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## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS\*

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Dates	Title	Comments
31 Jan.(pm)-4	<b>Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Juan Ramos Garcia <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1998 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org">juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org</a>	The 57th session of GRRF is scheduled to consider a range of items proposed to improve regulatory provisions concerning vehicle braking, handling and stability, steering, and tyres. A report on the work of a special working group on worldwide harmonization on motorcycle braking requirements is to be considered. The proposals, listed in the agenda, refer to all categories of vehicles, including also motorcycles, agricultural tractors and electric vehicles. Web site: select GRRF in <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm">http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm</a>
31Jan.-4	<b>Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), 109<sup>th</sup> session</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Poul Hansen <i>Phone:</i> +42 (0) 22 917 32 58 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:poul.hansen@unece.org">poul.hansen@unece.org</a>	The Working Party will review the status of the 14 United Nations Conventions in the field of border crossing facilitation, which are administered by the Working Party. In particular, the Working Party will consider the status of the Conventions on Temporary Importation of Private and Commercial Road Vehicles, the International Harmonization Convention and the progress in the current revision of the TIR Convention as well as a large number of issues relating to the application of the TIR Customs transit procedure. The agenda of the meeting is contained in document <a href="#">TRANS/WP.30/217</a> together with the attendance form. <i>Web site:</i> <a href="http://border.unece.org">http://border.unece.org</a>
3-4	<b>Thirty-eighth session of the TIR Administrative Committee</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Poul Hansen <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 32 58 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:poul.hansen@unece.org">poul.hansen@unece.org</a>	The TIR Administrative Committee, the highest administrative organ representing all 65 Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention is convened at least twice a year and is serviced by the ECE secretariat. At its spring session, the Committee will review the activities of its executive organ, the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB), provide guidance for all work to be undertaken under the present Phase III of the TIR revision process and adopt amendment proposals and comments to the text of the TIR Convention, 1975. The agenda of the meeting is contained in document <a href="#">TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/76</a> together with the attendance form. <i>Web site:</i> <a href="http://border.unece.org">http://border.unece.org</a>
1-4	<b>Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Jeremy Wates <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2384 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:jeremy.wates@unece.org">jeremy.wates@unece.org</a>	The Working Group will discuss preparations to the second ordinary meeting of the Parties to be held on 25-27 May 2005 in Almaty (Kazakhstan). This includes both practical aspects and negotiations on various substantive issues, e.g. genetically modified organisms, public participation in international forums, access to justice, electronic information tools. Web site: <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/pp/wgp.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/pp/wgp.htm</a>

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<b>1-4</b> <b>Almeria,</b> <b>Spain</b>	<b>18th Task Force meeting of ICP Vegetation</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:matti.johansson@unece.org">matti.johansson@unece.org</a>	The meeting reviews the effects of air pollution on natural vegetation and crops, with particular emphasis on biomonitoring, ozone fluxes and critical levels, trends of heavy metal deposition and nitrogen in mosses. This International Cooperative Programme (ICP) operates under the Working Group on Effects of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. Web site: <a href="http://icpvegetation.ceh.ac.uk/">http://icpvegetation.ceh.ac.uk/</a>
<b>3</b> <b>(3 p.m.)</b>	<b>Briefing by Executive Secretary to Missions</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Susan Bartolo <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 14 69 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:susan.bartolo@unece.org">susan.bartolo@unece.org</a>	Room XI.
<b>9</b>	<b>Meeting on Regulatory Framework for Internet-Based Enterprise in the UNECE Region</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Sead Vilogorac <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 24 62 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:sead.vilogorac@unece.org">sead.vilogorac@unece.org</a>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Round Table on Corporate Governance</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Sead Vilogorac <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 24 62 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:sead.vilogorac@unece.org">sead.vilogorac@unece.org</a>	Web site: <a href="http://www.unece.org/ie/wp8/documents/documents06.htm">http://www.unece.org/ie/wp8/documents/documents06.htm</a>
<b>10</b>	<b>UNECE Forum on Entrepreneurship</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Sead Vilogorac <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 24 62 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:sead.vilogorac@unece.org">sead.vilogorac@unece.org</a>	Room VII. The Forum will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital formation for entrepreneurship</li> <li>• Cultural awareness and preparation through education</li> <li>• Role of innovation in entrepreneurship</li> <li>• Legal and regulatory structure</li> </ul> Web site: <a href="http://www.unece.org/ie/wp8/documents/documents06.htm">http://www.unece.org/ie/wp8/documents/documents06.htm</a>
<b>10-11</b>	<b>Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Iouri Adjoubei <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 24 88 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:iouri.adjoubei@unece.org">iouri.adjoubei@unece.org</a>	Web site: <a href="http://www.unece.org/ie/wp8/main.html">http://www.unece.org/ie/wp8/main.html</a>
<b>10-11</b>	<b>Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Lidia Bratanova <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 17 72 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:lidia.bratanova@unece.org">lidia.bratanova@unece.org</a>	
<b>14-15</b> <b>Henley-on-Thames,</b> <b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Joint UNECE/OECD Work Session on Statistical Dissemination and Communication</b> <i>Focal points:</i> Tiina Luige, Juraj Riecan <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1097 and 3328 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:tiina.luige@unece.org">tiina.luige@unece.org</a> <a href="mailto:juraj.riecan@unece.org">juraj.riecan@unece.org</a>	The objective of the meeting is to exchange experience in statistical dissemination and communication and to collect and publish best practices, guidelines and recommendations on this topic. The study programme of the meeting will focus on strategic and management issues of statistical dissemination and communication: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Reputation management for target audiences;</li> <li>(ii) Sketching out the future of statistical publications;</li> <li>(iii) How to train and educate statisticians to tell the story behind the numbers.</li> </ol> Web site: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.02.dissemination.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.02.dissemination.htm</a>

