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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-third session^{1,2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday,
19 March 2012

I. Provisional agenda

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3. Seminar on “Consistency between the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and other international legal instruments”.
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7. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968).
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 - (a) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI);
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9. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals:
 - (a) Charging points for electric vehicles;
 - (b) Secure parking areas.
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/134

2. Adoption of the report of the sixty-second session

The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its sixty-second session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/133

3. Seminar on “Consistency between the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and other international legal instruments”

On 19 March 2012, a special one-day round table on issues of consistency between the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and other legal instruments in the area of international transport will be held. The preliminary programme is available as Informal document No. 1.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

4. Activities of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party will be informed about recent road safety related developments. National delegations and international organizations may wish to provide up-to-date information about international or national road safety activities and initiatives. The national delegations are encouraged to present short updates of recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation. National delegations are requested to transmit this information in advance.

5. Decade of Action for Road Safety, 2011–2020

The Working Party will be informed about developments related to the United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/255 of 2 March 2010 which proclaimed the period 2011–2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety. Sweden will present an informal document on a Safe System Approach and possible implications for WP.1 workplan. Other national delegations and international organizations are invited to provide information about road safety actions and initiatives related to the Decade of Action for Road Safety.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

6. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations

WP.1 will consider amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic on lighting and light-signalling (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4) with a view to maintaining consistency between the Convention and Regulations developed by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations.

WP.1 will continue to consider amendment proposals on the definition of “Driver Assistance Systems” (DAS). In this context, WP.1 will discuss the issue of a “driver being in control of vehicle”. An informal group of experts may wish to present an update of its work on amendment proposals related to DAS (in particular Articles 8 and 13).

(b) Other issues: Driving Permits and Distinguishing Signs

The Working Party will be informed about the communication between the European Union (EU), its member States and the secretariat on apparent discrepancies between the 1968 Convention and EU “Driver licence directive”.

The Working Party will be reminded of the requirement for a Contracting Party to notify the Secretary-General about the distinguishing sign in use.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4, Informal document No. 3

7. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

Proposal on Variable Message Signs

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made by an informal expert group on Variable Message Signs (VMS). The informal VMS expert group focuses on drafting a proposal amending the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968) to include variable message signs (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/1). The government delegations are encouraged to present and share national experiences of the variable message sign's designs and implementation.

The Working Party will be informed about road sign formats (eg. those contained in a panel) that may either be in non-conformity with the 1968 Road Signs and Signals Convention or present a difficulty for proper interpretation (Article 8). In general, WP.1 may wish to consider establishing a new initiative to assess the implementation of the Convention in this specific area.

Upon the proposal of Belgium made at the last WP.1 session, the Working Party will be invited to discuss how to proceed towards reaching a regional agreement enabling the introduction of new road signs which are not prescribed in the 1968 Convention (Article 8).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/1

8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic

(a) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI)

WP.1 will consider how to promote a MDCI mechanism with a view of enhancing road safety. To this end, Sweden will present an informal document outlining proposals on the "way forward" in this area.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2 (sixty-second session, September 2011)

(b) Mutual recognition of international technical inspection's certificates

The delegation of the Russian Federation will be re-invited to lead discussions about its proposal to introduce best practices on the mutual recognition of international technical inspections certificates into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1).

Documentation

Informal document No. 11 (sixty-first session, March 2011)

9. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals

(a) Charging points for electric vehicles

The Working Party will continue discussing the design of a new sign for charging points for electric vehicles. The sign will be used in conjunction with the sign for fuelling stations.

(b) Secure parking areas

At the last session, the Government of Belgium tabled an amendment proposal concerning a secure parking area road sign (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/3). WP.1 will be invited to continue discussing the proposal.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/3

10. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings

The Working Party will be informed about the most recent developments concerning the establishment of the “Safety at level crossings” multidisciplinary group of experts (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/6).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/6

11. Other business

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

12. Date of next session

The sixty-fourth session is scheduled to take place from 24 to 26 September 2012 in Geneva.

13. Adoption of decisions

The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its sixty-third session.
