)). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email ([roadsafety@unece.org](mailto:roadsafety@unece.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 72401). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website ([www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm)).

- (c) International organizations.
- 4. European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR):
  - (a) Status of the Agreement;
  - (b) Amendments to the Agreement;
  - (c) AETR Expert Group;
  - (d) Implementation of the digital tachograph.
- 5. European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR):
  - (a) Status of the Agreement;
  - (b) Amendments to the Agreement.
- 6. Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project.
- 7. Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR):
  - (a) Status of the Convention;
  - (b) Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR);
  - (c) Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note.
- 8. Facilitation of international road transport:
  - (a) International Motor Insurance System (Green Card);
  - (b) Proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS);
  - (c) Quantitative restrictions imposed on international road transport of goods;
  - (d) The relationship between the origin of goods and transport operations.
- 9. Safety at Level Crossings Expert Group.
- 10. Other business.
- 11. Election of officers
- 12. Date of next session.
- 13. Adoption of decisions.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

According to the Rules of Procedure, the first item to be adopted by the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) is the session's agenda.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/397

## **2. Adoption of the report of the 106th session**

The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its 106th session.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/396

## **3. Activities of interest to the Working Party**

### **(a) Activities of UNECE bodies and other United Nations organizations**

The Working Party will be informed about the results of relevant sessions of the Inland Transport Committee, its subsidiary bodies and other United Nations entities of interest to the Working Party.

### **(b) National delegations**

National delegations may wish to provide information about road transport developments in their respective countries.

### **(c) International organizations**

Representatives of international organizations may wish to provide information about road transport developments in their respective areas of work.

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

### **(a) Status of the Agreement**

SC.1 will be informed about acceptance of a reservation made by Georgia upon its accession to the Agreement.

### **(b) Amendments to the Agreement**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about AETR Article 21 and the status of amendments to AETR Article 12, para.5 and Article 14, para.1 which were approved by SC.1 at its 105<sup>th</sup> session (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/392, para. 34) and were to be forwarded to UN Office of Legal Affairs.

### **(c) AETR Expert Group**

The secretariat will provide an update on the work of the AETR Expert Group, particularly inform about two meetings of the AETR Expert Group on 2 March 2012 and 6 June 2012. The secretariat will also outline a background paper describing the main AETR issues and options, will inform SC.1 about a survey about the prevailing legal instruments applicable to road transport operations and the progress in renewing an MOU (ie., signing the supplement) between the UNECE and European Commission services.

The secretariat will inform the SC.1 that the next meetings of the AETR Expert Group are scheduled to take place on 24 October 2012 and 3 December 2012.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2, ECE/TRANS/2012/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/4 and

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/5

**(d) Implementation of the digital tachograph**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the progress in implementing of the digital tachograph across the AETR Contracting Parties. SC.1 may wish to discuss issues related to the implementation.

**5. European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)**

**(a) Status of the Agreement**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the status of the AGR Agreement.

**(b) Amendments to the Agreement**

At its 105<sup>th</sup> session, the Working Party considered and approved amendments to the AGR on procedures relating to road safety impact assessments, road safety audits, the management of road network safety as well as safety inspections (based on European Commission Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management). Following the discussion at the 106<sup>th</sup> session about Article 7 of the AGR, the secretariat will update SC.1 about the latest developments concerning this amendment.

At the 106<sup>th</sup> session, SC.1 considered Informal document No. 1 submitted by the Government of Hungary that proposed extending E66 from Szekesfehervar to Szolnok. SC.1 requested the secretariat to make the informal document available in French and Russian with a view to considering and adopting the proposal.

Electric vehicles appear increasingly more popular. There exist estimates predicting that up to 10 per cent of all vehicles will be electric by 2020. SC.1 may wish to discuss “e-mobility” in the context of the AGR Agreement with a view of considering amendments to its current provisions.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2012/2

**6. Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project**

The Working Party will be informed about the status of the TEM project.

**7. Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)**

**(a) Status of the Convention**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the status of the Convention. The Government of the Netherlands will be invited to present Informal document No. 1 which proposes to study the experience with CMR using questionnaires.

**(b) Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the status of Protocol to the Convention.

**(c) Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the status of Additional Protocol. It will also remind SC.1 about Article 5 of the Additional Protocol that stipulates that parties interested in the performance of e-CMR will agree on the procedures and their implementation.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 1

**8. Facilitation of international road transport****(a) International Motor Insurance System (Green Card)**

The Working Party will be informed by the representatives of the Council of Bureaux about recent developments in the “Green Card system.”

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2012/3

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

The informal group of experts will provide an update of its activities with respect to its work towards a proposal for multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2008/4/Rev.4

**(c) Quantitative restrictions imposed on international road transport of goods**

The Working Party will be informed about the results of an examination by an informal group of experts, made up of Turkey, European Commission and the International Road Transport Union (IRU), of the “Draft convention aligning bilateral agreements on international road transport with the mandatory rules of multilateral instruments governing international road transit”. In particular, the Government of Turkey will inform SC.1 about the outcome of the 29 February 2012 meeting of this group.

A consultant’s report entitled “Openness of international Road Freight Transport markets in the ECE Region” (Informal document No.2) will be tabled for discussion by SC.1.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS//SC.1/2012/1 and Informal document No. 2

**(d) The relationship between the origin of goods and transport operations**

SC.1 may wish to discuss transport and border crossing issues related to the origin of goods, frontier controls and bilateral road transport permits. The Government of Poland will be invited to present Informal document No. 3 on this subject.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 3

**9. Safety at Level Crossings Expert Group**

The Working Party will be informed about the most recent developments related to the establishment of the “Safety at level crossings” multidisciplinary group of experts.

**10. Other business**

The Working Party may wish to consider other issues under this agenda item.

**11. Election of officers**

The Working Party will be invited to elect its officers for the period March 2013 – September 2014. The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of SC.1 (Chapter V, Rule 12, TRANS/SC.1/396/Add.1) stipulate that “every two years, SC.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.”

The current WP.1 officers are Mr. B. Oudshoorn from the Netherlands (Chair) and Mr. I. Isik from Turkey (Vice-Chair). The changes to TRANS/SC.1/396/Add.1 related to the election of two Vice-Chairs (instead of one) will be employed for the first time during the current, 107<sup>th</sup> session.

**Documentation**

TRANS/SC.1/396/Add.1

**12. Date of next session**

The Working Party will be informed that the secretariat scheduled its 108<sup>th</sup> session for 28–30 October 2013.

**13. Adoption of decisions**

The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at the 107th session.

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