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Addendum

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/235 and Add.1

I. Policy-oriented segment

2. Ministerial meeting “Making the Euro-Asian Transport Network Operational”

The Committee may wish to take **note** that the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee, at its June 2012 meeting, agreed that the morning session of the first day of the seventy-fifth session of the Committee should be devoted to the Second Meeting of Ministers of Transport of countries in the Euro-Asian region to **approve** the results of the Phase II of the EATL Project (ECE/TRANS/230) and to **sign** a joint statement/declaration pledging priority developments on the identified routes and projects, as well as further support for the continuation of the EATL Project in a new Phase III. Another part of the session will be dedicated to the development towards unified railway law. Ministers and heads of delegations will **review** the progress made so far and will be asked to **sign** a joint declaration on activities towards unified railway law and, in particular, on the promotion of Euro-Asian rail transport. Delegations are **invited to participate** in the meeting. The provisional agenda of the policy segment will be circulated as Informal document No. 1. The texts of the two joint declarations are available as ECE/TRANS/2013/1 and ECE/TRANS/2013/2, respectively. A summary of the main results of Phase II of the EATL Project will be circulated as document ECE/TRANS/2013/3.

Following the Ministerial, delegations are **invited to attend** the opening of the exhibition “The human face of transport development” (subject to the submission of an adequate number of pictures of some artistic quality).

The Committee may also wish to take **note** that, prior to its session, UNECE will organize, on 25 February 2013, a one-day conference at senior expert level, aimed at a detailed presentation of the results of the Phase II of the EATL Project and at providing a platform to exchange views on best practices in infrastructure financing, together with other issues and solutions in the field of road and rail transport facilitation, including the promotion of unified railway law.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1, ECE/TRANS/2013/1, ECE/TRANS/2013/2, ECE/TRANS/2013/3, ECE/TRANS/230

II. Third Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies

3. Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies on the review of the UNECE reform and strengthening cooperation (one and one-half hour restricted meeting — for government delegates only)

The Committee may wish to **recall** that the Chairs of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies and Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments, the members of the Bureau and Government delegates participating in the seventy-fourth session of the Committee attended the second meeting of the Chairs of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies, held in the morning of 29 February 2012. The meeting – restricted to Government delegates only – allowed the Chairs of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies to focus on the review of the UNECE reform, as well as on issues relating to strengthening cooperation, synergy and interdependence and sharing experiences.

All government delegates are **invited to participate** in this meeting. The provisional agenda will be circulated as Informal document No. 2, along with other documents related to the review of the UNECE reform, if any. In view of the fact that the meeting is restricted to Government delegates only, the results of the discussions will be circulated in the form of Chair’s conclusions among the Chairs of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies, members of the Bureau and heads of government delegations.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

III. Transport policy and regulatory issues dealt with by the Committee's subsidiary bodies

4. Issues that need consideration and require decisions by the Committee

(a) Project related activities:

(i) *Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects*

The Committee will be **informed** by the TEM and TER Project Manager about the recent developments in these two projects. The Committee may wish to **support** the activities carried out in the two projects and **express** its opinion on their future, taking into account the documentation provided (ECE/TRANS/2013/4, Informal document No. 3).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/4, Informal document No. 3

(ii) *Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Project*

The Committee will be **informed** about the completion of the activities of the Group of Experts (GE) on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) under the EATL Phase II and the Phase II EATL Report (ECE/TRANS/230), as presented to the Second Meeting of Ministers of Transport of countries in the Euro-Asian region, which will be held as part of the Committee's current session. Following the recommendations from the Ministerial Meeting the Committee may wish to **endorse** GE's proposal for a new mandate (Terms of Reference) and **support** the extension of the EATL GE with two more years, in order to allow the group to continue its work on specific EATL issues if mandated by the Ministerial Meeting, on the understanding that the GE will be funded like any other Expert Group established by the Committee. In case the GE would embark on other, more specific activities, extra-budgetary funding would have to be found.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/5

(b) **Road transport**

The Committee will be **informed** about recent developments related to the European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). The secretariat will describe the progress in implementing the digital tachograph in the UNECE region (ECE/TRANS/2013/6), including the current situation related to the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the UNECE and European Commission services which ensures that the Joint Research Centre continues to act as the authority responsible for Road and Interoperability Certification, also for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties. The Committee will also be **informed** of the results of three sessions of the Expert Group on AETR (Geneva 2 March, 6 June and 24 October 2012). In particular, the secretariat will describe the current discussions concerning a possible amendment to AETR Article 22bis. The Committee may wish to **note** the importance of Article 22bis, the challenging relationship between the AETR and EU law and the complexity of the issues. The Committee may wish to **provide guidance** in this respect.

