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Working Party on Road Transport

Group of Experts on European Agreement Concerning Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)

Second session
Geneva, 6 June 2012

Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the second session

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
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1 For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp1.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (roadtransport@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

2 All delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by e-mail (roadsafety@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates 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 the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 72401). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website (www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm).
(a) Memorandum of understanding between the UNECE and European Commission Services which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties;

(b) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, in particular Article 22bis, including the creation of a new institutional arrangement such as an administrative committee;

(c) Third party rights and obligations under the AETR Agreement;

(d) Other elements from the AETR Expert Group terms of reference.

4. Other business.

5. Date and place of next meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session’s agenda.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/3

2. Adoption of the Report

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the report of the last session.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2

3. Programme of Work

(a) Expert will be invited to discuss all matters related to the memorandum of understanding between the UNECE and European Commission Services which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties;

(b) Experts will be invited to consider Informal document No.1, prepared by the secretariat, which combines a proposal tabled by the Russian Federation at the first session of the AETR Expert Group and a “customized example” from page 25 of ECE/TRANS/2012/3;

(c) Experts will be invited to discuss Informal document No. 2, prepared by the International Road Transport Union, which provides templates for (i) third party rights and obligations under the AETR Agreement (ii) clarifications concerning the prevailing legal instrument applicable to road transport operations undertaken either partially or entirely within the EU by non-EU AETR transport companies.
Documentations
Informal documents Nos. 1 and 2

(d) Experts may wish to consider other issues noted in the Expert Group’s terms of reference.

4. Other business

The Expert Group may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The Expert Group will decide on the date and venue for its next meeting. The secretariat has already arranged a room in the Palais des Nations with English, French and Russian interpretation for 3 December 2012 (Monday). The Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) – the parent body of the AETR Expert Group – will meet on 22-24 October 2012 in Geneva.