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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Road Transport

##### 112th session

Geneva, 17–18 October 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the 112th session<sup>1, 2</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Room VIII, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2017

#### I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Activities of interest to the Working Party:
  - (a) National delegations;
  - (b) International organizations;

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp1.html)). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail ([roadtransport@unece.org](mailto: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).

<sup>2</sup> Delegates are requested to register online at: <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=hyp5gk> or complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website ([www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html](http://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](mailto:roadsafety@unece.org)).

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- (c) Activities of UNECE bodies and other United Nations organizations.
- 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 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. 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.1/407

### 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-ninth annual session of the Inland Transport Committee (Geneva, 21–24 February 2017).

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) which recognizes JRC as the AETR authority for root certification and for interoperability certification for the non-EU Contracting Parties to AETR. A signed copy of the supplement to this Memorandum - extending its validity until 31 December 2018 - is available at the UNECE website.

#### Documentation

Informal document ITC (2017) No. 11, ECE/TRANS/270, ECE/TRANS/270/Add.1

### 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 about the interest of the Government of Lebanon to seek amendment of Article 14 to make the country eligible to accede to the AETR Agreement.

#### (b) AETR Group of Experts

The Chair of AETR EG will update SC.1 on the work of the AETR Group of Experts since the last SC.1 session, including providing information on the possible need to consider

changing the name of the AETR Agreement by deleting the term “European” from the title (as per para. 14, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/37).

SC.1 will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2017/1 and possibly adopt it (as per para. 8, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/35).

The Government of Turkey will be invited to present any new developments on its project to establish a national driving times and rest periods data monitoring centre (as per para. 18, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/406).

#### **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**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 on the status of the 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.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2016/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2016/2

#### **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.

The secretariat – in cooperation with the International Road Transport Union - will organize a special e-CMR session to take stock and map future directions in the development of electronic consignment note on the basis of the Additional Protocol.

## **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” (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2017/2).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2017/2

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

At the last session, SC.1 noted that the procedure adopted by the European Union in developing the new InterBus Agreement would not allow all ECMT members to participate in the negotiations if they are not Contracting Parties to the InterBus Agreement. Consequently, SC.1 invited the European Union to reconsider the procedure so that the negotiations are open to all ECMT members, including those countries that played an important role in elaboration of the draft OmniBus Agreement (para 33, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/406). The European Union will be invited to provide information on recent developments regarding the InterBus Agreement.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/406

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

As a result of discussions – at the last session - on a study on economic analysis of an agreement between European Union and Turkey which was carried out by the European Commission, which had estimated that the European Union and Turkey had sustained large financial losses due to transport quotas and restrictions, SC.1 invited the European Commission to report on new developments on the extension of the mandate of the Customs Agreement and related activities at the next meeting. The European Union will be invited to provide this information if available.

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

At the last session, Latvia and Poland presented a proposal (Informal document No. 6) to amend RE.4 to introduce the definition of ‘bilateral carriage’. At this session, SC.1 will be invited to discuss an amendment proposal to RE.4 contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2017/4 and possibly adopt it.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2017/4

## **8. Safety at Level Crossings Group of Experts**

SC.1 will be informed about the final report of the Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings by its Chair and/or Vice-Chair.

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

At its last session, Belgium and Germany submitted a proposal for changes to the existing version of the terms of reference and rules of procedures (Informal document (2016) Nos 3 and 4). SC.1 will be invited to consider the proposals contained in these documents.

**Documentation**

Informal document (2016) No. 3, Informal document (2016) No. 4

**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 will be invited to review and adopt its programme of work for 2018–2019 (prepared by the secretariat) as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2017/3). SC.1 approved its previous programme of work in 2015 (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/4).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2015/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2017/3

**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 its next session has been scheduled for 17–18 October 2018.

**13. Adoption of the report**

The Working Party will adopt the report of this session.

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