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Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the eightieth session

Addendum

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1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/273 and Add.1

I. Policy oriented segment

2. Intermodality: The key to sustainable transport and mobility

The Committee may wish to take note that the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee, at its June 2017 meeting, agreed that the first day of the eightieth session of the Committee should be devoted to a discussion on the role of intermodality as one of the cornerstones of sustainable mobility and transport, both at the international and city-levels. The policy segment will focus on lessons from real-world experiences on the best practices for developing and deploying successful innovations that promote sustainable mobility across modes of transport, and can be of benefit to the citizens of developed and developing countries.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2018/1
II. Eighth Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies

3. Meeting for government delegates only with the participation of the Chairs of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies

The Committee may wish to recall that, in recognition of the need for the Committee to adapt to a fast-changing global environment, it had decided at its seventy-eighth annual session that the secretariat should draft a strategy paper with the priorities and main directions in close consultation with the Bureau, the Chairs of ITC subsidiary bodies and the Administrative Committees of United Nations transport conventions under the purview of the Committee. The advance executive summary of the strategy was discussed at the restricted session of the seventy-ninth annual session of the Committee (ECE/TRANS/2017/R.1). The Committee will have the opportunity to review and discuss the full paper during the eighth “Meeting of the Chairs” (ECE/TRANS/272 (Future) “Background Report on the ECE ITC Strategy”).

Furthermore, at the seventieth anniversary of the Committee, the ministerial meeting on the “Past and Future of the ECE Inland Transport Committee” took place in Geneva on 21 February 2017, as part of the seventy-ninth session of the ITC. The ministerial meeting concluded with the signing of the ministerial resolution on “Embracing the new era for sustainable inland transport and mobility” (ECE/TRANS/2017/2) that invited the Committee to implement a strategic dialogue and develop an ITC strategy that takes the decisions of the resolution into consideration.

The Committee had welcomed and endorsed the ministerial resolution and decided to consider its draft strategy at its eightieth annual session in 2018. The paper on the ITC strategy up to 2030 (Informal document No. 1) has been prepared from this mandate with the aim to facilitate discussions and for orientation purposes, and in close consultation with the Bureau, and with inputs by the Chairs of ITC subsidiary bodies and the Administrative Committees of United Nations transport conventions under the purview of the Committee.

The Committee is invited to (a) consider the ITC strategy up to 2030 and express its views on the priority areas identified in the document, and (b) provide guidance to the secretariat on further developing the ITC strategy by an action plan and road map for implementing it, for adoption at the Committee’s eighty-first annual session in 2019.

The Chairs of the Administrative Committees and of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies, the members of the Bureau and government delegates who attended the eightieth session of the Committee are invited to participate in this meeting.

Due to the restricted status, the results of the discussions will be circulated in the form of Chair’s conclusions among the participants of the meeting and the Chairs of the Working Parties. The Committee may, however, decide to include them as an Annex to the report of its annual session.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/272 (Future) (restricted), Informal document No. 1 (restricted)
III. Transport policy and regulatory issues that require decisions by the Committee

4. Strategic questions of a horizontal policy nature

(a) Status of accession to United Nations transport agreements and conventions under the purview of the Inland Transport Committee

The Committee may wish to take note of ECE/TRANS/2018/2 on the status of signatures, ratifications and accessions to United Nations legal instruments on inland transport administered by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies as of the end of 2017. This document also includes the accessions registered since the last session of the Committee. The Committee may wish to invite countries, which have not yet done so, to accede to the United Nations conventions and other legal instruments in inland transport administered by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies. The Committee may also wish to decide on concerted actions in support of accession to and implementation of the United Nations transport conventions.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2018/2

(b) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe analytical work on transport

The Committee will be informed by the secretariat about the analytical activities of 2017 (ECE/TRANS/2018/3) of the Division. The Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) has the role of a think tank which leads policy discussions on subjects of a horizontal nature and that are relevant for ECE member States, the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, and for the legal and regulatory framework of inland transport.

The Committee may wish to note that the publication “Financing Transport Infrastructure and Innovative Solutions” (Informal document No. 2). Furthermore, the Committee may wish to be informed that the transport trends and economics theme for 2017-2018 was decided to be the “Mobility as a Service”. The Committee may wish to provide guidance on the preparation of the publication.

Furthermore, the Committee may wish to be informed about the two workshops that took place during the WP.5 session and the recommendations in “Transport Infrastructure Corridors along Europe and Asia” and on “Mobility as a Service”. Also, the secretariat will provide information on other activities being undertaken under WP.5 such as:

(a) The international transport infrastructure observatory (ECE/TRANS/2018/4);

(b) Strengthening regional connectivity with the establishment of a Geographical Information System (GIS) in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank;

(c) Strengthening connectivity of countries in South and Central Asia, particularly landlocked and least developed countries, to link with subregional and regional transport and trade networks in cooperation with ESCAP;

Also, the Committee may wish to be informed about the progress on the work of the Groups of Experts administered by the Working Party. More specifically:

(a) The Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs: The Committee may wish to discuss progress in its work (ECE/TRANS/2018/5) and provide guidance in order to ensure the accomplishment of its objectives based on its terms of reference (ECE/TRANS/2016/4);
(b) The Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Transport Networks and Nodes: The work of the Group will be discussed under agenda item 4(d) (iii);

(c) The Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Linkages. The work of the Group will be discussed under agenda item 5 (a) (ii).