14 & 18	<b>Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Helmut Lehmacher <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2434 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:helmut.lehmacher@unece.org">helmut.lehmacher@unece.org</a>	
15-17	<b>INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Helmut Lehmacher <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2434 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:helmut.lehmacher@unece.org">helmut.lehmacher@unece.org</a>	<p>At its 67th session, the Inland Transport Committee will consider the results of the discussions held in its subsidiary bodies dealing with a wide range of infrastructure, regulatory, economic and technical questions concerning road, rail, inland water and combined transport. In this connection, the Committee will also address items related to international legal instruments, as well as to the analytical reports established by its subsidiary bodies. The web site for ITC documents is:  <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans">http://www.unece.org/trans</a></p>
16-18	<b>Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Jeremy Wates <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2384 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:jeremy.wates@unece.org">jeremy.wates@unece.org</a>	<p>At its seventh meeting the Committee is expected to focus on preparation of its report to the second meeting of the Parties and to finalize its decisions with regard to communications and submission discussed earlier. Web site: <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/pp/compliance.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/pp/compliance.htm</a></p>
17 (11 am-4 pm)	<b>Third Meeting of the Gas Centre Task Force on Company and Market Structure</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Tans van Kleef <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2443 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:tans.van-kleef@unece.org">tans.van-kleef@unece.org</a>	
21	<b>Spring Seminar on “Financing for Development in the UNECE Region: Promoting Growth in Low-income Transition Economies”</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Abdur Chowdhury <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 20 84 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:info.ead@unece.org">info.ead@unece.org</a>	<p>Room XX.  The eighth Spring Seminar will focus on financing for development in the UNECE region. It will be organized in four sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening session</li> <li>• Strategies for development and growth</li> <li>• Economic integration and trade</li> <li>• Financial management and sustainable growth in resource-rich economies</li> </ul> <p>Web site:  <a href="http://www.unece.org/ead/2005provsem_new.htm">http://www.unece.org/ead/2005provsem_new.htm</a></p>
22-25	<b>ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, Sixtieth session</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Susan Bartolo <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 14 69 <i>E-mail:</i> <a href="mailto:susan.bartolo@unece.org">susan.bartolo@unece.org</a>	<p>Room XX.  During its High-level Policy Segment, the Commission will first review the economic developments in the UNECE region. The main topics taken up thereafter will be “Financing for development: Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development in the UNECE Region” and “Sustainable development in the UNECE region”.</p> <p>The General Segment of the Commission will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNECE’s cooperation with OSCE</li> <li>• UNECE Reform – Part A: Comprehensive report on the state of the UNECE, Part B: Towards an E-strategy for the UNECE</li> <li>• Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007</li> <li>• Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration</li> <li>• Major policy issues of the UNECE and their impact on the UNECE programme of work</li> <li>• The work of the UNECE – achievements and constraints</li> <li>• Technical cooperation activities</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of the Bureau and of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work</li> </ul> Web site: <a href="http://www.unece.org/commission/2005/60th_index.htm">http://www.unece.org/commission/2005/60th_index.htm</a>
22 (6 p.m.)	<b>Gunnar Myrdal Lecture on “Global Governance: Lessons from Europe”</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Abdur Chowdhury Tel: +41 (0) 22 917 20 84 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info.ead@unece.org">info.ead@unece.org</a>	Room XX This year’s Gunnar Myrdal Lecture will be delivered by Pascal Lamy, former EU Trade Commissioner.
22 (pm) -24	<b>Working Party on Noise</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Romain Hubert Phone: +41 (0) 22 917 24 02 E-mail: <a href="mailto:romain.hubert@unece.org">romain.hubert@unece.org</a>	As subsidiary body to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), GRB will focus, during the 41st session, its consideration on a range of amendments to UNECE Regulations Nos. 41, 51 and 59 annexed to the 1958 Agreement and related to the sound emissions of motor vehicles and their silencing systems. Web site: select GRB on <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm">http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm</a>
25	<b>Extended Bureau Meeting of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development</b> <i>Focal point:</i> Virginia Cram-Martos Phone: +41 (0) 22 917 2745 E-mail: <a href="mailto:virginia.cram-martos@unece.org">virginia.cram-martos@unece.org</a>	This meeting will finalize the preparations for the May 2005 session of the Committee, including reviewing and providing its advice to the Committee on any changes to the programme of work for 2005, as well as on any other decisions that the Committee will need to make. This meeting is open to any mission or head of delegation; however, we would appreciate being informed so that participants can be sent the relevant documentation in advance.

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