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Transport Statistics Infocards

Note by the secretariat

Summary

In an effort to make key data on developments in the inland transport sector more readily available to facilitate the work of individual member States, as well as the Inland Transport Committee and its Working Parties, the Working Party on Transport Statistics has prepared a set of transport statistics country profiles (Infocards).

The Committee may wish to take note of the Infocards and provide guidance on ways to maximize their utility, including by assisting Governments in their efforts to implement and monitor transport-related Sustainable Development Goals.

Background

1. The Working Party on Transport Statistics continued its activities in providing key data to inform the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) on developments in the inland transport sector, and to facilitate the work of other Working Parties and individual member States.

2. In an effort to make this information more readily available, the secretariat has prepared a set of transport statistics country profiles (Infocards). The Infocards set out key transport indicators including passenger and freight volumes, modal split and road safety related data for the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) member States. These data are a necessary input into measuring the transport-related Sustainable Development Goals, notably Goals 3, 9 and 11, and in particular, they feed in directly to
indicators 3.6.1 and 9.1.2. Highlighting the availability of these data is in line with UNECE’s role as a partner agency for measuring these indicators.

3. The Infocards are reviewed each year to improve the presentation of data to delegates and this year’s edition incorporates several changes. Notably, the graphical presentation is slightly modified, the most recent data by individual indicator are provided, and road safety graphs refer to fatalities rather than road casualties due to challenges in harmonizing injury data between countries.

4. The Infocards are available from www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/infocards.html, as one package or as individual country files and can be viewed in the informal document under this agenda item.

5. The data contained in the Infocards is based on information available in the UNECE transport statistics database available online (see w3.unece.org/PXWeb/en).