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(c) Policy dialogue and technical assistance to countries with economies in transition

The Committee may wish to take note of the activities in the field of technical assistance and policy dialogue, including the Special Programme of Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossings (PWG-TBC) serviced jointly with ESCAP.

The Committee will be informed about ongoing United Nations Development Account funded projects (Informal document No. 3). The Committee will also be informed about the state-of-the-art in preparing the SafeFITS model and the plans for its implementation. The primary objective of the SafeFITS model was to assist governments and decision makers to decide on the most appropriate road safety policies and measures to achieve tangible results in improving road safety (ECE/TRANS/2018/6).

The Committee will be invited to provide guidance on the main directions for future technical assistance and policy dialogue by the Sustainable Transport Division, as well as on funding of technical activities (ECE/TRANS/2018/6).

Documentation
Informal document No. 3, ECE/TRANS/2018/6

(d) Environment, climate change and transport

(i) Inland Transport Committee (ITC) follow-up to the 2030 Agenda

The Committee will be informed about progress in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Committee may wish to note that there are currently three major global processes/initiatives to track progress: the targets and indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Sustainable Mobility for All (SUM4ALL) initiative, and the initiative to develop voluntary global road safety performance targets and indicators. The Inland Transport Committee (ITC) directly contributes to all three processes through its regulatory, analytical, capacity-building and policy-relevant work. The Committee is invited to consider ways to strengthen its possible role and contribution within the Sustainable Development Goals framework in the period until 2030 (ECE/TRANS/2018/7).

The Committee may wish to note that the 2005 ECE Reform Plan states that ECE “shall pay particular attention to the gender dimension of development, as a priority cross-cutting theme, by identifying good practice in further mainstreaming gender issues in its various subprogrammes and activities, taking into account the economic areas addressed by the regional Beijing+10 review” (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1, para. 79). In line with the Reform Plan, the ECE secretariat developed a new policy for gender equality and the empowerment of women, which further develops a gender mainstreaming strategy for all areas of work. The ECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) welcomed the new policy in September 2016. A key element of the ECE policy is to mainstream gender into the substantive work of the sectoral committees. The Committee will be invited to consider how to better mainstream a gender
perspective in transport activities carried out under its auspices, including in light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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ECE/TRANS/2018/7

**(ii) Decarbonisation and mitigation of environmentally harmful effects of inland transport**

The Committee will be informed about the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) tool\(^1\) in the activities to support governments to mitigate the negative impacts of transport on the environment (Informal document No. 4). ForFITS is a monitoring and assessment tool for CO\(_2\) emissions in inland transport, including a transport policy converter to facilitate climate change mitigation. The Committee is invited to decide how to best use the ForFITS tool in the post-COP 23\(^2\) period to assist member States to reach their goals and obligations.

The Committee will also be informed about the cooperation between the ECE Environment and Sustainable Transport Divisions on capacity-building events in Environmental Performance Reviews to promote sustainable transport among key government stakeholders from Albania, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan.

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Informal document No. 4

**(iii) Impacts of climate change on international transport networks and adaptation requirements**

The Committee will be informed about the twenty-third session of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP23) that was held in Bonn and its potential importance for the work of the Committee.

The Committee may also wish to take note of the work of the Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Transport Networks and Nodes. Following approval of its terms of reference from the Committee and EXCOM, the Group of Experts held six sessions during 2016 and 2017 and its mandate came into an end based on its approved terms of reference. However, in order for the Group to finalize its work and accomplish its objectives based on its terms of reference many things remain to be done including the development of the hot spots map based on the data received (Informal document No. 5). Therefore, the Committee may wish to approve the Working Party’s request to extend the mandate of the Group for one more year based on the same terms of reference (ECE/TRANS/2015/6) starting after the final approval of EXCOM in 2018 in order to be able to meet for at least three times before submitting its final report at the Working Party’s session in 2019.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 5

**(e) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme**

The Committee may wish to take note of the report of THE PEP Steering Committee on its fifteenth session (6-8 November 2017, Geneva) (ECE/AC.21/SC/2017/2). The Committee

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\(^1\) Originally developed by UNECE with funding from the United Nations Development Account.

\(^2\) Twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
may wish to welcome the election by the Steering Committee of a representative of the transport sector, Mr. Vadim Donchenko of the Scientific and Research Institute of Motor Transport of the Russian Federation, as Chair for 2017-2018.

The Committee may also assess its interest in contributing to the fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment that will take place in Vienna in 2019, and in this regard welcome the development of key outputs planned for the 2019 ministerial, including a study on the job creation potential of sustainable transport and on the infrastructure module of the Pan-European Master Plan on cycling (Informal document No. 6), as well as other initiatives in the field of sustainable transport.

