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Geneva, 25 February 2013

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

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

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 25 February 2013

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Adoption of the Report.

* This document was submitted late for document processing as clearance from relevant parties were received late.

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3. Programme of Work:
 - (a) Memorandum of understanding between the UNECE and the European Commission Services which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties;
 - (b) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, in particular Article 22bis and Article 12, paragraph 6 (b);
 - (c) Third party rights and obligations under the AETR Agreement;
 - (d) Exchange of information on:
 - (i) Issuing digital tachograph cards;
 - (ii) Contracting Parties' obligations under Article 12, paragraphs 1 to 4.
4. Other business.
5. Date and place of next meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/10

2. Adoption of the Report

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the report of the last session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/9

3. Programme of Work

- (a) **Memorandum of understanding between the UNECE and the European Commission Services which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties**

Experts will be informed about the status of the supplement to this memorandum (Annex I, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/4). Following the endorsement of the supplement by the Expert Group at the last session, the Joint Research Centre and the UNECE have signed the supplement. Also, at the last session, the European Commission was requested to sign the supplement expeditiously so that it could take effect.

- (b) **Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, in particular Article 22bis and Article 12, paragraph 6 (b)**

Experts will be invited to continue discussing Annex II of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/4 which provides an amended consolidated proposal for new Article 22bis.

In addition, experts will be invited to consider examining the possibility of removing the exemption in Article 12, paragraph 6 (b), on the basis of readiness of all Contracting Parties to the AETR Agreement. The exemption concerns the situation when an infringement is detected which has been committed by an undertaking established in another Contracting Party or in a non-Contracting Party; the imposing of sanctions shall conform to the procedure foreseen in the bilateral road transport agreement between the Parties concerned.

(c) Third party rights and obligations under the AETR Agreement

Experts will be invited to discuss the legal aspects of the information provided so far by Governments under the AETR Agreement, bearing in mind that many Governments have yet to provide the relevant information to the secretariat using the tables from ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/5 that are now available online. To facilitate this discussion, the International Road Transport Union will be invited to provide its preliminary analysis.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/5, Informal document No. 1

(d) Exchange of information on:

(i) Issuing digital tachograph cards

Experts will be invited to continue discussing issues on the exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards, including a document to be prepared and submitted by the Government of the Russian Federation on creating an international agreement to regulate the exchange of information and/or amending the AETR Agreement to stipulate how “AETR information” is shared and/or exchanged. To further facilitate this discussion, the European Commission will be invited to make a detailed presentation on the Tachonet system and related procedures required for direct and indirect access, and data exchange.

(ii) Contracting Parties' obligations under Article 12, paragraphs 1 to 4

Article 12, paragraphs 1 to 4, oblige the Contracting Parties to adopt all appropriate measures to ensure observance of the provisions of the AETR Agreement, in particular by an adequate level of roadside checks and checks performed on the premises of undertakings annually covering a large and representative proportion of drivers, undertakings and vehicles of all transport categories within the scope of the Agreement.

Based on the application by the Contracting Parties of these obligations, Article 12, paragraph 5, states that the UNECE should issue a report every two years.

Experts will be invited to discuss how Governments may proceed with fulfilling the requirements of Article 12, paragraphs 1 to 4, and 5.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

4. Other business

The Expert Group may wish to continue its discussion from the last session on the ongoing amendment process to the Council Regulation (EEC) 3821/85 (tachograph) and to the Regulation (EC) 561/2006 (driving times and rest periods). The European Commission will be invited to make a detailed presentation describing and explaining the amendments.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The Expert Group will decide on the date and venue for its next meeting. The secretariat has scheduled the next session for 24 June 2013 (Monday) in Geneva.
