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Sixth session

Geneva, 31 October 2013

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

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

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 31 October 2013

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Adoption of the Report.
3. Programme of Work:

¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/sc1/sc1.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (roadtransport@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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- (a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis;
 - (b) Discussion about the possibility of removing the exemption in Article 12, paragraph 6 (b);
 - (c) Third party rights and obligations under the AETR Agreement;
 - (d) Exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards.
- 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.21/15

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.21/14

3. Programme of Work

(a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis

Experts will further discuss, with a view towards finalizing, the proposed changes to Article 22bis based on the consolidated proposal contained in the Annex of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/14.

(b) Discussion about the possibility of removing the exemption in Article 12, paragraph 6 (b)

Experts will also 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 continue to discuss, from the perspective of their respective national Governments, which legal instrument is considered to be applicable in different road transport scenarios (i.e. journeys undertaken either partially or entirely within the European Union (EU) by EU and non-EU AETR transport companies. The secretariat will also provide an overview of the status of responses provided by Contracting Parties to the table

templates/questionnaires on this issue, including the number of additional responses received since the fifth session. The International Road Transport Union will be invited to provide the final evaluation of these responses.

(d) Exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards

Experts will continue their discussion of issues related to the exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards. This may include developing proposals to modify existing information exchange platforms and/or to develop a new standardized method for exchange of AETR-related information. The amendment proposal from the European Union (new Article 10bis) is contained in the Annex of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/14.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/14

4. Other business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business, including a review of the information to be presented by "Continental" regarding the characteristics of tachographs intended for the use in vehicles transporting dangerous goods.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The Group of Experts will decide the date of its next meeting, tentatively scheduled by secretariat for 24 February 2014 (Monday) in Geneva.