The Committee may also wish to take note that, as part of its initiative to engage the three sectors and, that following the fourth High-level Meeting and the adoption of the Paris Declaration, the Steering Committee organized a symposium on “Managing sustainable mobility and promoting a more efficient transport system: innovation and policy convergence as enablers of green and healthy transport” (6 November 2017, Geneva).

The Committee is invited to consider taking actions towards strengthening the presence of the transport sector in THE PEP, in particular by designating national focal points.

Documentation
ECE/AC.21/SC/2017/2, Informal document No. 6

(f) Intelligent transport systems

The Committee will be informed about the status of implementation of the Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) road map that was launched at its seventy-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/2018/8).

The Committee will also be informed about the outcome of the joint meeting of WP.1 and WP.29/GRRF (20 September 2017, Geneva).

The Committee is invited to further consider the status of ITS in its work and that of its subsidiary bodies, to encourage ITS activities linked to infrastructure and all transport modes and to consider ways to address ITS issues in an integrated approach. The Committee is also invited to encourage actions for regulating automated vehicles and to adapt road traffic behaviour rules to the development of automated driving technologies, as fostering regulatory actions would ensure the benefits that ITS could provide in terms of road safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and traffic management.

In this context, the Committee is invited to consider requesting WP.1 to develop recommendations on driving behaviour of automated/autonomous vehicles for enabling a future coexistence of automated and manually controlled vehicles on roads, and their interaction with vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and riders of powered two wheelers.

In close cooperation with the experts of WP.1 and WP.29, the development of clear recommendations on elements such as reaction time of manually controlled vehicles, safety distances, acceptable accelerations/decelerations for granting road safety and a smooth traffic flow, and behaviour in relation to pedestrian crossings are encouraged by the Committee.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2018/8
(g) **Continued support to land-locked countries: The Vienna Programme of Action**

The Committee will be informed about future United Nations actions in landlocked developing countries and the expected role of the Regional Commissions, following the adoption of the Vienna Programme of Action for 2014-2024.

The Committee may wish to invite landlocked transition economies in the ECE region to share their vision about improving access to the sea.

(h) **Inland transport security**

The Committee will be informed about the next session of the Inland Transport Security Forum in 2018. The proposed theme of the Forum will be on security issues and solutions with regard to shared mobility.

5. **Strategic questions of a modal and thematic nature**

(a) **Project related activities**

(i) **Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects**

The Committee will be informed about the recent developments in the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects, including the current state of affairs vis-à-vis the management of the TEM and the TER Projects. The Committee will be informed about the TER Project Host Country Agreement, status of TER Project Manager and Deputy Manager, as well as the TEM Project Manager.

The Committee may wish to support the activities carried out in the two projects and express its opinion on the future directions as considered in Informal document No. 7.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 7

(ii) **Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Project**

The Committee will be invited to consider and approve the final report of phase III of the Euro-Asian Transport Links project (EATL) (ECE/TRANS/2018/9, Informal document No. 8). This report was prepared following the activities of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asia Transport Links between 2013 and 2017. It contains crucial recommendations for further operationalisation of the rail and road links between Europe and Asia. It was endorsed by WP.5 at its thirtieth session (4-6 September 2017, Geneva).

The Committee will also be invited to endorse a decision taken by WP.5 on organization of an international conference on Euro-Asian transport links to be held in the second half of 2018 and to consider practical ways for implementing the phase III report's recommendations.

The Committee may wish to note that the Ministerial Conference on Transport of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its third session (Moscow, 5-9 December 2016) agreed to work towards the establishment of an interregional coordination committee on transport between Asia and Europe, and requested the ESCAP secretariat to seek cooperation from the Economic Commission for Europe for the operation of that committee to further promote intraregional and interregional transport connectivity along the transport corridors between Asia and Europe (E/ESCAP/MCT(3)/11, decision 2, p. 3). The Committee will be informed about the latest developments in this regard and may wish to express its opinion and provide guidance to the secretariat.
(b) Harmonization of vehicle regulations

The Committee will be informed about the most recent developments in the work carried out by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its six subsidiary Working Parties (GRB, GRE, GRPE, GRRF, GRSG and GRSP), the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement, the Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement.

The Committee will also be informed about the activities of the World Forum and its Working Parties as reflected in (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2017/1/Rev.2) and is invited to adopt its programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2017/119).

The Committee may wish to note that over 40 informal groups worked during 2014 in parallel to the World Forum and to its subsidiary bodies to assist them in developing new vehicle regulations and updating the 143 existing UN Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement, 20 UN Global Technical Regulations associated to the 1998 Agreement and 4 UN Rules annexed to the 1997 Agreement.

The Committee may wish to note the number of contracting parties to the 1958 Agreement (54), to the 1998 Agreement (35), and to the 1997 Agreement (14).

