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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the 111th session^{1, 2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 25 October 2016

I. Provisional Agenda

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

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/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).

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 (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;
 - (c) Consolidation of 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 SC.1 terms of reference and rules of procedure.
10. Programme of work and biennial evaluation.
11. Other business.
12. Date of next session.
13. Election of officers.
14. 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.1/405

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-eight annual session of the Inland Transport Committee (Geneva, 23–26 February 2016).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/254

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, including the status of the amendment proposal to Article 14 to allow four non-UNECE member States (Algeria, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) to accede to the AETR Agreement.

(b) AETR Group of Experts

The Chair of AETR EG (or the secretariat) will provide an update on the work of the AETR Group of Experts since the last SC.1 session, including the question whether Regulations 165/2014 and 2016/799 can be introduced into the AETR Agreement via the Article 22bis procedure.

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

SC.1 will be invited to consider amendment proposals submitted by Norway (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2016/1) and Finland and Norway (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2016/2) to Annex I of the Agreement.

(c) Consolidation of the Agreement

At the last session, Germany requested the secretariat prepare a consolidated version of the AGR agreement, incorporating all amendments adopted to-date. The secretariat will make available ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2016/3 (and related Informal document no. 1) which contains a consolidated version of the AGR Agreement.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2016/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2016/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2016/3,
Informal document no. 1

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.1/2016/4

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

SC.1, at the invitation of the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy eighth session, is expected to take an appropriate position with regard to the finalization of the global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBus) in view of the development of the InterBus Agreement and the outcome of InterBus Agreement negotiations between European Union and its neighbouring countries (ECE/TRANS/254, paras. 88–90). The delegates of the Netherlands, Switzerland and European Commission will be invited to share any pertinent information with SC.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/254

(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 in continuing to work on estimating effects of quotas on road transport as well as to communicate the adverse effects of quotas on international trade. The European Commission will be again invited to report on the impact assessment study of an agreement on road transport between Turkey and the European Union.

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

At the last session, SC.1 agreed to create an informal expert group to reflect on Revised Consolidated Resolution on the Facilitation of International Road Transport (RE.4). Members of the informal group of experts will be invited to report on the most recent developments. Germany may wish to brief SC.1 on the progress in elaborating a legal document which would make it possible to establish a definition of the bilateral transport operation in the context of the CMR Convention.

8. Safety at Level Crossings Group of Experts

SC.1 will be informed about the progress achieved by the Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings.

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

At its last session, SC.1 established an informal group consisting of Belgium and Germany to make a proposal for amending the SC.1 terms of reference and rules of procedures. The proposal was to be created by making appropriate updates to the existing version of the terms of reference and rules of procedures. SC.1 will be invited to consider proposals from the informal group.

10. Programme of work and biennial evaluation

At the last session, SC.1 reviewed and adopted with a minor modification its programme of work for 2016–2017 (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/4). SC.1 requested the secretariat to submit the revised ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/4 to ITC and to table the revised document

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/4/Rev.1 for “formal” approval at the next session. SC.1 will be invited to “formally approve” ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/4/Rev.1.

Documentation

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

11. Other business

SC.1 may wish to consider other issues under this agenda item.

12. Date of next session

The Working Party will be informed that the next session has been scheduled for 16–18 October 2017.

13. Election of officers

The Working Party will be invited to elect its officers for the period November 2016 – October 2018. The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of SC.1 (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/396/Add.1, Chapter V, Rule 12) stipulate that “every two years, SC.1 shall, at the end of the session of the second year, elect from the representatives of members of the ECE a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons, who shall take office at the start of the session of the year following their election. The officers shall be eligible for re-election.” The current SC.1 officers are Mr. R. Symonenko from Ukraine (Chair) and Ms. N. Tufekcioglu from Turkey (Vice-Chair).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/396/Add.1

14. Adoption of the report

The Working Party will adopt the report of this session.
