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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Transport Statistics

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##### Methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics

### Common questionnaire

#### Note by the Intersecretariat Working Group

##### I. Mandate

1. The Working Party, at its sixtieth session in June 2009, invited the Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG) to streamline the Common questionnaire (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/157, paragraph 25).
2. The Intersecretariat Working Group presents below proposals for amending the Common Questionnaire.

##### II. Road

3. For road infrastructure, the IWG proposed to delete questions on State roads/Communal roads/Provincial roads and to keep only the total of roads. The distinction between provincial and communal roads is not very useful, as it is difficult for some countries to do this break down.
4. The IWG proposed to have a separate entry for trolley buses, by separating in the chapter on road equipment, the existing entry “Motor coaches, buses and trolley buses”.
5. The IWG noticed that data on economic performance are collected only for goods road transport enterprises (GRTE) and not for passenger enterprises. The Working Party was invited to discuss the reason for this situation.

### **III. Rail**

6. Data on rail equipment was broken down by type of wagon ownership (principal railway enterprise wagons, privately owned wagons). As rail ownership has changed considerably in recent years, it was proposed to discontinue information on ownership.

### **IV. Inland waterways**

7. The IWG proposed to amend the existing breakdown for the age of vessels by replacing “1990 and over” with two entries: “1990–1999” and “2000 and over”.

### **V. All modes**

8. It was proposed that the break down of traffic by country of origin/destination should be deleted from the questionnaire, as this information is available for only a limited number of countries.

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