Terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)

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Current WP.1 ToR (TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1 of 27 October 2005):

- Full participants
  UNECE member states

- Participation in consultative capacity
  Non-UNECE member States but Parties to Conventions on Road Traffic and Road Signs and Signals

- Participation in consultative capacity at the invitation of the secretariat
  Other non-UNECE member States

- Participation in consultative capacity in accordance with paras. 12 and 13 of UNECE ToR
  Specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs
WP.1 is obliged to amend its Terms of Reference to incorporate the “Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of working parties within UNECE” (ECE/EX/1 of 9 Oct 2006).

In particular, the WP.1 Terms of Reference should address point 2 of ECE/EX/1:

“Working Parties are open for participation by all UNECE member states. Non-UNECE member States can participate as observers or, if agreed by the parent Sectoral Committee, as full members. In addition, relevant international organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) can also be invited as observers, in compliance with the UN rules and practices in this respect.”
Subsequent amendments believed to be required:

- Full participants
  UNECE member States and non-UNECE member States if agreed by the Inland Transport Committee

- (Automatic) Participation in consultative capacity
  Non-UNECE member States

- Participation in consultative capacity in accordance with paras. 12 and 13 of UNECE ToR

Specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs
Proposal for specific amendment text: Chapter I, Participation, Rule 1

(a) Member **States** of the UN ECE which are specified in paragraph 7 of the Terms of Reference of the UN ECE (document E/ECE/778/Rev.5) and non-UNECE member States if agreed by the Inland Transport Committee in accordance with ECE/EX/1 of 9 October 2006 (as specified in Annex 1) shall be full participants of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1).

(b) Non-members of the ECE which are Contracting Parties to the Convention on Road Traffic, done at Vienna in 1968, and/or the Convention on Road Signs and Signals, done at Vienna in 1968 (hereinafter, the 1968 Vienna Conventions), shall be participants in a consultative capacity.

(eb) Other non-member **States** of the UN ECE, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Terms of Reference of the UN ECE may, on invitation of the secretariat or on their request, participate **shall be participants** in a consultative capacity in WP.1 on any matter of particular concern to those **countries-States**.

(dc) Specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Terms of Reference of the UN ECE, may, after notification of the secretariat, participate in a consultative capacity in WP.1 in the consideration of any matter of particular concern to those agencies or organizations.