The Committee will also be **informed** about the latest developments related to the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) concerning the Electronic Consignment Note (e-CMR). As of

November 2012, seven countries have acceded to the Protocol. While the Protocol has already been in force for over a year, its effective implementation critically relies on cooperation among Contracting Parties, as e-CMR requires the parties to agree on the procedures and their specific implementation. The Committee may wish to **invite** all Contracting Parties to the CMR Convention to accede to this Protocol and **encourage** the seven e-CMR Contracting Parties to begin discussions on the implementation procedures, with support from the secretariat.

Delegates attending the session of the Committee will be **informed** about a policy debate (Palais des Nations, 1 March 2013), organized at the initiative of the Government of Turkey and based on the findings of an Informal Group of Experts, working on “quantitative restrictions imposed on international road transport of goods”, more specifically about a “Draft convention aligning bilateral agreements on international road transport with the mandatory rules of multilateral instruments governing international road transit” (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2010/5/Rev.1).

The Committee will be **informed** about ongoing work towards a proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/6, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2010/5/Rev.1

(c) Road safety

The Committee will be **informed** about activities related to the General Assembly resolution on improving global road safety (A/66/260) of 23 May 2012, which calls for intensification of activities in the field of road safety, envisaged by the Global Plan of Action of the Decade. In particular, the Committee will be **informed** about the preparation of the activities planned by UNECE for the second UN Global Road Safety Week, which will take place from 6–12 May 2013 (ECE/TRANS/2013/7, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/7).

At the September 2012 session, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) agreed to hold three – instead of two – sessions in 2013 (para. 33, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/137). It was proposed that the additional session be held on 4–6 December 2013 in New Delhi, in cooperation with the Institute of Road Traffic Education. UNESCAP will be invited to take an active part in the meeting. WP.1 discussed this invitation and endorsed it. In accordance with the current rules of procedure for sessions taking place outside of Geneva, WP.1 requested the secretariat to transmit the request to the Committee (Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure, Sessions, Rule 3, TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1). The Committee will be **invited to approve** this proposal (ECE/TRANS/2013/8).

The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about discussions in WP.1 about the presence (both in national legislations and on roads) of road signs in formats that may either not conform to the 1968 Road Signs and Signals Convention or present difficulties of interpretation. The secretariat will request the Committee to **endorse** — in principle — a WP.1 proposal to establish a formal Expert Group to review the Convention and assess its overall implementation, subject to the development and adoption of draft Terms of Reference by WP.1 and subsequent approval by the Executive Committee.

The Committee will also be **informed** about the latest developments concerning the establishment of an Expert Group on safety at level crossings. It is hoped that the Executive Committee will be ready to consider the possible endorsement of the Expert Group in early 2013.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/7, ECE/TRANS/2013/8, TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1,
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/7

(d) Inland transport security

The Committee will be **informed** about the Inland Transport Security Discussion Forum on secure parking areas, (Geneva, 15 February 2013) and organized by UNECE, in partnership with the Federal Public Service Mobility and Transport of Belgium and the International Road Transport Union (IRU). The Committee will also be **informed** about the publication of the 2012 Inland Transport Security Forum proceedings (in English) and will be invited to **support** its publication in all ECE official languages. The Committee may wish to **confirm** that the UNECE Transport Division — in partnership with member States, international organizations, private sector, and academia — should continue its work aimed at enhancing inland transport security, in particular by organizing events to exchange information and share best practices (as per Committee's decision at its seventy-first session in 2009 (ECE/TRANS/206, para. 57).

(e) Rail transport

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about the results of the sixty-sixth session of the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/218), including the organization of a workshop on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) schemes and railway financing.

