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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

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

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday 7 November 2016.

I. Provisional Agenda

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2. Programme of Work: Taking Stock of National Legislation.
3. Other Business.
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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 Sustainable 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 Sustainable 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.

5. Adoption of the Report.

II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda

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

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/17

2. Programme of Work: Taking Stock of National Legislation

The Group of Experts may wish to review its programme of work, specifically taking stock of the existing national legislation with the aim to describe and assess the degree of implementation of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. The Group of Experts will be invited to discuss the information collected via the web-based Road Signs Management System. In this context, experts will be invited to analyze the signs submitted in the "Convention category" (starting from the E, 17 a sign) by using the methodology agreed upon at the second session, i.e. sign-by-sign assessment focusing on deviation identification and description, deviation evaluation, recommendations and assignment of "in-conformity indicators" for both images and definitions. The experts of Denmark, Finland, France, Kuwait, Luxembourg and Portugal, and, those who have not presented their preliminary analysis at previous sessions, will be invited to do so for the signs E, 17 to G, 24 c.

At the last session, the representatives from Austria and Kuwait made presentations about the application of the oblique bar. The Group of Experts, at this session, will be invited to discuss this subject and propose recommendations.

At the last session, the Group of Experts also discussed the consequences of Article 8, paragraph 3 (in particular, the apparent possibility of using "signs contained in rectangular panels, see also ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/3) for the zonal validity signs (E, 9 and E, 10). In this context, France and Lithuania will be invited to present the results of their preliminary analysis of the issue. Spain – which volunteered to provide a similar yet complementary analysis on the "use of rectangular panels in variable message signs"- will also be invited to table its findings.

The Group was requested by the Group of Expert on Safety at Level Crossings to assess and discuss the symbols for A, 25 and A, 26 signs as well as to propose a sign to communicate the need to crash through gates (barriers) of a vehicle is trapped at a level crossing. The Group will be invited to discuss these subjects.

Finally, the Group will be invited to continue its discussions started at the sixth session on the evaluation of the non-Convention signs and related observations presented by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2016/1).

3. Other Business

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

4. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Group of Experts is scheduled to take place on 2-3 February 2017 in Geneva.

5. Adoption of the Report

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