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Geneva, 5 February 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated Provisional Agenda for the twelfth session* ****

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday,
5 February 2020, Room VII.

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Status of the Convention.
4. Proposals for amendments of the Convention.
5. Other business:
 - (a) Date of next session;
 - (b) Restriction on the distribution of documents.
6. Adoption of the report.

* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no official documentation available in the meeting room. Before the meeting, missing documents may be obtained directly from the ECE Sustainable Transport Division (email: wp.30@un.org). Documents may also be downloaded from the ECE Border Crossing Facilitation website www.unece.org/trans/bcf/welcome.html. During the meeting, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

Delegates are requested to register online at: uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=gA1MZq at the latest one week prior to the session. Prior to the session, delegates who do not hold a long-term access badge should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact by telephone the ECE secretariat (internal extension 75975). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm.

** The full text of the Harmonization Convention, 1982, as well as a complete list of contracting parties to the convention, is available on the ECE website: www.unece.org/trans/conventn/legalinst.html#customs.



II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Administrative Committee may wish to consider and adopt the agenda, as prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/23). The Committee will also be informed that, in accordance with Annex 7, Article 6 of the Convention, “a quorum consisting of not less than one third of the States which are contracting parties is required for the purposes of taking decisions.” For the time being, the number of contracting parties to the Convention is 58.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/23

2. Election of officers

In accordance with Annex 7, Article 5 of the Convention, the Committee should elect a Chair and a vice-Chair for every session.

In this context, the Committee may wish to note that the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), at its 153rd session (October 2019), invited Mr. O. Fedorov (Ukraine), Chair of the eleventh session of AC.3 to also consider acting as Chair at the twelfth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/306, paragraph 27).

3. Status of the Convention

The Committee will be informed about the status of the Convention.

Since the tenth session of the Committee in 2014, Turkmenistan acceded to the Convention in 2016, becoming the fifty-eighth contracting party to the Convention.

More detailed information on the status of the Convention as well as on various depositary notifications is available on the ECE website.¹

4. Proposals for amendments of the Convention

The Committee will be informed about proposals to amend the Convention.

The Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), at its 151st session (February 2019), requested the secretariat to prepare an amendment proposal to Annex 8, Article 7 on the frequency of the reporting mechanism which would be extended from two to five years.

At its 153rd session, WP.30 was informed that the Administrative Committee for the Harmonization Convention (AC.3), at its eleventh session (June 2019), had tentatively adopted a proposal to amend Annex 8, Article 7, extending the frequency of the reporting mechanism from two to five years, pending confirmation by a decision of the Council of the European Union. The delegation of the European Union reported that the formal adoption process was well under way and that the secretariat could arrange for AC.3 to meet. Thus, the Working Party mandated the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements to convene the twelfth session of AC.3, including the preparation of pre-, in- and post-session documents in conjunction with the 154th session of the Working Party, to be held on Wednesday 5 February 2020 from 5 to 6 p.m., with the formal adoption of the proposal as only agenda item (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/306, paragraph 27).

The Committee is invited to formally adopt the proposal to amend Annex 8, Article 7, extending the frequency of the reporting mechanism from two to five years, contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/2020/1, in English, French, Russian and Spanish.

¹ www.unece.org/trans/conventn/legalinst.html#customs

The Committee is invited to raise, under this agenda item, any further proposals to amend the Convention.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/2020/1

5. Other business

(a) Date of next session

In accordance with Annex 7, Article 4, sub paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of the Convention, the Administrative Committee may wish to decide on the date for its next session.

(b) Restriction on the distribution of documents

The Administrative Committee may wish to decide whether there should be any restrictions on the distribution of documents issued in connection with this session.

6. Adoption of the report

In accordance with Annex 7, Article 8 of the Convention, the Administrative Committee will adopt the report of its twelfth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the ECE secretariat. Given the present resource restrictions in translation facilities, parts of the final report may not be available at the end of this meeting (organized in conjunction with a WP.30 session) for adoption in all working languages.
