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Dates	Title	Comments
7	Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2) <i>Focal point:</i> Juan Ramos García Tel: +41 (0) 22 917 19 98 E-mail: juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org	The 87th meeting of WP.29/AC.2 is scheduled to consider the programme of work of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its six subsidiary bodies and give its advice concerning work to be undertaken.
8-11	World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) <i>Focal point:</i> Juan Ramos García Tel: +41 (0) 22 917 19 98 E-mail: juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org	Under the 1958 Agreement, the agenda of the 135 th session lists 219 amendments to ECE Regulations, proposals for 2 new ECE Regulations and 1 draft proposal for the amendment of the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of vehicles. The global harmonization should continue to be considered in the framework of the 1998 Global Agreement for the 15 priorities as well as for the inclusion in the Compendium of Candidates for global technical regulations of three national United States of America regulations. In addition the Executive Committee will consider a draft Special Resolution concerning harmonized definitions of categories of vehicles, their masses and dimensions. Besides, WP.29 will receive reports of its six subsidiary bodies and consider their programme of work. Documents could be consulted in: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm
7-8 Paris	Joint ECMT/UNECE Working Party/Group on Intermodal Transport and Logistics <i>Focal point:</i> Martin M. Magold Phone +41 (0) 22 917 2453 E-mail: martin.magold@unece.org	The Working Party will review its first year of work in the framework of the newly created joint ECMT/UNECE Working Party/Group that had allowed streamlining cooperative procedures between the two organizations. Issues to be considered at the session, hosted by ECMT in Paris, include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amendments to the AGTC Agreement, extending the combined road/rail transport network to Central Asia and the Caucasus countries;- Monitoring of compliance by Contracting Parties with AGTC infrastructure and services standards;- Adoption of "Model" action plans and framework agreements setting examples of good practices and benchmarks for efficient intermodal transport operations;- Adoption of an opinion on ISO proposals to standardize 45 ft long maritime containers that are not compatible with most European road transport legislation. Agenda and documentation are available at: http://www.unece.org/trans/wp24/

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<p>7-11 Berne</p>	<p>Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the UNECE Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods <i>Focal point:</i> Olivier Kervella <i>Tel:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2456 <i>E-mail:</i> olivier.kervella@unece.org</p>	<p>Web site: http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm</p>
<p>8-11</p>	<p>Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables <i>Focal point:</i> Tom Heilandt <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2450 <i>E-mail:</i> tom.heilandt@unece.org</p>	<p>Web site: http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/meetings/ge.01/a2005_51.htm</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Energy Reserves and Resources Data Improvement <i>Focal point:</i> Charlotte Griffiths <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1988 <i>E-mail:</i> charlotte.griffiths@unece.org</p>	<p>This is a closed, informal meeting of experts from key international organisations. The principle objective for this event is to bring together a number of experts, primarily on oil and gas reserves, in order to collect their suggestions and ideas on the issue of reserves data transparency. The ultimate target of this initiative is both to create a universally recognised reporting system and to establish a procedure of compiling primary data on corporate and national reserves. A solid contribution in this regard is represented by UNECE's effort to implement one common code for the owners of information. The starting point will be the UN Framework Classification for Energy and Mineral Resources (UNFC).</p>
<p>14-16 (am)</p>	<p>Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), 46th session <i>Focal points:</i> Marie-Noëlle Poirier <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3259 <i>E-mail:</i> marie-noelle.poirier@unece.org and Christopher Smith <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3298 <i>E-mail:</i> christopher.smith@unece.org</p>	<p>The meeting will continue its work on the development of recommendations regarding, <i>inter alia</i>, driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and medication, increasing seatbelt usage, pedestrian rules and signs, and variable message signs. It will review the first results of its evaluation of the Fourth Road Safety Week in the UNECE Region held in 2004, review its draft terms of reference and rules of procedure, and discuss the follow-up to General Assembly Resolutions on road safety. Representatives of the other regional commissions with responsibility for road safety issues are expected to attend the session. Web site: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwpl.html Provisional agenda TRANS/WP.1/97</p>
<p>16 (pm)-17</p>	<p>Second UN Road Safety Collaboration Meeting in cooperation with the World Health Organization <i>Focal points:</i> Marie-Noëlle Poirier <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3259 <i>E-mail:</i> marie-noelle.poirier@unece.org and Christopher Smith <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3298 <i>E-mail:</i> christopher.smith@unece.org</p>	<p>The meeting will further refine the objectives of UN Road Safety Collaboration and discuss the various products which partners are contributing, such as best practice road safety guides, the global road safety legislation database, etc. The meeting will also discuss the process of developing the report of the Secretary-General to the 60th session of the General Assembly on the implementation of Resolution 58/289 on improving global road safety.</p>

