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Activities of interest to the Working Party:**Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
bodies and other United Nations organizations****Implementation of ITC Strategy 2030 – tasks relevant to the
Working Party on Road Transport****Submitted by the Secretariat**

On 3 May 2022, the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) Chair and the Director of the Sustainable Transport Division wrote to the Chairs of every ITC working party advising of, and seeking input on, several matters including the implementation of the ITC Strategy as relevant for each working party. Updates to the implementation status of the ITC Strategy by providing necessary additions and changes to the status column in ECE/TRANS/2022/3 were requested by 21 October 2022. Accordingly, the Secretary has prepared this document with suggested additions, changes and/or deletions related to SC.1's activities for 2022. SC.1 is invited to review, and approve or make changes as necessary.

Suggested additions, changes and/or deletions related to SC.1's activities described in ECE/TRANS/2022/3 for 2022

1. For task 5.1 "Service and administer legal instruments" in the table contained in ECE/TRANS/2022/3, the secretariat suggests that SC.1 considers a review of the legal instruments under its purview by requesting the secretariat to prepare a presentation or document to facilitate discussion at the next session. If SC.1 agrees, the secretariat proposes the inclusion of the following text for task 5.1: "At its 117th session, SC.1 agreed to begin a review of the eleven legal instruments which it administers at its next session, and requested the secretariat to prepare a presentation or document to facilitate a discussion."
2. For task 5.3 "Amend the legal instruments with geographical and procedural barriers (by 2025)", the text currently reads, "At its 116th session, SC.1 expressed support for, and encouraged, a contracting party to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) to formally submit an amendment proposal to amend article 14 in order to open up the agreement globally. SC.1 has commenced discussions to consider whether it would be appropriate to open the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) to accession by non-ECE member States. To facilitate further discussion at SC.1's 117th session, the secretariat will invite representatives of other UN regional commissions to provide information on their equivalent regional agreements."
3. The secretariat recommends adding the following text on AETR: "An amendment proposal has yet to be submitted. SC.1 and its Group of Experts on AETR will continue to raise this matter at their sessions until a contracting party steps forward to submit such."
4. The secretariat recommends updating the text on AGR as follows: "To facilitate further discussion ~~at SC.1's 117th session~~, the secretariat ~~will~~ invited representatives of other UN regional commissions to provide information on their equivalent regional agreements at SC.1's 117th session."
5. For task 5.4 "Review relationship of the existing legal instruments and make recommendations (by 2022)", "An internal task force was established to review legal instruments in the context of this task. The task force identified a number of opportunities, issues or risks in relation to specific conventions as follows: ... - Infrastructure Agreements – opportunity: set up implementation monitoring mechanism if not yet existing", the secretariat suggests that SC.1 considers the preparation of a survey to be sent to contracting parties to the AGR to enquire about the status of implementation on their territories. The secretariat could assist in preparing a draft survey for SC.1's consideration and adaptation at the next session. If SC.1 agrees, the secretariat proposes the inclusion of the following text: "At its 117th session, SC.1 requested the secretariat to prepare a draft survey to be sent to contracting parties to the AGR to enquire about the status of implementation on their territories."

6. For task 5.14 “Promote the accession to and operationalization of the e-CMR (from 2019)”, the text currently reads, “SC.1, at its 114th session (October 2019), formed an informal group of experts on e-CMR to prepare a paper, with the support of the secretariat, detailing the research and other actions needed and/or recommended for the operationalization of e-CMR to be tabled at a future ITC session. The paper was completed and submitted at the 116th session of SC.1. SC.1 noted the information and conclusions of the paper, and has submitted it to ITC at its 84th session. SC.1 also decided to establish a formal group of experts on the operationalization of the eCMR procedure for two years (2022 and 2023) to discuss and if possible agree on the requirements of article 5 of the eCMR Additional Protocol, and is requesting ITC and EXCOM approval for the establishment of such a group of experts.” The secretariat recommends updating the text as follows: “...the requirements of article 5 of the eCMR Additional Protocol.; Following ~~and is requesting~~ ITC and EXCOM approval for the establishment of such a group of experts, GE.22 was established and had three meetings in 2022. A programme of work was developed and adopted by the group with priority of discussions should be given to the provisions of article 5 followed by discussions on the draft high-level architecture including the main stakeholders and scope/objectives of a future eCMR environment.”