The Committee may wish to **note** that SC.2 endorsed a draft Joint Declaration on the promotion of Euro-Asian rail transport and activities towards unified railway law, as prepared by the Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law (ECE/TRANS/2013/2). In the Declaration, Ministers are proposed to subscribe to a two pronged approach towards unified railway law: (a) pursuing work on establishing uniform legal conditions for railways equivalent with those existing for competing modes (road, air, inland water and maritime transport) and in parallel, as a short-term and complementary measure, (b) inviting interested railways to prepare optional model rules for Euro-Asian rail transport contracts based on existing provisions of the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) / Uniform Rules concerning the Contract of International Carriage of Goods by Rail (CIM) and the Agreement on International Goods Transport by Rail (SMGS) Agreements. The Joint Declaration will be presented and **signed** as part of the Ministerial Meeting "Making the Euro-Asian Transport Network Operational" (See also agenda item I). The Committee may wish to continue discussions on the issue, in pursuit of the outcome of the Ministerial Meeting.

The Committee may wish to **approve** the request of the Working Party to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law for another two years, based on its new Terms of Reference (ToR).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/218, ECE/TRANS/2013/9

(f) Inland water transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the latest activities of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193). In particular, the Committee may wish to **approve** work on the 2012 Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”) and on a completely revised map of European inland waterways. As mandated by the Contracting Parties to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), the secretariat has developed a database allowing online monitoring of all infrastructure standards stipulated in the AGN.

The Committee may also wish to **approve** the decision of SC.3 to establish an Expert Group on mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation (IEG), based on the Terms of Reference (ToR) contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/4.

The Committee may also wish to **note** that a large package of amendment proposals to the AGN has been adopted by SC.3 and will be transmitted to the depositary (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193/Add.1).

With a view to continuing implementation of the policy recommendations of the UNECE White Paper on Inland Water Transport, adopted by the Committee at its seventy-third session (ECE/TRANS/221, paras. 58–60), the Committee may wish to **invite** SC.3 to consider the preparation and organization of a high level international conference for all countries in the world with interest in inland navigation, possibly in 2015, and **report** back to the Committee at its next session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193/Add.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/4

(g) Transport and competitiveness

The Committee will be **informed** about the progress of the project “Supply Chain Challenges for National Competitiveness through Transport”, which, with the support of a task force from the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5), has designed a “Transport Development Index”, (TDI). The TDI follows the principle of the Human Development Index (HDI) with regard to simplicity and condensed message. The TDI model can indicate the level of development of the transport sector and how it contributes to the national economic performance and competitiveness. It also takes into account the challenges of sustainable development and, in particular, of environmental, safety, security and some social issues. The TDI can help governments better position their transport sector in the economy. Once it is calculated on a regular basis, it will also offer the possibility to monitor changes over time.

The Committee may wish to **endorse** the proposed model of the TDI and **provide guidance** on its future use. The Committee may wish to **invite** WP.5 to monitor and support TDI related activities.

The Committee may wish to **request** the publication of the paper on the TDI model and the analyses that have led to its design.

Documentation

Presentation of the Draft Model of the Transport Development Index

(h) **Strengthening border crossing facilitation (Harmonization Convention, TIR Convention, eTIR Project and other Customs transit facilitation measures)**

The Committee may wish to **take note** and **support** the outcome of recent activities of the secretariat, Contracting Parties and the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), with a view to strengthening, in particular, the Harmonization Convention, 1982 and the TIR Convention, 1975.

The Committee may wish to **reconfirm** its expectation that the number of Contracting Parties to the Harmonization Convention, 1982, will significantly increase in the next five years and **request** WP.30 to take the appropriate actions to support this goal. In this context, the “Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings – a Trade and Transport Facilitation Perspective”, published in 2012 under the joint auspices of UNECE and OSCE and addressing various examples of best practices from the UNECE region and beyond, may provide a useful tool to raise awareness of the issues at stake and to promote the accession of countries to this important legal instrument.

The Committee will be **informed** about the progress in preparing a new Annex 9, Part III to the TIR Convention on the authorization of an international organization to take on the responsibility for the effective organization and functioning of an international guarantee system and to print and distribute TIR Carnets, as well as further considerations on the inclusion of audit provisions therein, aimed at ensuring good governance and transparency in the TIR system.