<p>14-18 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p>	<p>6th UN/CEFACT Forum <i>Focal point:</i> Jean Kubler Tel: +41 (0) 22 917 2774 E-mail: jean.kubler@unece.org</p>	<p>UN/CEFACT will hold its 6th Forum. The Forum gathers the various public and private sectors, such as Trade, Finance, Health, Customs and others, to promote the development of trade facilitation instruments, and electronic business and governmental processes, as well as to encourage the exchange of ideas among participants. The Forum allows all UN/CEFACT working groups and business sectors to meet concurrently for five days at the same location-twice each year. For additional information: http://www.disa.org/uncefactmeeting.cfm</p>
<p>16-18 Berlin</p>	<p>Task Force on Heavy Metals, under the Air Pollution Convention <i>Focal point:</i> Brinda Wachs Phone: +41 (0) 22 917 2452 E-mail: brinda.wachs@unece.org</p>	<p>This is the first meeting of the Task Force, which is charged with the review of the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals, under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. The Task Force is expected to consider the revision of certain emission limit values for the metals covered by the Convention, namely cadmium, lead and mercury. It will also begin its review of the sufficiency and effectiveness of the Protocol, and consider the need for the Protocol to include additional metals, products or product groups. The Task Force will report its results to the Convention's Working Group on Strategies and Review in September 2005. Web site: www.unece.org/env/lrtap/</p>
<p>17 (pm)-18 Vilnius</p>	<p>UNECE High-level Meeting of Environment and Education Ministries <i>Focal point:</i> Ella Behlyarova Phone: +41 (0) 22 917 2376 E-mail: ella.behlyarova@unece.org</p>	<p>It is expected that the meeting will adopt the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development and decide on the framework for its implementation. This regional initiative will also contribute to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2015), proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session (December 2002). In coordination with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Meeting will launch the Decade in the UNECE region. Web site: http://www.unece.org/env/esd/HLmeetMarch2005.htm</p>
<p>17-18 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p>	<p>UNECE-UNESCAP Capacity Building Workshop on Trade Facilitation Implementation for Asia and the Pacific Region <i>Focal Point:</i> Maria Misovicova Phone: +41 (0) 22 917 2793 E-mail: maria.misovicova@unece.org</p>	<p>The objectives of the Workshop are to: (a) assist countries of the Asian and Pacific region to better understand the current challenges and opportunities of trade facilitation from a regional and global perspective; and (b) explain existing and emerging trade facilitation standards and other instruments.</p> <p>The Workshop will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade facilitation negotiations in the WTO, with the focus on GATT Articles V, VIII and X • Regional initiatives in trade facilitation • Integrated information flows for document and paperless trade • Harmonization and simplification of trade documents and processes • E-business standards and codes • The Single Window facilities for trade information and documents. <p>The event is to be held under the auspices of the 6th Forum of UN/CEFACT, taking place from 14-18 March 2005. More information: http://www.unece.org/trade/workshop/malaysia_0305/wks_hop_h.htm</p>

21-23	Joint ECE/Eurostat Seminar on International Migration Statistics <i>Focal point:</i> Enrico Bisogno <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1662 <i>E-mail:</i> enrico.bisogno@unece.org	Countries across Europe and North America use different approaches in defining migrants. This meeting aims at identifying the different approaches to define stock of immigrants and possible solutions towards more comparable definitions. The outcome of this Seminar will contribute to the finalization of the UNECE Recommendations for the 2010 round of population censuses. Web site: http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.03.migration.htm
22-24	Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics, 27th meeting <i>Focal point:</i> Christopher Prins <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2874 <i>E-mail:</i> christopher.prins@unece.org	The Working Party will review the Branch's work on markets and statistics, forest resources and outlook studies. Delegates will also exchange information on wood energy data and collection methods and issues. Documents and registration information for the meeting can be found at: http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/docs/stats-sessions/stats-27/stats-27.htm

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