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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 18 March 2013

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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.1/138

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

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

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/137

3. Activities of interest to the Working Party

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

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

The Working Party will be invited to share and discuss national and international developments related to activities in the field of road safety, envisaged by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/255 of March 2010 and the Global Plan of Action of the Decade. WP.1 will also be invited to discuss any initiatives planned for the forthcoming UN Road Safety Week (6-12 May 2013). The Working Party will be informed about the secretariat's preparations planned activities. To this end, the secretariat will present ECE/TRANS/2013/7 which provides some details of the activities planned by the secretariat with partner organizations for the second UN Global Road Safety Week.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2013/7

5. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

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

WP.1 will continue to consider the amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic on lighting and light-signalling with a view to maintaining consistency between the Convention and Regulations developed by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations. In this context, WP.1 will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4.Rev.1 prepared by the secretariat on the basis of Informal document No. 5 (March 2012) and Informal document No. 1 (September 2012), both submitted by Germany, and Informal document No. 2 (September 2012) submitted by Laser Europe.

WP.1 will also consider the amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic as far as the issues of a “driver being in control of vehicle” and the definition of “Driver Assistance System” (in particular Articles 8 and 13) are concerned (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/8). The informal expert group will be invited to inform the Working Party of any progress since the last session (Informal document No. 1).

(b) Driving Permits

The Working Party will continue discussing apparent discrepancies between the 1968 Convention and EU “Driver licence directive”. The informal expert group consisting of representatives of France, Luxembourg and ISO will inform the Working Party of developments in their work to propose suitable solutions on the mutual recognition of driving permits.

(c) A Safe System Approach

The Working Party will be informed by the Sweden-led informal task force of how WP.1 could address pedestrian safety by incorporating a safe system approach into ECE-managed road safety legal instruments, in particular the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/1).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/8, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4.Rev.1 and Informal document No. 1

6. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

(a) Amendment Proposals on Variable Message Signs (VMS)

The Working Party will continue its discussion of the proposal from the VMS informal Expert Group to amend the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals to include Variable Message Signs (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/1/Add.1). The VMS informal Expert Group will present the results of its work on pictograms and report on the progress of the VMS questionnaire. The government delegations are encouraged to present and share national experiences on designing and implementing VMS.

(b) Implementation of the Convention

Following discussions concerning the need to assess the Convention and its overall implementation (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/3), the Working Party will consider draft terms of reference (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/2) for establishing a new formal expert group to undertake these tasks.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/1/Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/2

7. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic

(a) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI)

WP.1 will consider Informal document No. 2 prepared by Sweden, in cooperation with Norway, and the United States of America, on a proposal for an MDCI framework.

(b) Amendment proposals on distracted driving

WP.1 will continue to discuss the subject of distracted driving in view of amending Article 1.5 of the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (RE.1). The government delegations are encouraged to share challenges, successful practices and existing research on the subject.

(c) Hiring buses for a school trip

WP.1 will continue to discuss the development of a best practices guide for individuals in charge of hiring buses for school trips. The government delegations are encouraged to provide national contributions in addition to those provided by the Governments of Israel and Sweden at the last session.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals

Secure parking areas

The Working Party will continue to discuss the revised amendment proposal submitted by the Government of Belgium at the last session regarding a secure parking area road sign (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/3/Rev.1). The secretariat will also report on the “secure parking areas” event that was organized at the annual Inland Transport Security Discussion Forum in February 2013.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/3/Rev.1

9. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings

The Working Party will be informed about the most recent developments on establishing the “Safety at level crossings” multidisciplinary Group of Experts (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/6).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/6

10. Other business

The Working Party will be invited to discuss its future role and activities in the context of the goals set in the Decade of Action for Road Safety and continuous challenges posed by the evolution of road safety. Considering the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ 66/260 of May 2012, and taking into account ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2008/5, the Working Party may wish to consider setting up an informal expert group to draw up a new WP.1 roadmap which will take into account new issues demanding the attention and intervention of the WP.1.

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2008/5

11. Date of next session

The sixty-sixth session is tentatively scheduled to take place from 23 to 25 September 2013 in Geneva. “Safety at level crossings” multidisciplinary Group of Experts is tentatively scheduled to meet on 26 September 2013 subject to prior consent to establish this Group by the Executive Committee.

The secretariat will also report on the outcome from the seventy-fifth session of the Inland Transport Committee which, amongst other issues, considered holding a third session of WP.1 in 2013 (the sixty-seventh session) on 4 to 6 December 2013 in New Delhi, India.

12. Adoption of decisions

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