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Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-seventh session**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on 18 September 2018, Salle VIII

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/164

2. Activities of interest to the Working Party

Due to time constraints, neither interventions nor presentations are foreseen for this agenda item. National delegations and international organizations will have the opportunity to submit, in writing, information on national and international road safety activities and initiatives, including recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation as well as any information on the events going to take place prior to the next WP.1 session.

3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations

At the last regular session, WP.1 continued considering ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1 (France, Italy and Laser Europe) which presents a consolidated text of the relevant parts of the Convention and contains the already adopted and still to be adopted amendment proposals. With the secretariat's guidance, WP.1 reviewed and corrected ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1 until Chapter III (Other requirements), while marking several paragraphs for further considerations: 12, 19(i), 19(j), 24.2, 24.3, 29.2, 31, 32, 33, 35 and 41.1. For the current session, the secretariat prepared ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1 (following the format of the convention) which incorporates the corrections made at the March 2018 session. WP.1 is expected to continue discussing the topic using ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1, and Rev.1

(b) Driving permits

At the last regular session, the secretariat informed WP.1 that the French and Russian versions of the International Driving Permit (IDP) brochure based on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.2 were available on the WP.1 website (www.unece.org/trans/resources/publications/transwp1publications/2017/international-driving-permit-categories/doc.html). WP.1 will be updated on the translations of the same brochure into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish.

Also at the last regular session, WP.1 expressed support for ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1 prepared by the informal group of experts on driving permits. The document contained a preliminary comparison of three potential driving permit options for the future. WP.1 requested that ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.1 include a more detailed comparison of the three options, as well as the benefits and costs of each option.

Accordingly, WP.1 is requested to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.1, and to provide a view on a preferred option, and direction on further work for the informal group of experts as may be appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1 and Rev.1

(c) Automated driving

(i) *Vehicles with automated driving systems: The concept of activities other than driving*

At its special session in May 2018, WP.1 did not discuss Informal documents No. 1 or No. 4 and decided to revert to these documents at the next session. The French delegate in his capacity as the Chair of the Informal Group of Experts on Automated Driving informed WP.1 about the ongoing work to create a simplified document on the basis of the above-noted documents for the forthcoming sessions, to be tabled as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/2/Rev.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/2/Rev.1, Informal document no.1 (May 2018), Informal document no.4 (May 2018)

(ii) *Situations when a driver operates a vehicle from the outside of the vehicle*

At the special session in May 2018, France, on behalf of Japan, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, informed WP.1 about the status of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/3 and invited delegates to provide written comments on this document in order to prepare ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/3/Rev.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/3/Rev.1

(iii) *Highly and fully automated vehicles*

At the special session in May 2018, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4/Rev.1 and Informal documents No. 2, No. 3, and No. 5 were tabled and discussed. As a result, the secretariat was requested to prepare ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4/Rev.2 which incorporates all the agreed changes. Given that nearly all of the content has been agreed upon, WP.1 is expected to adopt this document at the current session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4/Rev.2

4. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

The Chair of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals will be invited to update on the progress made by the Group reviewing the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and the 1971 European Agreement supplementing this convention, and on implementation of these two conventions by contracting parties. To this end, the Chair will introduce Informal document No. 1 which contains the Group's draft final report. The Chair will also briefly explain the amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and to the European Agreement formulated by the Group and contained in the draft final report. The secretariat will update WP.1 on the progress of developing e-CoRSS (electronic version of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals). WP.1 will be invited to provide its initial observations on the draft final report to assist the Group to finalise it for the official submission at the March 2019 session.

As the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals wishes to continue working in 2019, the Working Party may consider extending the Group's mandate until the end of 2019.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

5. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

(a) **A Safe System Approach**

WP.1 will continue to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1 which incorporates the amendment proposals of Sweden to include a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1). At the last session, WP.1 reviewed the amendment proposals up to paragraph 11.1.4.