The Committee may wish to be informed, that the new UN Regulation on Heavy Duty Dual-Fuel Engine Retrofit Systems entered into force on 19 June 2017. It may also wish to note that, in November 2017 new UN Regulations on the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval, on Accident Emergency Call Systems and on ISOFIX anchorage systems, ISOFIX top tether anchorages and i-Size seating positions was adopted. The new United Nations Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement are expected to enter into force by mid-2018.

The Committee may wish to note that the Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement established amendments to provisions for periodic technical inspection on environmental related elements (Rule No. 1) and on the roadworthiness (Rule No. 2) as well as new Rules on the inspection of LPG/LNG powered vehicles and on inspection of vehicles with electric propulsion. A new Resolution R.E.6 on the administrative and technical provisions required for carrying out the technical inspections according to the technical prescriptions specified in Rules annexed to the 1997 Agreement was adopted in March 2017.

The Committee may wish to note that the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement established amendments to Global Technical Regulations No. 1 (Door Locks and Door Retention Components) and No. 15 (Worldwide harmonized Light vehicle Test Procedure) and to new Global Technical Regulations on evaporate emission test Worldwide harmonized Light Duty Test Procedure.

The Committee may wish to note the entry into force of Revision 3 to the 1958 Agreement on 14 September 2017, which incorporates the concept of the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval system and of increasing the attractiveness of the agreement for further accessions of emerging economies by allowing the application of previous versions of UN Regulations. In this context, the Committee may wish to be informed about the status of the establishment of the type-approval database DETA.

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ECE/TRANS/2018/9, Informal document No. 8
(c) Road safety

The Committee will be informed about the most important developments in the work carried out by the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1). This will include information about subject areas such as automated vehicles, international driving permits, vulnerable road users, SDGs, and the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (RE.1).

The Committee will also be informed about the work and achievements of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals (GERSS) which wishes to continue to fulfil its mandate in 2018. In order to allow GERSS work to continue, the Committee will be invited to approve the WP.1 decision to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals to 31 December 2018 (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/159, paras. 31-33).

The Committee will be informed about the status of developing an electronic Convention on Road Signs and Signals (e-CoRSS) to improve the implementation of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. The secretariat will also demonstrate the current capability of e-CoRSS.

The Committee will be invited to take note of ECE/TRANS/2018/10 which provides a WP.1 contribution to the draft ITC strategy (ECE/TRANS/270, para. 17).

The Committee may wish to take note of progress in the implementation of the UNECE Road Safety Action Plan (ECE/TRANS/2018/26), as we are getting closer to the end of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020).

The Committee will be informed about the main developments in the activities of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety, Mr. Jean Todt and areas of cooperation with the Committee (ECE/TRANS/2018/11).

The Committee will be informed about the Secretary General’s decisions on the potential establishment of a United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund and about the role of UNECE.

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d) Road transport

The Committee will be informed about the latest developments in the work carried out by the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) and by the Group of Experts on the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). In particular, the Committee will be informed about a proposal by the Government of Slovakia to amend AETR Articles 14 (eligibility to accede), 22 and 22bis (amendment procedures) as well to simultaneously adjust the relevant parts of the AETR Agreement to accommodate references to EU Regulations 165/2014 and 2016/799 (Appendix 1C) largely via an amendment proposal of the Government of Estonia. The secretariat will also inform the Committee about the interest of the Government of Lebanon to amend Article 14 (eligibility to accede) in order to make the country eligible to accede to the AETR Agreement.

The Committee will also be informed about the number of Contracting Parties to the Additional Protocol to the CMR Convention (e-CMR), the secretariat’s efforts to encourage more States to accede, and about the need to begin work to operationalize e-CMR (as per Article 5). Information about a special e-CMR session which took stock and mapped future directions in the development of electronic consignment notes on the basis of the Additional Protocol will be provided as well. The Committee will be informed about the plan to organize a special SC.1 session dedicated to e-CMR in early 2018 to further discuss this issue and to decide on a way forward.
Finally, the Committee will be informed about the progress in developing a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBus). Given the procedure adopted by the European Union in developing the new InterBus Agreement (which does not allow all ECMT members to participate in the negotiations if they are not Contracting Parties to the InterBus Agreement), SC.1 had invited the EU to open the negotiations to all ECMT members, including those countries that played an important role in elaboration of the draft OmniBus Agreement. In this context, the European Union will be invited to provide an updated information concerning the relationship between the InterBus Agreement and the draft OmniBus Agreement. The Committee will be informed that SC.1 had agreed to continue working to complete the draft OmniBus Agreement and had requested the secretariat to organize meetings dedicated to this task in 2018.

(e) Rail transport

The Committee will be informed about the results of the seventy-first session of the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/228). The Committee may wish to note the completion of the first phase of the master plan on high-speed trains for the TER region and the cooperation with the TER project. Furthermore, the Committee may wish to be informed about the development of the international rail security observatory and the road map for the finalization of the new convention on the facilitation of crossing of frontiers for passengers and baggage carried by rail. The Committee is invited to give guidance on these activities.

The Committee may wish also to be informed about the results of the workshop on “Railway Reform across the ECE region” held during the last session of SC.2 and the related publication (ECE/TRANS/2018/12).