The Committee will also be **informed** about progress in the eTIR Project (ECE/TRANS/2013/10). In particular, the Committee may wish to be **informed** about the cost/benefit analysis (CBA) of the eTIR Project, conducted by a consultant in line with a request by, inter alia, the Committee and as mandated by the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB). In the context of these activities, the Committee is invited to **support** the continuation of the eTIR Project and to **prolong** the mandate of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) to the year 2013.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/10

(i) **Review of the most important issues related to the harmonization of vehicle regulations**

The Committee will be **informed** about the most recent developments in the work carried out by the World Forum on Harmonization of Vehicle Regulation (WP.29) and its six subsidiary Working Parties (GRB, GRE, GRPE, GRRF, GRSG and GRSP), the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement, the Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2012/1/Rev.2). The Committee will be **informed** about the activities of the World Forum. The Committee may wish to **note** that around 40 informal groups worked during 2012 in parallel to the World Forum and to its subsidiary bodies to assist them in developing new vehicle regulations and updating the 135 existing vehicle regulations based on technical progress. A list of matters under discussion by the informal groups will be circulated as Informal document No. 4.

The Committee may wish to **note**: (a) that 99 amendments to 67 existing vehicle regulations were adopted in 2012 by the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement and by the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement; (b) that 5 new UN Regulations were adopted and annexed to the 1958 Agreement, raising the total number of UN Regulations, annexed to the 1958 Agreement to 132; (c) that UN Rule No. 2, annexed to the

1997 Agreement on uniform provisions for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles with regard to their roadworthiness, entered into force on 3 February 2012; (d) that the five new UN Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement refer to pedestrian safety, light emitting diode (LED) light sources, lane departure warning systems (LDWS), advanced emergency braking systems (AEBS) and enhanced child restraint systems (ECRS); (e) that among the amendments to the UN Regulations, annexed to the 1958 Agreement, the adoption of EURO VI provisions for heavy duty vehicles (UN Regulation No. 49) reduces the emissions of hydrocarbons (HC) by 2/3, NO_x by one-fifth and particulates by one-half as compared to the previous limits of the year 2008; (f) that, as other examples of amendments adopted, the UN Regulation on electric vehicles incorporated new provisions for electric batteries that will facilitate the deployment of electric vehicles; and (g) that new provisions to the UN Regulation on indirect field of vision were adopted to reduce the blind spot on the passenger side of heavy duty vehicles.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2012/1/Rev.2, Informal document No. 4

(j) Intermodal transport and logistics

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the three sessions of the joint UNECE, IMO and ILO Group of Experts on the revision of the IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for Packing of Cargo Transport Units. The Group of Experts, driven by a large number of industry experts, has agreed to upgrade the Guidelines to a global Code of Practice and has nearly finalized its work (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/131). Following review of the draft Code of Practice by the competent bodies of IMO, ILO and UNECE (Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24)), this Code of Practice is planned for approval by the three organizations in 2014.

The Committee may wish to **endorse** the decision of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) to elevate the guidelines to a non-mandatory Code of Practice by providing more details and technical descriptions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.24/131

(k) Review of the most important issues related to the transport of dangerous goods

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Economic and Social Council's Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods met from 25 June to 4 July 2012 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/82 and Add.1) and from 3 to 11 December 2012. The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals met from 4 to 6 July 2012 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/46) and from 12 to 14 December 2012. The Committee itself will hold its sixth session on 14 December 2012, to consider the work of both sub-committees over the 2011–2012 biennium and adopt recommendations that should be published by the secretariat in 2013 as the eighteenth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations; addendum 2 to the fifth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria; and the fifth revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

The Committee may wish to **note** that, following the accession by Tajikistan, there are 48 Contracting Parties to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR). The Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of the ADR, adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties on 28 October 1993, has not yet entered into force as not all Contracting Parties to the ADR have become Parties

to it. Thirty-three Contracting Parties have done so to date, and the Committee may wish to **urge** the remaining Contracting Parties (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Tajikistan, Turkey and Ukraine) to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol to come into force.

The Committee may also wish to **note** that the number of Contracting Parties to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) remains seventeen.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the draft amendments to Annexes A and B of the ADR adopted in 2010, 2011 and May 2012, as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/213 and Corrs.1–2 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 have been submitted by the Government of Portugal for acceptance by Contracting Parties and have been deemed accepted on 1 October 2012. They will enter into force on 1 January 2013, and the secretariat has published accordingly a new “2013” consolidated edition of ADR (ECE/TRANS/225, Vols. I and II).

