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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated Provisional Agenda for the Seventh session^{1,2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 21 March 2016

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;

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 (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).

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 (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.

- (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 good practices including education and technology;
 - (d) A survey of prevailing national legislation and/or legal arrangements at level crossings;
 - (e) Identification of the key causes and possible solutions related to human factors contributing to unsafe conditions at level crossings;
 - (f) Enforcement;
 - (g) Risk management of level crossings;
 - (h) Development of a road/rail interface strategy with recommendations.
3. Other Business.
 4. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
 5. Adoption of Report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts (GE.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.1/16

2. Programme of Work

GE.1 is expected to finalize the work on each of the specific programme elements of the sub-items (a) – (g) at the current session. To this end, all the documents submitted to this session under those sub-items should be prepared in their final version. The finalized documents should include clear recommendations on the respective subject or alternatively raise points for consideration in the final report.

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

At the previous session, GE.1 requested this subgroup to update and, if necessary, re-submit document ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.1/12 on reviewing the methods for analysing the economic costs of level crossing accidents based on data provided by countries. GE.1 will be invited to consider any new inputs to the economic cost analysis and to conclude on this programme element.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.1/12 and Rev.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

At the last session, GE.1 considered a proposal (Informal document No.7) for common indicators for measuring the safety performance at level crossings, including their sources and definitions. It further requested that the proposal be revised based on the comments provided and that an updated document be submitted at the next session together with a preliminary analysis of data.

GE.1 will discuss the updated document and preliminary data analysis.

GE.1 will be informed by the secretariat of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) about the possibilities for UNECE to collect and host the level crossing data.

GE.1 will be expected to conclude this programme element.

Documentation

Informal document No.7 (November 2015), Informal document No.1 (March 2016)

(c) A summary of good practices including education and technology

At the previous session, GE.1 discussed a document providing good practices on technological solutions in the context of safety improvements at level crossings (Informal document No.5, November 2015) and made a number of comments.

GE.1 will be expected to consider a revised version of the document (Informal document No.2 (March 2016)) and agree on its final conclusions for this programme element.

Documentation

Informal document No.5 (November 2015), Informal document No.2 (March 2016)

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

At its sixth session, GE.1 considered an amendment proposal to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals regarding provisions related to level crossings (Informal document No.3, November 2015). It requested the European Railway Agency to finalize the amendment proposal and table it at the current session for adoption.

GE.1 will be invited to discuss and possibly adopt the amendment proposal. GE.1 will be also expected to conclude this programme element.

Documentation

Informal document No.3 (November 2015), ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.1/2016/1

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

GE.1 will be expected to discuss a final, revised version of the document (Informal document No.3 (March 2016)) on the considerations of human factors at level crossings with the view to conclude this programme element.

Documentation

Informal document No.1 (November 2015), Informal document No.3 (March 2016)

(f) Enforcement

GE.1 will be expected to conclude its discussion on this programme element.

(g) **Risk management of level crossings**

GE.1 will be expected to conclude its discussion on this programme element.

(h) **Development of a road/rail interface strategy with recommendations**

The Chair will present a first incomplete draft of the final report of the Group of Experts. This report will consist of two parts. Part I will describe the substantive elements discussed by the Group of Experts, present areas of good practice and identify shortcomings and areas for improvements in the context of safety at level crossings. Part II will include an initial draft strategy, or elements thereof, for improving safety performance at level crossings and an accompanying action plan.

GE.1 will be expected to provide comments on the advanced version of the part I of the report to allow the Chair to finalize it for the next session.

GE.1 will be expected to provide input and directions on how the strategy and the accompanying action plan should be structured as to allow the Chair to prepare a more advanced version of the part II of the report for consideration at the next session.

Documentation

Informal document No.4 (March 2016)

3. Other Business

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

4. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The eighth session of the Group of Experts will be held on 1-2 June 2016 in Geneva.

5. Adoption of Report

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