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Ad hoc Meeting on the Implementation of
the AGR
(Eighteenth session, 10-11 June 2002)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE AD HOC
MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON
MAIN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC ARTERIES (AGR) ^{*/}**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 10 June 2002

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/35.

The first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. Election of Chairperson

The Ad hoc Meeting will elect a Chairperson for its eighteenth session.

3. Status of accession to the AGR and prior amendments

Documentation: TRANS/SC.1/2002/3.

The Ad hoc Meeting will be informed about the number of countries which are Contracting Parties to the AGR.

The Ad hoc Meeting will also be informed about the status of the amendments to the AGR adopted by SC.1 at its 95th session (October 2001).

The Ad hoc Meeting will have before it an updated consolidated text of the AGR (TRANS/SC.1/2002/3) and the 2002 edition of the AGR map.

4. Relevant decisions of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) and the Inland Transport Committee (ITC)

Documentation: TRANS/SC.1/369 ; TRANS/SC.1/367 ; ECE/TRANS/16/Amend.8 ; ECE/TRANS/139.

The Ad hoc Meeting is informed below about the relevant decisions of the 95th session of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) (October 2001) (TRANS/SC.1/369) and of the 64th session of the Inland Transport Committee (18-21 February 2002) (ECE/TRANS/139).

At its 95th session, the Working Party noted that amendments to Annex I of the AGR adopted by the Working Party at its ninety-second (19-21 October 1998) and ninety-third sessions (19-21 October 1999) had entered into force on 27 April 2000 and 20 October 2000 respectively and were reflected in document ECE/TRANS/16/Amend.8.

The Working Party was informed that amendments adopted by SC.1 at its ninety-fourth session (14-16 November 2000) (Annex 1, TRANS/SC.1/367) had been transmitted to Contracting Parties by depositary notification C.N.30.2001.TREATIES.1 dated 23 January 2001 and were considered accepted on 23 July 2001 after the statutory 6-month period allowed for communicating objections. The amendments entered into force on 4 December 2001, three months after the notification of acceptance by depositary notification C.N.839.2001.TREATIES dated 4 September 2001.

The Working Party considered and adopted a proposal to amend Annex I of the AGR from the Russian Federation (Annex I, TRANS/SC.1/369).

The Working Party also considered a proposal from Hungary, submitted during the session, for a new E road between Letenye and Tornyiszentmiklos and decided to consider it in greater detail at the next AGR Ad Hoc meeting. It also requested the approval of Slovenia to the Hungarian proposal since that country was also concerned.

The delegation of Turkey raised the problem of the correspondence between the ECE and ESCAP road networks. The secretariat informed the Working Party that a meeting of Directors of the United Nations regional commissions would be held in Bangkok in January 2002 and that this would be one of the issues discussed. Any relevant results of that meeting would be brought to the attention of the members of UN/ECE.

The Working Party took note of informal document No. 4 which contained extracts of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels. It was recalled that the Inland Transport Committee had requested its competent subsidiary bodies (WP.1, SC.1, SC.2, WP.29 and WP.15) to make a preliminary examination of them and, if possible, to comment on their incorporation into existing instruments. The Working Party considered that some of the recommendations, in particular those concerning infrastructure and tunnel operation, should be incorporated into Annex II to the AGR.

The Working Party also took note of the Synthesis Report: Overview of Instruments relevant to Transport, Environment and Health and Recommendations for Further Steps (ECE/AC.21/2001/1) which recommended in paragraph 189 (e) "Further expanding and clarifying the provisions of annex II to the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR), 1975, with regard to environmental impact assessment concentrating on noise reduction measures". This report was approved by the High-level meeting on Transport, Environment and Health (Geneva, 4 May 2001).

Furthermore, the Working Party took note of informal document No.3 which contained the revisions to subchapters of the TEM Standards and Recommended Practice relating to motorway service facilities and bridges, adopted at a meeting held in Bratislava (Slovakia) on 20-22 June 2001.

Rather than consider just these two elements of the TEM Standards, the Project Manager of TEM informed the Working Party that the complete revised publication of TEM Standards would be issued by the end of 2001. He offered to make a summary of the Standards which might be incorporated into Annex II to the AGR (5-10 pages) available to the next Ad Hoc Meeting on the AGR.

The Working Party decided that it would be necessary to convene the eighteenth session of the Ad hoc Meeting on the Implementation of the AGR in 2002 to discuss possible amendments to Annex II of the AGR. It requested the ITC to approve the holding of that meeting.