The Committee may wish to be informed about the results of the Group of Experts on Unified Railway Law preparing a new legal regime for rail transport and approve the extension of its mandate for two more years under new terms of reference (ECE/TRANS/2018/13).

The Committee may wish to recall that at its last session, it had approved the request of Working Party to extend the mandate of the Group for one more year based on the same terms of reference (ECE/TRANS/2016/18). Based on these terms of reference the Group should coordinate the preparation and/or review the already prepared documents for rail transport following the draft legal provisions, and monitor the results of pilot tests performed by interested stakeholders and prepare recommendations accordingly. The Group of Experts met twice during 2017 (June and November). The Committee may wish to be informed about the results of Group’s work, the recommendations prepared by the experts, and provide guidance on the future work of the Group accordingly.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2018/12, ECE/TRANS/2018/13

(f) Intermodal transport and logistics

The Committee will be informed about the results of the sixtieth session of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/141). The Committee may wish to be informed on the work carried out by the Working Party on (a) intermodal transport terminals, (b) preparing national master plans on freight transport and logistics, (c) the freight forwarders market, (d) climate change and intermodal transport, and (e) the future work that will result from these activities. The Committee may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/2018/15 which includes strategic elements for the future development of the Working Party and provide guidance.
The Committee may wish also to be informed about the results of the workshop held on “Railways, intermodal transport and the digitalisation of transport documents” in conjunction with the Working Party’s session in 2017. A number of member State experts, other interested stakeholders including non-governmental organizations and industry groups attended. The workshop discussed the important role that railways play on intermodality and the significant benefits that the digitalization of transport documents would bring to transport sector.

Furthermore, the Committee will be informed that a number of amendments to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) and the Protocol of the AGTC have been accepted and have come into force.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2018/14

(g) Inland water transport

The Committee will be informed about the latest activities of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) following a new strategy that was endorsed by the Committee at its seventy-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/2017/20). The strategy responds to the conclusions of the High-level Conference on Inland Water Transport (20 February 2017) held at the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the Committee (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/18).

The Committee may wish to take note of the preparatory work for the International Conference on Inland Water Transport (18-19 April 2018, Wroclaw, Poland) and to provide guidance to SC.3 on this topic and related issues.

The Committee may wish to take note that SC.3 adopted amendments to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/3).

The Committee will be informed about the publication of the third edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”) in 2017 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3), and may wish to note the adoption of the second revision of the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49) at the sixty-first session of SC.3.

The Committee may wish to take note of the follow-up activities of SC.3 and its subsidiary bodies related to the implementation of the fifth revised edition of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI):

- the activities of the CEVNI Expert Group (twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth meetings in 2017) and amendments to CEVNI;
- the progress made by SC.3 in revising the Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI);
- the updating of a document and preparation of a publication on the implementation of CEVNI;
- the outcome of the workshop “European Code for Inland Waterways: The implementation and the way ahead” held at the sixty-first session of SC.3.

The Committee will be informed about the ongoing activity of SC.3 which address technical requirements for inland vessels: (a) the progress in revising Resolution No. 61, (b) the tenth meeting of the Group of Volunteers on Resolution No. 61 (2-3 October 2017), (c) the workshop on the Rules and Regulations for inland navigation and river-sea vessels (14 February 2017) at the fiftieth session of the Working Party on the Standardization of
Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3), and (d) the preparation of the Russian translation of the European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN) at the request of member States.

The Committee will be further informed about the outcome of the workshop “Inland waterways and ports: Bridges to intermodality” that was held on 14 June 2017 at the fifty-first session of SC.3/WP.3. The workshop highlighted the role of inland waterways as a key element in intermodal supply chains, which: facilitates the attractiveness of the sector to the market, strengthens links between inland water transport and other transport modes, and strengthens the role of E ports in the context of AGN.

The Committee may wish to note the growing interest of member States, training centres, boatmasters and other parties to Resolution No. 40, the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft, which led to the establishment of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation. The first meeting was held on 2 and 3 August 2017 in Geneva.

The Committee may also wish to note that SC.3 at its sixty-first session adopted the amendments to Resolution No. 40 as Resolution No. 89 and the revised Guidelines on the application of Resolution No. 40.

Finally, the Committee may wish to take note of the proposal by the GIS Forum Danube to SC.3 that UNECE take patronage over the Danube Information Service Conference (DISC), the decision of SC.3 to include DISC in its agenda as a permanent item and provide its guidance to SC.3.

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(b) Strengthening border crossing facilitation (Harmonization Convention, TIR Convention, eTIR Project and other Customs transit facilitation measures)

The Committee will be informed about the outcome of the 145th, 146th and 147th sessions of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/290, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/292 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/294) and will be invited to take note of the activities of the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) in the year 2017 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/133 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/135). The secretariat will further inform the Committee about the recent accession of India to the TIR Convention, becoming its seventy-first contracting party.

