An annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-sixth session

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to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 23 September 2013

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the sixty-fifth session.
3. Activities of interest to the Working Party.

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/welcw1.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (roadsafety@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).

² All delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division’s website (www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by e-mail (roadsafety@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 72401). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm.
(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations;
(b) Driving Permits;
(c) A Safe System Approach.

5. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968):
   (a) Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals;
   (b) Amendment Proposals on Variable Message Signs (VMS).

6. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1):
   (a) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI);
   (b) Amendment proposals on distracted driving.

7. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2):
   Secure parking areas.

8. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings.


10. Other business.

11. Date of next session.

12. Adoption of decisions.

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.1/140

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

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

   Documentation
   ECE/TRANS/WP.1/139

3. Activities of interest to the Working Party

   The Working Party will be informed about recent road safety related developments. The secretariat will provide an update on the key decisions made at the seventy-fifth annual session of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/236) and by the Executive Committee regarding the ECE Reform (E/ECE/1468, Annex III). The secretariat will also report on the events organized during the second UN Global Road Safety Week in May 2013, a joint ECE/ITU workshop on intelligent transport systems as well as other road
safety events. National delegations and international organizations will have the opportunity to share national or international road safety activities and initiatives during the UN Global Road Safety Week with WP.1. The national delegations are also encouraged to present short updates of recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/236, E/ECE/1468 (Annex III)

4. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

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

WP.1 will consider the documents submitted by Belgium, France, Italy, Sweden and United States of America (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/3); by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/4) and by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/5). These documents relate to the issues of a “driver being in control of vehicle” and to the definition of “Driver Assistance System” (in particular Articles 8 and 13).

WP.1 will also continue considering amendment proposals that had been originally proposed in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4. To assist the discussion, the secretariat has prepared ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.2 which contains the original amendment proposals of Article 25bis, Article 32, Annex 1, Annex 5 (paragraphs 1-3) and Chapter II, paragraph 19 (with deletions identified in strikethrough and additions in bold) which are still to be discussed by WP.1 and the tentatively agreed (based on the discussions at previous sessions) “remainder” of the text. WP.1 will be invited to consider the proposed amendments of Article 25bis, Article 32, Annex 1, Annex 5 (paragraphs 1-3) and Chapter II, paragraph 19 and adopt, if possible, the already discussed remaining part of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.2.

(b) Driving Permits

The Working Party will consider a proposal on suitable solutions on the mutual recognition of driving permits submitted by the informal expert group consisting of representatives of France, Luxembourg and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (Informal document No. 1).

(c) A Safe System Approach

At the last session WP.1 discussed document ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/1 aimed at promoting a safe system approach. At this session, the Working Party will consider a proposal prepared by the Sweden-led informal task force to incorporate a new section on a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1) (Informal document No. 2).

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.2,
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/5,
Informal document No. 1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/1, Informal document No. 2
5. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

(a) **Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals**

The secretariat will provide an update on the status of the proposed new expert group on road signs and signals, including the outcome of the meeting of the Executive Committee on 11 July which was expected to consider the establishment of this Group. WP.1 will be invited to formally adopt ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/2/Rev.1.

(b) **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.

**Documentation**

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

6. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

(a) **Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI)**

WP.1 will consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6 which is based on Informal document No. 2 from the previous WP.1 session and which contains several case studies from Sweden. The document is submitted with the objective of amending R.E.1 to include MDCI.

(b) **Amendment proposals on distracted driving**

WP.1 will consider Informal document No. 3 on a proposal to share national experiences, challenges, successful interventions and existing research on distracted driving submitted by France, Italy, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6, Informal document Nos. 2 and 3

7. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

**Secure parking areas**

The Working Party will consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9 on a secure parking area road sign.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9

8. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings

The secretariat will provide an update on the status of the new expert group on improving safety at level crossings, including the outcome of the meeting of the Executive Committee on 11 July 2013.

In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work every two years, WP.1 is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2014–2015 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/7

10. Other business

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

11. Date of next session

The sixty-seventh session will be held on 4 to 6 December in New Delhi. Delegations may wish to consider consulting http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2013/wp1/Logistical_info_rev.1.pdf which contains general logistical information related to the meeting.

12. Adoption of decisions

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