At its sixty-fourth session (18-21 February 2002) the Inland Transport Committee approved the above-mentioned report of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) on its ninety-fifth session.

The Committee took note of the entry into force on 4 December 2001 of amendments to Annex I of AGR concerning E roads in Finland, Kazakhstan, Romania, the Russian Federation and Turkey and of the transmission of new amendments proposed by the Russian Federation and adopted by SC.1 at its ninety-fifth session by the Secretary-General on 28 November 2001 (C.N.1349.2001.TREATIES-3) in order to initiate formal notification procedures.

The Committee took note with satisfaction of the new map of the AGR network prepared by the secretariat and incorporating the latest amendments which had entered into force and welcomed the major improvements made to it in terms of readability.

The Committee supported the proposal by SC.1 (TRANS/SC.1/369, para.33) to convene an ad hoc meeting on the implementation of the AGR in order to prepare proposals for amendments to annex II of the AGR concerning parameters and standards for E roads. It requested that the recommendations of the Group of Experts on Safety in Road Tunnels to be incorporated in the Agreement should be identified at this meeting and that proposals formulated in the context of the Transport, Environment and Health process and the TEM Recommended Standards and Practice should also be taken into account.

5. Consideration of proposals for amendments to Annex I of the AGR

Documentation: TRANS/SC.1/2001/3 ; TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2002/1 ;
TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2002/2 ; TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2002/3 ; TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2000/11.

The Ad hoc Meeting may wish to consider proposals submitted by Kazakhstan (TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2002/1), Tajikistan (TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2002/2) as well as a document identifying possible missing links in the network (TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2002/3).

The proposal from Hungary for a new E road between Letenye and Tornyiszentmiklos will be made available as soon as it is received.

Denmark proposes that the reference town of Nyborg on the E 20 be replaced by Odense.

The Russian Federation has pointed out that the E 381 Kiev – Orel is already covered by parts of the E 105, E 101 and E 391. The Russian Federation therefore proposes that the E 381 be deleted from Annex I to the AGR.

Moldova proposes that the E-58 cross the territory of Moldova through Sculeni and not through Leucheni.

The attention of delegates is also drawn to proposals of a more general nature made by Romania at the ninety-fourth session of SC.1 (TRANS/SC.1/2000/11). At the time, the Working Party agreed to the need for greater cooperation between ECE and ESCAP on infrastructure networks. Differing views were expressed on the use of colours on AGR maps to distinguish roads of different categories or roads which fully met the requirements of the AGR, and on the proposal to include the names of additional reference points, for example at borders. It was recognised that the idea of using different colours might be a good starting point for studies on the degree of implementation of Annex II to the AGR. The Working Party decided that the discussion of these and other issues of a principal character could be continued at a future session.

Any other proposals submitted will be circulated as soon as they are received.

6. Consideration of proposals for amendments to Annex II to the AGR

Documentation: TRANS/AC.7/9 and Add 1; ECE/AC.21/2001/1; TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2002/4; TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2002/5.

The Ad hoc meeting will have before it the final recommendations of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels (TRANS/AC.7/9 and Add.1) which were formally approved by the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-fourth session. By its resolution No. 249 (Annex 1, ECE/TRANS/139), the ITC requested its relevant subsidiary bodies including SC.1 to examine the recommendations and decide to what extent and in what form they can be incorporated into existing legal instruments.

The Ad hoc Meeting is invited to consider the recommendations, particularly those relating to tunnel operations and infrastructure, and to make proposals to SC.1 regarding their incorporation into Annex II to the AGR. The Ad hoc Meeting may also wish to identify those recommendations which should be taken up by other ITC subsidiary bodies.

The Ad hoc Meeting will have before it the UNECE/WHO document “Synthesis Report: Overview of Instruments relevant to Transport, Environment and Health and Recommendations for Further Steps” (ECE/AC.21/2001/1). In line with the recommendation made in that report and the subsequent decisions by SC.1 and the ITC, the secretariat wrote to member States on 4 March 2002 asking them to provide relevant proposals regarding environmental impact assessment and noise reduction.

Responses received by the end of March 2002 are contained in TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2002/4. Any further responses received after that date will be made available as soon as they are received.

The proposal from the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project, based on the revised TEM Standards and Recommended Practice, Third Edition, March 2002, is contained in TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2002/5.

7. Other issues

The Ad hoc Meeting may discuss any other relevant issues under this item.

8. Report of the meeting

The report of the Ad hoc Meeting will be prepared by the secretariat after the session and will be submitted for consideration and adoption by the 96th session of SC.1 (7-10 October 2002).



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