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**ACRONYMS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES
OF THE INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

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THE PROBLEM

“... current acronyms are not harmonized and that may create confusion...”

THE EXISTING SITUATION

11 subsidiary bodies directly reporting to the ITC

Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1)
Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2)
Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3)
Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)
Working Party on Trends and Economics (WP.5)
Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6)
Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11)
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15)
Working Party on Combined Transport (WP.24)
World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicles Regulations (WP.29)
Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30)

Several bodies (17) reporting to the main 11 subsidiary bodies:

SC.3

Working Party on the Standardization of Technical Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation
(SC.3/WP.3)

WP.5

Group of Experts on Hinterland Connections of Seaports (WP.5/GE.1)

Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (WP.5/GE.2)

WP.6

E-Road Traffic Census (WP.6/AC.2)
Urban and Regional Transport Statistics (WP.6/AC.3)
E-Rail Traffic Census (WP.6/AC.4)
Volume of Road Traffic (WP.6/AC.5)
Bus Transportation (WP.6/AC.6)

WP.15

RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (WP.15/AC.1)
Joint Meeting of Experts on ADN (WP.15/AC.2)

WP.29

Working Party on Noise (WP.29/GRB)
Working Party on Lighting and Light-signalling (WP.29/GRE)
Working Party on Pollution and Energy (WP.29/GRPE)
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (WP.29/GRRF)
Working Party on General Safety Provisions (WP.29/GRSG)
Working Party on Passive Safety (WP.29/GRSP)
Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2)

Other bodies (11) serviced by the Transport Division which do not report to the ITC

Administrative Committee on the ADN

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling (ST/SG/AC.10)

Sub-Committee on TDG (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3)

Sub-Committee on GHS (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4)

Administrative Committee to the amended 1958 Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals granted on the Basis of these Prescriptions

Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspection

Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles

TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2)

Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (AC.3)

Administrative Committee Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers Used in International Transport (AC.4)

Steering Committee on the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (ECE/AC.21/SC-EUR/08)

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- To harmonize titles of bodies of the same level
- To simplify acronyms
- To keep the institutional memory and history
- To avoid further confusion with references

RENAME “MAIN SUBSIDIARY BODIES” AS “WORKING GROUPS”, RESPECTING THE HISTORICAL SEQUENCE

RENAME THE OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES AS “GROUP OF EXPERTS”

So, we will have:

- WG.1 - Working Group on Road Transport
- WG.2 - Working Group on Rail Transport
- WG.3 - Working Group on Inland Water Transport
- WG.4 - Working Group on Road Traffic Safety
- WG.5 - Working Group on Trends and Economics
- WG.6 - Working Group on Transport Statistics
- WG.7 - Working Group on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs
- WG.8 - Working Group on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
- WG.9 - Working Group on Combined Transport
- WG.10 - Working Group for Harmonization of Vehicles Regulations
- WG.11 - Working Group on Customs Questions affecting Transport

Or, alternatively:

- WG.1 - Working Group on Road Transport
- WG.2 - Working Group on Rail Transport
- WG.3 - Working Group on Inland Water Transport
- WG.4 - Working Group on Road Traffic Safety
- WG.5 - Working Group on Trends and Economics
- WG.6 - Working Group on Transport Statistics
- WG.7 - Working Group on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs
- WG.8 - Working Group on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
- WG.9 - Working Group on Combined Transport
- WG.10 - Working Group on Customs Questions affecting Transport
and
- WF.1 – World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicles Regulations

For the other subsidiary bodies reporting to the WG’s (and to the WF.1):

- WG.x/GE.y – Group of Experts on...
- WF.1/GE.z – Group of Experts on...

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