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Geneva, 24 October 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

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

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 24 October 2016

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Programme of work:

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- (a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis;
 - (b) Update of amendment proposal of AETR, Article 14;
 - (c) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”;
 - (d) Exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards.
3. EU Regulations No. 165/2014 and 2016/799 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
 4. Other business.
 5. Date and place of next meeting.
 6. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session’s agenda (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/32).

2. Programme of work

(a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis

Experts will be invited to continue to discuss, with a view towards finalizing, the proposed changes to Article 22bis as well as to Article 14 (to make regional economic integration organizations eligible to accede) based on the consolidated proposal in the annex of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/20.

The European Union will be invited to present a formal proposal on amendments to Articles 22 and 22 bis, modifications to Article 14 and necessary adjustments to all relevant parts of the AETR Agreement to accommodate references to EU Regulation 165/2014 and 2016/799.

(b) Update of Amendment proposals of AETR, Article 14

The Group of Experts will be informed about the communication between the secretariat and Algeria, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia on the amendment of Article 14.

(c) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”

The Group of Experts will be invited to continue discussing the application of the Regulation 561/2006 given that the objective of amending the AETR Agreement in 2006 was to harmonize the two regimes for driving times and rest periods. The European Union will be invited to provide an update on the steps undertaken since the last session with the respect to revising Regulation 561/2006.

The Group of Experts will be invited to reflect on these steps.

(d) Exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards

At the seventh session, experts agreed to support the tabling of an amendment proposal to introduce new Article 10bis (presented in Annex, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/20). At this

session, the AETR Contracting Parties will be invited to update the Group of Experts on any progress in this regard.

Turkey will be invited to inform the Group of Experts about its project to establish a national driving times and rest periods data monitoring centre (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/26, para. 12). This briefing was postponed at the last session due to the unavailability of a Turkish expert.

3. EU Regulations No. 165/2014 and 2016/799 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The Group of Experts will be invited to continue its discussion about EU Regulations 165/2014 and 2016/799. At the last session, the non-EU AETR Contracting Parties requested more time to study and assess Regulation 2016/799 implementing Regulation 165/2014 (which introduced “smart” digital tachographs). In addition, the Russian Federation expressed no support to integrating “smart” digital tachographs into the AETR Agreement (as per Regulation 2016/799), due to a number of critical issues. The Russian Federation also requested the EU provide Russian translation of 2016/799. The Group of Experts may wish to discuss these issues to find possible ways forward.

4. Other business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 20 February 2017 in Palais des Nations in Geneva.

6. Adoption of the report

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of this session.
