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Annotated provisional agenda for the 110th session 1,2

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 26 October 2015

I. Provisional Agenda

- 1. Adoption of the agenda.
- 2. Activities of interest to the Working Party:
 - (a) National delegations;
 - (b) International organizations;
 - (c) Activities of UNECE bodies and other United Nations organizations.

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). 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).

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 (roadtransport@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).

- 3. European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR):
 - (a) Status of the Agreement;
 - (b) AETR Group of Experts.
- 4. European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR):
 - (a) Status of the Agreement;
 - (b) Amendments to the Agreement.
- 5. Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project.
- 6. Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR):
 - (a) Status of the Convention;
 - (b) Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR);
 - (c) Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note.
- 7. Facilitation of international road transport:
 - (a) International Motor Insurance System (Green Card);
 - (b) Proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS);
 - (c) Quantitative restrictions imposed on international road transport of goods;
 - (d) The relationship between the origin of goods and transport operations.
- 8. Safety at Level Crossings Group of Experts.
- 9. Revision of terms of reference and rules of procedure of SC.1.
- 10. Programme of work and biennial evaluation.
- 11. Other business.
- 12. Date of next session.
- 13. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/403

2. Activities of interest to the Working Party

(a) National delegations

National delegations may wish to provide information about road transport developments in their respective countries.

(b) International organizations

Representatives of international organizations may wish to provide information about road transport developments in their respective areas of work.

(c) Activities of UNECE bodies and other United Nations organizations

The Working Party will be informed about the results of relevant sessions of the Inland Transport Committee, its subsidiary bodies and other United Nations entities of interest to the Working Party. In particular, the secretariat will provide an update on the key decisions made at the seventy-seventh annual session of the Inland Transport Committee.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/248

3. European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)

(a) Status of the Agreement

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the status of the AETR Agreement.

(b) AETR Group of Experts

The secretariat will provide an update on the work of the AETR Group of Experts from the Special SC.1 session on the AETR agreement (27 April 2015).

4. European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)

(a) Status of the Agreement

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the status of the AGR Agreement.

(b) Amendments to the Agreement

At its 109th session, SC.1 adopted amendment proposals to incorporate selected "e-mobility" issues into the AGR Agreement. The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the status of that amendment proposal.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/402

5. Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project

The Working Party will be informed about the status of the TEM project.

6. Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)

(a) Status of the Convention

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the status of the Convention.

(b) Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the status of the Protocol to the Convention.

(c) Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the status of the Additional Protocol to the Convention.

7. Facilitation of international road transport

(a) International Motor Insurance System (Green Card)

The Working Party will be informed by the representatives of the Council of Bureaux about recent developments in the "Green Card system."

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/1

(b) Proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS)

SC.1 met on 28-29 April 2015 (at a special SC.1 session) to discuss a proposal submitted by the Government of Switzerland for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS). The secretariat will provide an overview of the outcome of the meeting (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/S/396).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/S/396, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/2

(c) Quantitative restrictions imposed on international road transport of goods

At the last session, SC.1 continued discussions on a modelling study undertaken by an Istanbul-based university which estimated that Turkey had sustained large financial losses due to quotas and invited all those who were interested to continue to work on estimating effects of quotas on road transport as well as to communicate the adverse effects of quotas on international trade. SC.1 invited the European Commission to report on the study which it is undertaking on road transport quotas at this session.

(d) The relationship between the origin of goods and transport operations

At the last session, the Polish delegation updated SC.1 on developments on Informal document No. 4 which described the issue of control of bilateral transport operations of goods by authorities of some countries outside the EU that, in the opinion of the Polish delegation, incorrectly classify these transport operations as third-country transport operations (e.g. Belarus, Kazakhstan and Turkey). As there were divergent views among the SC.1 experts, the Polish Government was requested to submit a document at this session which analyses the issue within the legal framework of international legislation related to road transport.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

8. Safety at Level Crossings Group of Experts

The Working Party will be updated about the work of the Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings, which has met three times this year (29-30 January, 15-16 June, 5-6 November). The duration of the Group of Experts has been extended by one year i.e. until 31 December 2016.

9. Revision of SC.1 terms of reference and rules of procedure

SC.1 will be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/3, which contains a first draft of the revised version of its terms of reference and rules of procedure.

This document is based on Informal document No. 2 prepared and tabled by the secretariat at the 109th session, and which SC.1 requested to be tabled as a formal document at this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/3

10. Programme of work and biennial evaluation

In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work every two years, SC.1 is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2016–2017 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/4). SC.1 may wish to examine and revise its draft programme of work for 2016-2020 and, in particular, the continued relevance of priorities assigned to individual work elements and the expected outputs identified for this period (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/5).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/5

11. Other business

The Working Party may wish to consider other issues under this agenda item.

12. Date of next session

The Working Party will be informed that the secretariat scheduled the 111th session for 25–26 October 2016.

13. Adoption of the report

The Working Party will adopt the report of its 110th session.

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