Similarly, draft amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN adopted in 2010, 2011 and January 2012, as reproduced in ECE/ADN/18 and Corr.1, have been deemed accepted on 1 October 2012 for entry into force on 1 January 2013. Other amendments adopted in August 2012, reproduced in ECE/ADN/18/Add.1 and ECE/ADN/18/Corr.2, have also been circulated for acceptance and entry into force on 1 January 2013. The secretariat is publishing accordingly a new “2013” consolidated edition of ADN (ECE/TRANS/231, Vols. I and II).

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods adopted draft amendments to the common requirements of the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), ADR and AND, which should come into force on 1 January 2015.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN (ADN Safety Committee) (WP.15/AC.2) and the ADN Administrative Committee will hold their twenty-second and tenth sessions, respectively, from 21 to 25 January 2013.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods has already adopted its programme of work for 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/217, annex V). The Working Party has also adopted a road map on how to set up the administrative structures required for implementation of ADR (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/217, annex IV) and requested the secretariat to publish it as a brochure in order to facilitate its wide circulation. The Committee may wish to **encourage** its member States which are not yet parties to ADR to consider accession on the basis of this road map, and those which are already parties to check whether they have put in place relevant administrative structures for implementation.

Documentation

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/82 and Corr.1 and Add.1, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/46
 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/213 and Corrs 1–2 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1
 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/215, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/217
 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/126 and Corr.1 and Add.1
 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/128
 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/44, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/45 and Adds 1
 ECE/ADN/18 and Corrs 1–2 and Add.1, ECE/AND/20, ECE/ADN/21 and Add.1
 ECE/TRANS/225; ECE/TRANS/231

(l) **Review of the most important issues related to the transport of perishable foodstuffs**

The Committee will be **informed** about new Contracting Parties and about the status of proposed amendments to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) adopted at the sixty-seventh session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) in 2011 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/224, Annex I). Following acceptance of the amendments, the secretariat intends to prepare a new consolidated text of ATP.

The Committee may wish to **note** that at its sixty-eighth session (22–25 October 2012), WP.11 adopted revised provisions relating to certification of compliance with ATP (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/226, Annex I) and new comments on the placement of temperature recorders in refrigerated cargoes for inclusion in the ATP Handbook (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/226, Annex II).

The Committee may also wish to **note** that WP.11 considered, inter alia, proposals regarding the coefficient of heat transfer (K value) of in-service vehicles, acceptable minor interior changes to insulated equipment without the need for retesting, preventing the use of curtain-sided bodies for refrigerated transport and the inclusion of a definition of perishable foodstuffs in ATP.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/224, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/226

5. Strategic questions of a horizontal policy nature

(a) **UNECE Transport review for the year 2012 “Urban transport and mobility”**

The Committee may wish to **recall** that, at its twenty-fourth session, the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) approved the transformation of the UNECE Transport Review and annual trends paper into a publication on selected issues regarding transport trends in the ECE region (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/50, para. 32). At its twenty-fifth session, WP.5 adopted this year’s theme on urban transport and mobility (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/52, paras. 31–34). The Committee may wish to have an exchange of views and, possibly, a policy discussion, based on the draft report on “Sustainable urban transport and mobility in the ECE region” (Informal document No. 5) that was prepared by the secretariat on the basis of a decision taken by the Committee at its seventy-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/224, paras. 20–21) and by taking into account the valuable inputs by governments, municipalities, non-governmental organizations and representatives of the academic world. Members of the Committee are expected to **provide** guidance on the publication of the report.

Documentation

Informal document No. 5

(b) **Climate change and transport**

(i) *ITC follow-up to Rio+20*

The Committee will be **informed** of the follow-up activities to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) from 13 to 22 June 2012, also known as “Rio+20” as well as of other activities acknowledging the central and essential role of transport towards sustainable development (ECE/TRANS/2013/11).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/11

(ii) *Mitigation of environmentally harmful effects of inland transport*

The Committee will be **informed** about the 2012 developments in the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) project, funded by the United Nations Development Account. The project aims at developing and implementing a monitoring and assessment tool for carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in inland transport, including a transport policy converter to facilitate climate change mitigation. The assessment tool, including the policy converter, may pave the way For Future Inland Transport Systems, hence its name: ForFITS. The Committee may wish to **note** of the following achievements of the project:

- Organization of an International Expert Meeting (IEM) to raise awareness, avoid duplication and solicit contributions towards the design of the For FITS toolkit;
- Peer review discussion;
- Global status assessment and report;
- Preparation of the ForFITS toolkit.

