36. Referring to the discussions in 2012 (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/131, paras. 60–63 and Corr.1) the issue of the so-called “modular concept” was discussed as part of the debate on very long and heavy goods road vehicles (length of 25.5 m and width of up to 60 tonnes). The Working Party noted that two EU member States had implemented the modular concept with success and indicated that there was no influence on the modal split. Two other countries suggested studying the issue and two countries were against such a concept due to geographical and environmental reasons. Some delegations mentioned that the outcome of experiences, studies and trials currently underway in several UNECE member countries should be included when further deliberating the impact of such road vehicles on intermodal transport.

36 bis The Working Party noted that, within the European Union, the European Commission has published a proposal for a revision of EU Directive 96/53 on weights and dimensions. Negotiations have not yet started.