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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2001-2005

Note by the secretariat

The text of the programme of work reproduced below is based on the programme of work approved by the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-second session (15-17 February 2000). The changes proposed are in **bold** (to be added) or ~~struckthrough~~ characters (to be deleted).

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PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.1: TRANSPORT TRENDS AND ECONOMICS

Review of general trends with regard to transport development and transport policy and analysis of specific transport economic issues

Priority: 1

Description: Review and exchange of information on general trends in the development of transport and of specific transport economic issues including transport development in the Mediterranean Region.

Work to be undertaken: The Committee and the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) will consider and carry out the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Study of economic aspects of transport and annual review of transport developments taking into account (i) the integration process going on within the ECE region, and (ii) the reform processes under way in transition countries by monitoring current changes in transport in order to identify, promote and spread positive examples for transport development.

Output expected: Annual report on transport development.

Priority: 2

- (b) Periodical review of new important policy developments relating to inland transport in UN/ECE member countries in order to make the medium- and long-term evolution of transport more transparent. The Working Party WP.5 will examine all decisions, general and specific, recently taken in member countries likely to have implications in the organization of transport.

Output expected: Reports on developments in inland transport of member countries (every five years; **next report: 2002**); report on competition in the transport sector (**2001**).

Priority: 2

- (c) Consideration of the main European traffic lines in order to ensure accessibility of peripheral regions.

Output expected: Report on transport development in Pan-European Transport Areas (**2001**)

Priority: 1

- (d) Consideration of the extension of the Pan-European transport corridors outside the EU and the countries associated with the EU.

Output expected: Report identifying and assessing important projects on Pan-European transport corridors Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 9(b) (**2001**); Report on progress made in the implementation of the Pan-European Transport Corridors (**2001**); ~~Report on Transport Infrastructure Needs Assessment (TINA) project (2000); Report on problems concerning the application, inter alia, of principles of market economy in the inland transport sector (2000).~~

Priority: 1

- (e) Study of the interrelationship of the UN/ECE agreements (AGR, AGC, AGTC and its Protocol, AGN) and projects (TEM, TER) with the Pan-European transport network planning procedure, including Euro-Asian links, with a view to:
- indicating the major international transport routes to be considered for improvement and modernization, establishing priorities and a timetable taking into account those parts of the networks where there are bottlenecks and missing links;
 - assessing the cost of this infrastructure plan and making suggestions for financing it.
- Output expected: Annual report on coherent European system of international transport infrastructure, Report on Euro-Asian transport links (2001); ~~Report on bottlenecks in the Trans European Railway (TER) network (2000)~~ Priority: 1
- (f) Collection of data concerning investments in transport infrastructures and study of the effects upon such infrastructures of developments in modal split taking into account, in particular, external costs in order to highlight the interaction between infrastructure and modal development. Priority: 3
- ~~(g) Transport 2000 in Central and Eastern Europe. Consideration of specific subjects related to the transport situation in central and eastern Europe in order to improve transport in transition countries.~~
- ~~Output expected: Annual report on development of data bank system in countries in transition.~~ Priority: 3
- (g) ~~(h)~~ Activities for assistance to countries in transition regarding institutional adaptation of government administration and of transport enterprises to market economy including also support through the UN/ECE Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT)¹.
- Output expected: Annual report on assistance to countries in transition; ~~Report on progress made towards market economy in the transport sector of transition countries (2000).~~ Priority: 1
- (h) ~~(i)~~ Strengthening of cooperation with the Mediterranean Study and Training Centres, the results of which will be submitted to the Committee, to enable all ECE countries to benefit from the activities carried out including the organization of workshops.
- Output expected: Annual report on activities of the Study and Training Centres. Priority: 2
- (i) ~~(j)~~ Promotion of international transport agreements to permit, in particular, Mediterranean countries to adhere to them. Priority: 3
- (j) ~~(k)~~ Information on the studies on the Europe/Africa Permanent Link through the Strait of Gibraltar.
- Output expected: Bi-annual report on progress made in the analysis of the Europe/Africa Permanent Link through the Strait of Gibraltar (next report: 2002). Priority: 3

¹ A detailed list of subjects is circulated in document TRANS/1999/11.

ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION

~~(l) Consider the impact of regulatory measures in transport with the objective to identify the need for transport infrastructure and to study particular aspects in the New Independent States (NIS).~~

~~Output expected: Report on regulatory measures in transport in NIS (2000). Priority: 1~~

(k) ~~(m)~~ As follow-up to the Conference on Transport and the Environment: Development and implementation of programmes to establish attractive networks taking into account such aspects as intermodality, interoperability and environmentally sound vehicles².

² In addition to the above item, the Working Party wishes to be associated with activities on transport and environment concerning, in particular, development of methodologies for setting up databases, implementation of scientific programmes, assistance to countries in transition, development of environmental guidelines, external costs, analysis of questions related to the protection of sensitive areas (see also items I (c), (d), (g), (h); III (e); IV (c), (f) in the Programme of Joint Action.