The Committee may wish to note that, in 2017, the Working Party took, inter alia, note of Decision No. 6 of ITC (see ECE/TRANS/270/Add.1, para. 27). In reply, the Working Party recognized the relevance of its work for various Sustainable Development Goals, in particular:

Goal 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure - (accession to the TIR and Harmonization Conventions, implementation of the TIR, eTIR and Harmonization procedures);

Goal 12 - Responsible consumption and production - (strengthening the supply chain through increased border crossing facilitation); and

Goal 17 - Partnership for the goals - (application of the international TIR guarantee system).

The Working Party fully supported the vision of the Sustainable Transport Division on the 2030 Agenda, to strive for a globally harmonized regulatory system for inland transport that is the foundation for sustainable transport and mobility. The Working Party further reconfirmed its statement of the 143rd session, supporting any capacity-building activities
of the ECE secretariat related to the legal instruments under the purview of WP.30 outside the ECE region, as long as sufficient focus on capacity-building within the region remains ensured. WP.30 supported the computerization of inland transport by stating that it is essential to arrive at eTIR in the shortest possible time. To that end, and in view of the progress made in drafting the legal framework of eTIR, the Working Party urged contracting parties to make the necessary financial reservations in their national IT budgets to accommodate eTIR within their national customs systems at the first opportunity. In that context, the Working Party confirmed the recommendation by the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) and the Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of Computerization of the TIR procedure (GE.2) that the maintenance costs could conceivably be covered through an amount per transport. The Working Party requested the secretariat to transmit its findings to ITC for consideration at its 2018 session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/292, paras. 4-5). Further to Decision No. 6 of ITC, the Working Party also considered and adopted a proposal to amend its terms of reference to contribute to the advancement of the Sustainable Development Agenda and the related Sustainable Development Goals (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/294, para. 10). The Committee may wish to adopt the changes to the terms of reference of the Working Party, as reflected in the Annex to ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2017/19.

At its October 2017 session, the Working Party welcomed and supported the conclusion of a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ECE and the International Road Transport Union (IRU), as well as a Contribution Agreement (CA) to further strengthen cooperation towards full computerization of the TIR procedure by ensuring the provision of the necessary funds to finance, inter alia, an additional Information and Communication Technology (ICT) expert to work on the eTIR Project and the hosting of the eTIR international system at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). Against this background, the Committee will be invited to extend the mandate of GE.1 for the year 2018.

The Committee will be informed about progress in the discussions at WP.30 on the eTIR legal framework, on the basis of proposals by GE.2.

The Committee will be informed about an extensive package of amendments adopted by AC.2 in the course of 2017 aimed, inter alia, at strengthening the accountability and transparency of the international organization authorized to manage the international guarantee system.

The Committee will be informed about the latest developments in the application of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (Harmonization Convention, 1982), and the drafting of the new convention on the facilitation of border crossing procedures for passengers, luggage and load-luggage carried in international traffic by rail. In this context, the Committee may wish to [take further actions] [take note] or, possibly, endorse document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2018/6 containing the final text of the new Convention, keeping in mind the relevant decision of the ITC at its seventy-ninth session on the road map to the completion of the draft convention. Finally, the Committee will be informed about issues in the application of the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (1954).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2018/16

(i) Transport of dangerous goods

The Committee may wish to note that the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 2017/13 on 8 June 2017, on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of
Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (see Informal document No. 10) and that the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting and the ADN Safety Committee have already taken or are taking action as required in operative paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of section A of the resolution. The Committee may also wish to note that, pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of section A and paragraph 3 of section B, the secretariat has already published the twentieth revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (in English, French and Spanish), amendment 1 to the sixth revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria (in English, French and Spanish) and the seventh revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (in English, French and Spanish). Other language versions should be available soon.

The Committee may wish to note that the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the Economic and Social Council met from 3 to 7 July 2017 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/102 and Add.1) and again from 27 November to 7 December 2017. The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals met from 10 to 12 July 2017 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/66) and again from 6 to 8 December 2017.

The Committee may wish to note that the number of contracting parties to the ADR remains 49. The Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of the ADR, adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties on 28 October 1993, has not yet entered into force as not all Contracting Parties to the ADR have become parties to it. Ukraine acceded to the Protocole on 28 March 2017 bringing the number of Contracting Parties to 36. The Committee may wish to urge the remaining Contracting Parties (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Tunisia) to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol to come into force.

The Committee may wish to note that WP.15 endorsed the common amendments to RID, ADR and ADN adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (WP.15/AC.1) during the biennium; adopted amendments specific to ADR, e.g. as regards construction and equipment of vehicles for the carriage of dangerous goods; requested the secretariat to prepare a consolidated list of all the amendments which it had adopted for entry into force on 1 January 2019, so that they could be made the subject of an official proposal in accordance with the procedure set out in article 14 of ADR. All these amendments should come into force on 1 January 2019.

The Committee may wish to endorse the request by WP.15 that the consolidated text of ADR as it would be amended on 1 January 2019 be published by the secretariat, sufficiently in advance to prepare for its effective implementation before the entry into force of the amendments in question.

The Committee may also wish to note that the number of Contracting Parties to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) remains 18.