Next steps will include specific pilots in two countries for each of the five different regions, the development of an internet based user manual, capacity-building workshops and training activities for policymakers and technical experts.

(iii) *Impacts of climate change on international transport networks and adaptation requirements*

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the three meetings of the Expert Group on climate change impacts and adaptation for international transport networks (Geneva, 24 April, 9 October and 7 December 2012) and consider its final report. The Committee may also wish to consider the conclusions and recommendations of the Capacity Building Conference on adaptation of International networks to climate change that was held in Alexandroupolis (Greece), 25–26 June 2012, hosted by — and in cooperation with — the Greek Chambers of Commerce (Informal document No. 6).

At its seventy-third session, the Committee, **agreed** to establish a Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for International Transport Networks, which was approved by the UNECE Executive Committee in May 2011. The programme of work and Terms of Reference of the Group of Experts are contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2011/1. The Group of Experts is expected to complete its work and submit a final report by May 2013. The progress report will be circulated as Informal document No. 7. The Committee may wish to **request** the publication of the report.

Documentation

Informal document No. 6, Informal document No. 7

(c) **Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)**

The Committee will be **informed** about the follow-up to the ITC Policy segment on ITS (28 February 2012) and the status of the implementation of the ITS Road Map. Harmonization of minimum requirements in ITS is under way in the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29). The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) discussed vehicle liability issues and consistency with the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic. The Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) dedicated 2012 to ITS. The Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) is aiming

to improve the speed and efficiency of emergency responses involving dangerous goods in transport. The Committee will be also **informed** about the World Congress on ITS and its Ministerial session on "Accelerating ITS Deployment – The role of policy making", as well as on the round tables on ITS specifications, road safety and ITS and the infrastructure and vehicle challenges (Vienna, 23 to 26 October 2012). Furthermore, the Committee will be informed about the planned round table on distracted driving to be jointly organized with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). In the context of these activities, the Committee is invited to **support** actions to transfer knowledge of ITS to policymakers to develop intelligent transport solutions for people around the world.

(d) Assistance to countries with economies in transition

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the activities in the field of technical assistance and capacity building in the decade 2002–2012 and **support** the strategy developed for the next coming years, including the Special Programme of Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossings (PWG-TBC). The Committee may also wish to **provide guidance** on the main directions of the technical assistance and capacity-building activities of the UNECE Transport Sub-programme UNECE for the next biennium and beyond.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/12

(e) Preparatory activities for a comprehensive 10-year review of the Almaty Programme of Action

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the preparatory activities, so far undertaken by the secretariat, for the 10-year comprehensive review of the Almaty Programme of Action (APoA) to be held in 2014 and **consider** which recommendations it would like to convey to the regional preparatory meeting, which will be jointly organized by UNESCAP and UNECE in March 2013 in Vientiane.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/13

(f) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme and environmental aspects of transport

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the report of THE PEP Steering Committee at its tenth session (14–15 November 2012) (ECE/AC.21/SC/2012/9).

The Committee may also wish to **take note** that, as part of its initiative to engage the three sectors and further to the four priority goals of the Amsterdam Declaration, adopted by the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Amsterdam, 22–23 January 2009), the Steering Committee organized on 14 November 2012, in Geneva, a symposium on "Green and health-friendly mobility for sustainable urban life, in line with priority No. 3 of the Amsterdam Declaration "to reduce emissions of transport-related greenhouse gases, air pollutants and noise". In addition, the Steering Committee started preparations for the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, hosted by France and to be held from 14 to 16 April 2014, in Paris. The Committee is invited to **express** its expectations with regard to the outcome of this meeting.

Documentation

ECE/AC.21/SC/2012/9

(g) Status of accession to international UNECE transport agreements and conventions

The Committee will **consider** Informal document No. 8, prepared by the secretariat, containing tables in English, French and Russian on the status as at 31 December 2012 of signatures, ratifications and accessions with regard to the international instruments on inland transport concluded under the auspices of the Committee. Informal document No. 8 will also contain the accessions registered since the last session of the Committee. The Committee may wish to take **note** of this information and **invite** countries, which have not yet done so, to become Contracting Parties to UNECE agreements and conventions in the field of transport, as soon as possible.

