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#### Working Party on Road Traffic Safety

##### Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings

###### Third session

Geneva, 23-24 October 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the Agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the third session<sup>1,2</sup>

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 23 October 2014

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Programme of Work:
  - (a) A review and analysis of the economic costs of level crossing accidents based on data provided by countries;

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<sup>1</sup> 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/welcwp1.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp1.html)). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail ([roadsafety@unece.org](mailto: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).

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm).

- (b) An evaluation and analysis of the safety performance of types of level crossings in UNECE member States and in selected non-UNECE member States such as Australia, India, New Zealand and South Africa;
  - (c) A summary of best practices including education;
  - (d) A survey of prevailing national legislation and/or legal arrangements at level crossings;
  - (e) A survey of technology and technological solutions to improve safety at level crossings;
  - (f) Identification of the key causes and possible solutions related to human factors contributing to unsafe conditions at level crossings
  - (g) Enforcement;
  - (h) Development of a road/rail interface strategy with supporting action plan;
  - (i) Workshops to support the strategic plan;
  - (j) Future strategic and operational research needs.
3. "Safety at level crossings" report.
  4. Other Business.
  5. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
  6. Adoption of Report.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.1/5

### **2. Programme of Work**

At its second session, the Group of Experts agreed that a questionnaire, comprised of information sought from the various subgroups on the following aspects relating to items (a) to (g) below would be compiled and circulated by the secretariat to the UNECE member States, selected non-UNECE member States such as Australia, India, New Zealand and South Africa, as well as the Group of Experts, for completion and return to the secretariat by the end of August:

- Economic costs of level crossing accidents;
- Data on level crossings being collected;
- Best/good practices in relation to safety at level crossings;
- National legislation and/or legal arrangements at level crossings;
- Human factors impacting on safety at level crossings (including safety-related technology); and

- Enforcement.

Thereafter, the secretariat would forward the responses to the subgroups. Based on the responses, each subgroup would prepare an informal paper on its topic, which would include a summary of the issues, findings and proposed recommendations/next steps for the work of their subgroup.

At the second session, the Group of Experts also agreed to keep items (h) to (j) for discussion at the third session.

**(a) A review and analysis of the economic costs of level crossing accidents based on data provided by countries**

The Group of Experts will consider Informal document No. 1 prepared by the subgroup comprised of Poland and the European Railway Agency (ERA).

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 1

**(b) An evaluation and analysis of the safety performance of types of level crossings in UNECE member States and in selected non-UNECE member States such as Australia, India, New Zealand and South Africa**

The Group of Experts will consider Informal document No. 2 prepared by the subgroup comprised of Community Safety Partnerships Ltd, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, France, Ireland, ERA and the International Union of Railways (UIC).

To facilitate further discussion, ERA will give a presentation on its “2014 Railway Safety Performance in the European Union” report, with an emphasis on the safety data that is collected by ERA from the member States of the European Union.

The secretariat will also make a presentation on the role and work of Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) which develops methodologies and terminology for the harmonization of statistics and the collection of data from UNECE member States and the dissemination of these data. This presentation may assist in identifying opportunities for WP.6 to assist the Group of Experts in the collection of data related to safety at level crossings.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 2

**(c) A summary of best practices including education**

The Group of Experts will consider Informal document No. 3 prepared by the subgroup comprised of Finland and India.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 3

**(d) A survey of prevailing national legislation and/or legal arrangements at level crossings**

The Group of Experts will consider Informal document No. 4 prepared by the subgroup comprised of Instytut Kolejnictwa (Poland), the Russian Federation and ERA.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 4

(e) **A survey of technology and technological solutions to improve safety at level crossings**

The Group of Experts will consider Informal document No. 5 prepared by the subgroup comprised of La Trobe University Centre for Technology Infusion (Australia) and the Russian Federation.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 5

(f) **Identification of the key causes and possible solutions related to human factors contributing to unsafe conditions at level crossings**

The Group of Experts will consider Informal document No. 6 prepared by the subgroup comprised of Austria, German Aerospace Center and Israel.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 6

(g) **Enforcement**

The Group of Experts will consider Informal document No. 7 prepared by the subgroup comprised of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 7

(h) **Development of a road/rail interface strategy with supporting action plan**

(i) **Workshops to support the strategic plan**

(j) **Future strategic and operational research needs**

**3. “Safety at level crossings” report**

At the first session, the Group of Experts agreed to invite the European Commission to give a presentation on its December 2003 “Safety at level crossings” report.

**4. Other Business**

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

**5. Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The fourth session of the Group of Experts will be held on 29-30 January 2015 in Geneva.

**6. Adoption of Report**

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of its third session.

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