The Committee may wish to note that the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN (ADN Safety Committee) (WP.15/AC.2) held its thirty-first session from 28 to 31 August 2017.

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3 Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN).
The Committee may wish to note that the ADN Safety Committee has adopted a wide range of new provisions concerning the carriage of dangerous goods in inland navigation vessels, and will meet again from 22 to 26 January 2018 (see agenda ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/65).

The ADN Administrative Committee should meet on 26 January 2018 (see agenda ECE/ADN/43 and Add.1), mainly to adopt all draft amendments prepared by the Safety Committee in 2017 and January 2018, i.e. the set of amendments that should enter into force on 1 January 2019 and that would ensure harmonization of ADN with ADR and RID.

**Documentation**


(j) **Transport of perishable foodstuffs**

The Committee will be informed about the status of proposed amendments to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) adopted at the seventy-second session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) in 2017 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/235, Annex I).

The Committee may wish to note that WP.11 agreed to extend the next session (2018) to five days and to hold a round table meeting on Monday, 8 October 2018 to discuss ways of improving the work of WP.11, including, among others, the subject of an amendment to the one single objection rule in article 18, paragraph 4 of ATP and the scope of ATP. An informal working group organised by the representative of Luxembourg, was mandated to draft background papers to facilitate discussions during the round table. It was also decided to extend the cycle of amendments to 2 years to facilitate negotiations among Contracting Parties and consultations with national experts, with the aim of increasing the number of adopted draft amendments.

The Committee may also wish to note that, in order to improve its method of work, WP.11 decided to change Rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure of WP.11 to reflect the option of adopting proposals of amendments to the ATP and amendments to the ATP Handbook by consensus. In addition, the unanimity rule for adopting proposals of amendments to the ATP was changed in favour of a majority rule, given that not more than three contracting parties opposed the proposed amendment. The Committee may wish to endorse the changes to the Rules of procedure as reflected in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/237.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/231, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/235, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/237

(k) **Transport statistics and data**

The Committee will be informed of the transport statistics activities and the status of the 2015 E-Road and E-Rail Traffic Census Programmes in accordance with Resolutions Nos. 261 and 262 adopted at its seventy-sixth session in 2014. In particular, the Committee may wish to be informed that the secretariat has produced and disseminated online, an interactive map to visualize the E-Road census results.

The Committee will be informed that during its sixty-eighth session the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) held a workshop on promoting data quality in rail statistics, where discussion topics included data collection challenges due to market liberalization, innovation in data collection and data consistency across organizations.
The Committee will be informed that the secretariat has recently prepared a number of publications including the Bulletin of Transport Statistics, the Bulletin of Road Safety Statistics, and the Transport Statistics Infocards summarising key transport statistics for ECE member States.

The Committee may wish to note that WP.6 continues to be actively involved in the process of developing the statistical monitoring framework for Sustainable Development Goals as a member of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals indicators (IAEG-Sustainable Development Goals) and the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) Friends of the Chair group on broader measures of progress.

The Committee will be informed that the secretariat successfully completed three capacity-building workshops in autumn 2017 on transport-related Sustainable Development Goals; in Montenegro for countries of the Western Balkans and the Republic of Moldova; in Kazakhstan for SPECA countries and Eastern European countries; and in Slovenia for countries of the Danube Region and Central Europe.

The Committee will be informed that under the auspices of WP.6 and in cooperation with Eurostat and the International Transport Forum, work has begun on a fifth version of the Glossary for Transport Statistics, with an Informal Group of Experts established.

The Committee may wish to provide guidance on how to strengthen the role and potential contribution of WP.6 in a global environment where the need for more and higher quality statistics is rapidly increasing.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2018/17, Informal document No. 11

6. Matters arising from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and other United Nations bodies and conferences

(a) ECE, ECOSOC, and other United Nations bodies and Conferences

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about recent matters arising from the ECE, ECOSOC and other United Nations bodies and Conferences of interest to the Committee.

The Committee will also be **informed** about the outcome of the ITC/UNECE request for parallel reporting of the ITC to UNECE and ECOSOC, following Decision 1 of the 2017 Ministerial Resolution (ECE/TRANS/270, para 14; E/ECE/1480: paras 5 and 6, and decision E/67; E/2017/15/Add.1, section I(B) para 2, p. 4).

(b) Dialogue with United Nations Regional Commissions on ongoing activities related to inland transport

The Committee will **invite** representatives of the other United Nations Regional Commissions to share information and discuss ongoing activities of inland transport in their regions.

7. Draft annual report of activities undertaken by the Committee’s subsidiary bodies in 2017

The Committee will be **presented** with a comprehensive report of activities undertaken by the Committee’s subsidiary bodies during 2017 in administering the 58 United Nations conventions, agreements and other types of legal instrument which shape the international
legal framework for road, rail, inland waterway, intermodal transport, dangerous goods transport and vehicle construction (ECE/TRANS/2018/18). These activities contributed to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and took the form of policy dialogue and regulatory work, analytical activities, as well as capacity-building and technical assistance. The draft annual report presents concise information to ITC delegates in a form suitable for broader publicity. The polished version with photos of the Draft Annual Report will also be presented to the Committee under Informal document No. 12.