WP.1 will also consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/5/Rev.1 prepared by Italy, Spain, and the United States of America (Role of penalties and other restrictive measures) which incorporates WP.1 comments made on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/5 at the last regular session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/5,
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/5/Rev.1, Informal document No. 6 (September 2017)

(b) Amendment proposals on distracted driving

At the last regular session, WP.1 discussed Informal document No. 3 (March 2018), submitted by Italy and Sweden. It requested that Informal document No. 3 be incorporated into ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2 and be tabled at the September 2018 session as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2/Rev.1. WP.1 will be invited to discuss this new consolidated document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2/Rev.1, Informal document No. 3 (March 2018)

(c) Amendment proposals on policies for Powered Two Wheelers (PTW)

At the last session, the WP.1 Chair had informed that a new stand-alone policy paper was being prepared that would offer recommendations for developing countries on improving road safety of vulnerable road users including PTW users. That document (Informal document no. 4 (March 2018)) has been revised and will be tabled as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/6 for WP.1 consideration.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/6, Informal document No. 4 (March 2018)

(d) Amendment proposals on Vulnerable Road Users (VRU)

At the last regular session, the representatives of Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE) expressed interest in continuing cooperation with WP.1 on improving safety in South-East Asia on road safety measures replicable in other low and middle-income countries. IRTE invited WP.1 to extend its leadership to developing guidance for crash investigation and data system design for South-East Asian countries. IRTE also indicated that crash investigation and data system design would be the topic of the next event at IRTE in late 2018. At the current session, the WP.1 Chair and IRTE will be invited to describe any new developments in this area.

6. Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings

The secretariat will inform WP.1 about new developments in this area and will propose to discontinue this agenda item.

7. Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1

At the last regular session, WP.1 considered ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.4 and revised its section on Terms of Reference of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety up to paragraph 1 (g). WP.1 will continue revising ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.4 at the current session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.4

8. Sustainable Development Goals: Potential contribution by WP.1

The ITC Bureau, supported by the secretariat, has further elaborated the draft ITC Strategy until 2030 (Zero Draft of ECE/TRANS/2019/R.1). In line with ITC decisions (ECE/TRANS/274, para. 17), the Bureau requested that (a) the discussion of the ITC strategy becomes part of the agendas of the meetings of the Working Parties until the end of the year and (b) that the draft strategy document be circulated accordingly to governments to facilitate the consultations. Given the above background, the secretariat will present ECE/TRANS/2019/R.1 (tabled as Informal document No. 2) for discussion and comments by WP.1.

At the last regular session, WP.1 discussed in general terms how its work of the Sustainable Development Goals contributes to meeting road safety targets 3.6 and 11.2. WP.1 will continue its discussions and will reflect on how it could possibly enhance its role and involvement in meeting the road safety Sustainable Development Goals, in particular taking into account the new ITC strategy currently being developed.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2, ECE/TRANS/2019/R.1

9. Definition of a serious injury

At the last regular session, WP.1 agreed to introduce road safety-related “injury definitions” as a separate agenda item at the current session. The Working party will be invited to discuss how to proceed.

10. Other Business

France, Luxembourg, Russian Federation and Switzerland will be invited to formally endorse the report of the last WP.1 session (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/163 as per para. 47).

In consideration of the 50th anniversary of the 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, the secretariat will inform WP.1 about the results of its exploration of possibility of organizing a dedicated special event or special promotional activities in collaboration with the United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety to celebrate this date, as well as to promote the establishment of the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund and adoption of the 2018 United Nations General Assembly Resolution on Improving Road Safety.

At the last regular session, Sweden proposed to consider a new topic that is a relationship between the 2015 amendment of Article 8 and the possibilities to take effective measures to reduce the risk of using motor vehicles as terror weapons (para 44, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/163). WP.1 will invite Sweden to provide more detailed information at this session.

The Chair will update WP.1 on latest developments following the meetings of “WP.1/WP.29 Executive Task Force” (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/S/165 para. 8).

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

11. Date of next session

The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 26-29 March 2019 in Geneva.

12. Election of officers

The Working Party will be invited to elect its officers for the period March 2019 – September 2020. The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of WP.1 (Chapter V, Rule 12, TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1) stipulate that “every two years, WP.1 shall, at the end of the last session of the second year, elect from among the representatives of members of the UNECE a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who shall take office at the start of the first session of the year following their election. The officers shall be eligible for re-election.” The current WP.1 officers are Ms. L. Iorio from Italy (Chair), Mr. D. Mitroshin from the Russian Federation (Vice-Chair) and Mr. J. Valmain from France (Vice-Chair).

Documentation

TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1

13. Adoption of the report of the seventy-seventh session

The Working Party will adopt the report of its seventy-seventh session.