Documentation

Informal document No. 8

6. Matters arising from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and other United Nations bodies and Conferences

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about recent matters arising from the UNECE, ECOSOC and other United Nations bodies and Conferences of interest to the Committee.

IV. Other questions relating to the work of the Committee's subsidiary bodies**7. Issues for approval by the Committee and of an informative character****(a) Approval of the reports of the Committee's subsidiary bodies**

The Committee may wish to **approve** as a whole the reports and related activities of its subsidiary bodies and **request** the secretariat to incorporate related references in the complete ITC report on the basis of the respective annotations contained in this document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1095, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1097, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1097/Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1099,

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/50, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/52, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/52/Add.1,

ECE/TRANS/AC.21/SC/2012/9,

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/218,

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193/Add.1,

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/215, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/217,

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/126, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/126/Corr.1/,

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/126/Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/128,

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/44, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/46,

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/260, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/260/Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/262,

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/264, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/109,

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/109/Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/109/Corr.2,

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/109/Corr.3, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/109/Corr.4,
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/111,
ECE/TRANS/WP.11/224, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/226,
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/135, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/135/Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/137,
ECE/TRANS/SC.1/398,
ECE/TRANS/WP.6/163,
ECE/TRANS/WP.24/131.

(b) Information on the 2010 E-Road and E-Rail Traffic Censuses

The Committee will be **informed** about recent activities of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6), in particular on the harmonization of statistical methodologies and capacity building activities on transport statistics.

The Committee will also be **informed** about the status of the 2010 E-Road and E-Rail Traffic Censuses, to be undertaken in accordance with Resolutions Nos. 259 and 260 adopted by the Committee at its seventy-first session in 2009 (Informal document No. 9).

Documentation

Informal document No. 9

8. Results of the meetings of the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee

The Committee will **consider** document ECE/TRANS/2013/14, containing the results of the meetings held by the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee in 2012. The Committee may wish to refer to the decisions of the Bureau under the relevant items of its agenda.

The Committee may wish to **note** that, at its seventieth session, the Committee had decided that: (a) its annual sessions would be divided in three parts: policy-oriented, technical and reporting; (b) discussions would focus on issues that need consideration and require decisions by the Committee; (c) a list of main decisions would be adopted; (d) all items of informative character and formal approval by the Committee would be considered as a whole and on the basis of the annotated agenda circulated by the secretariat.

The Committee may further wish to **note** that the adoption of the report of the seventy-fifth session will be limited to a list of main decisions, while the complete report of the Committee will be circulated at a later stage.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/14

9. Report of the Committee to the UNECE Executive Committee

The Committee may wish to **request** its Chair to report, in consultation with the secretariat, the findings of the Committee to the UNECE Executive Committee at one of its future sessions.

10. Programme of work and biennial evaluation for the period 2012–2013

At its previous session, the Committee considered and **adopted** its programme of work (ECE/TRANS/2012/9) and the evaluation plan for the biennium 2012–2013 (ECE/TRANS/2012/10) as amended by the Committee and **requested** that both documents be reissued.

Further to this request, the Committee will have before it the revised versions of the programme of work for the biennium 2012–2013 (ECE/TRANS/2012/9/Rev.1) and the biennial evaluation plan for the biennium 2012–2013 (ECE/TRANS/2012/10/Rev.1).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2012/9/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/2012/10/Rev.1

11. List of publications for the period 2014–2015

A list of planned publications for the biennium 2014–2015 will be **presented** to the Committee.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/15

12. Schedule of meetings in 2013

A preliminary list of meetings has been circulated for **consideration** and **adoption** by the Committee, based on proposals made by the Committee's subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/16

V. Partnerships and activities of other organizations of interest to the Committee

13. Transport developments in the European Union

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, about the most important legislative and policy initiatives in the field of transport undertaken by the European Union in 2012.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/17

14. Developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the International Transport Forum about the latest developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/18

15. Activities of other organizations of interest to the Committee

The Committee may wish to be **informed** by representatives from other organizations about their recent activities of interest to the Committee.

VI. Miscellaneous

16. Any other business. Date of next session

The Committee may **note** that its seventy-sixth session is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva from 25 to 27 February 2014.

17. Adoption of the list of main decisions of the seventy-fifth session

The Committee will **adopt** the list of main decisions of the seventy-fifth session.