The Committee is invited to discuss the annual report and to provide guidance on improving the visibility of the results and on the future use.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2018/18, Informal document No. 12

### IV. Other questions relating to the work of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies

#### 8. Issues for approval by the Committee and of an informative character: Approval of the reports of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies

The Committee may wish to approve as a whole the reports and related activities of its subsidiary bodies without changes to their mandates and status, and request the secretariat to incorporate related references in the complete ITC report on the basis of the respective annotations contained in this document.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/157, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/159
ECE/TRANS/WP.5/62
ECE/TRANS/WP.6/173
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ECE/TRANS/SC.1/406
ECE/TRANS/SC.2/228
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/205

#### 9. Results of the meetings of the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee

The Committee will consider document ECE/TRANS/2018/19, containing the results of the meetings held by the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee in 2017. The
Committee may wish to refer to the decisions of the Bureau under the relevant items of its agenda.

The Committee may further wish to note that the adoption of the report of the eightieth session will be limited to a list of main decisions. The complete report of the Committee will be circulated at a later stage.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2018/19

10. **Activities of the Commission and report of the Committee to the Executive Committee**

The Committee may wish to give guidance to its Chair on the key messages in the report — to be prepared in consultation with the secretariat — to the EXCOM at a future session.

11. **Approval of the biennial evaluation of the Committee’s work for 2016-2017**

The Committee may wish to consider and adopt the programme performance assessment for 2016-2017 (biennial evaluation) of the Transport subprogramme (ECE/TRANS/2018/20). The document provides an overview of the performance assessment of the transport subprogramme and is drawn up in line with the plan for the biennial performance assessment which the Inland Transport Committee adopted at its seventy-eighth session in 2016.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2018/20

12. **Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2018-2019 and Strategic Framework for 2020-2021**

The Committee will have before it document ECE/TRANS/2018/21 containing the draft programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for the period 2018-2019. Document ECE/TRANS/2018/21/Add.1 provides detailed descriptions of the cluster-based activities and expected accomplishments of the subprogramme’s programme of work. At its session in November 2017, the Bureau considered the draft programme of work for the period 2018-2019 and its addendum and decided to recommend it to the Committee for approval.

The Committee is invited to consider and adopt its programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 for subsequent formal approval by EXCOM. The Committee will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium and such adjustments will be reflected in a separate document. The Committee is also invited to adopt the addendum to its programme of work.

The Committee may also wish to consider and adopt the biennial evaluation plan (2018-2019) for the Transport subprogramme contained in document ECE/TRANS/2018/22. At its session in November 2017, the Bureau had considered the biennial evaluation plan and decided to recommend it to the Committee for approval.

The relevant indicators of achievement, with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented to facilitate the task of the Committee in
assessing whether all outputs which are necessary to achieve the expected result have been included in the plan.

Furthermore, the Committee is invited to review the proposed Strategic Framework of the Transport Subprogramme for the biennium 2020-2021 (ECE/TRANS/2018/23) and provide its comments. The proposed strategic framework, modified as appropriate, will be submitted as part of the ECE proposed strategic framework to EXCOM and the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its session in 2018. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session when it considers the Secretary-General’s proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2020-2021.

In accordance with the ECE programme planning process, the draft strategic framework shall be reviewed by the Sectoral Committees, (or their Bureaux when Committees have not met during the last four months of 2017) before submission to EXCOM in November/December 2017 and to United Nations Headquarters in early 2018. The Committee may wish to note that the Bureau, at its November 2017 session, considered the draft proposal and decided to recommend it to the Committee for its review.

Documentation

13. Election of officers for the Committee’s sessions in 2019 and 2020

The Committee is expected to elect its officers for its sessions in 2019 and 2020.

14. Composition of the Committee’s Bureau in 2019 and 2020

The Committee may wish to decide on the composition of its Bureau for its sessions in 2019 and 2020.

15. Schedule of meetings in 2018

A preliminary list of meetings has been circulated for consideration and adoption by the Committee, based on proposals from the Committee’s subsidiary bodies.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2018/24

V. Partnerships and activities of other organizations of interest to the Committee

16. Transport developments in the European Union

The Committee will be informed by a representative of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, about the most important legislative and policy initiatives in the field of transport undertaken by the European Union in 2017.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2018/25
17. Developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum

The Committee will be informed by a representative of the International Transport Forum about the latest developments in the work of the Forum.

18. Activities of other organizations of interest to the Committee

The Committee may wish to be informed by representatives from other organizations about their recent activities of interest to the Committee.

VI. Miscellaneous

19. Any other business

Date of next session

The Committee may note that its eighty-first session is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva from 19 to 22 February 2019.

VII. List of decisions

20. Adoption of the list of main decisions of the eightieth session

The Committee will adopt the list of main decisions of the eightieth session.

VIII. Tentative timetable

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