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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-fourth session^{1,2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday,
24 September 2012

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- (a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations;
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- 8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals:
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/136

2. Adoption of the report of the sixty-third session

The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its sixty-third session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/135 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/135/Corr.1

3. Activities of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party will be informed about recent road safety related developments. National delegations and international organizations will be invited to provide up-to-date information about national or international road safety activities and initiatives. The national delegations are also encouraged to present short updates of recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation.

4. Decade of Action for Road Safety, 2011–2020

The Working Party will be informed about developments related to the United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/255 of 2 March 2010 which proclaimed the period 2011–2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety. Sweden will present Informal document No.1 on a Safe System Approach and possible implications for the WP.1 workplan. Other national delegations and international organizations will be invited to provide information about road safety initiatives related to the Decade of Action for Road Safety. The secretariat will present ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/7 which provides a concept note for discussion about the forthcoming UN Road Safety Week (6-12 May 2013).

Documentation

Informal document No. 1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/7

5. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations

WP.1 will continue to consider the amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic on lighting and light-signalling (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4) with a view to maintaining consistency between the Convention and Regulations developed by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations. In this context, WP.1 will consider the amendment proposal to Article 32 in Informal document No. 2.

WP.1 will also consider the amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic as far as the issues of a “driver being in control of vehicle” and the definition of “Driver Assistance System” (in particular Articles 8 and 13) are concerned. The informal group of experts will present ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/8—the document that addresses policy aspects of the proposed amendments.

(b) Other issues: Driving Permits and Distinguishing Signs

The Working Party will continue discussing apparent discrepancies between the 1968 Convention and EU “Driver licence directive”. A newly established informal expert group will present a document detailing options for removing the discrepancies (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/2).

The Working Party will be informed about communication between the secretariat and Cuba, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova and Serbia concerning the requirement for a Contracting Party to notify the Secretary-General about the distinguishing sign in use.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/8, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/2,
Informal document No. 2

6. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

(a) Amendment Proposals on Variable Message Signs

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made by an informal expert group on Variable Message Signs (VMS). This expert group focuses on drafting a proposal amending the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968) to include variable message signs. In this context, the secretariat will present ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/1/Rev.1, which

incorporates ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/1 proposals into the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals.

The informal VMS expert group will present the results of its work on pictograms and it will report on the progress in the area of VMS questionnaire.

The government delegations are encouraged to present and share national experiences of the variable message sign's designs and implementation.

(b) Implementation of the Convention

The Working Party will continue to be informed about road sign formats that may either not conforming with the 1968 Road Signs and Signals Convention or present a difficulty in proper interpretation. The secretariat will present ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/3 on road signs contained in a rectangular panel and propose that WP.1 consider establishing a new initiative to assess the overall implementation of this Convention.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/1/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/3

7. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic

(a) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI)

WP.1 will consider how to promote an MDCI mechanism with a view of enhancing road safety. To this end, at the last session Sweden presented Informal document No. 3 outlining proposals on the "way forward". WP.1, while endorsing the document, invited the Governments of Norway and Sweden (with participation of the United States of America) to elaborate a proposal for an MDCI framework (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/4).

(b) Amendment proposals on distractive driving

WP.1 will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/6, which was prepared by the Governments of France and Italy, requesting WP.1 to consider establishing an informal expert group to elaborate a proposal on the subject of distracted driving in view of amending Article 1.5 of the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (RE.1).

(c) Hiring buses for a school trip

WP.1 may wish to continue discussing the development of a best practices guide for individuals in charge of hiring buses for school trips.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/6

8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals

(a) Charging points for electric vehicles

WP.1 will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/5 prepared by the secretariat on the basis of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/2 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/10. The document, for approval will introduce new road signs/additional panels for charging points for electric vehicles to the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals.

(b) Secure parking areas

The Government of Belgium will table a revised amendment proposal concerning a secure parking area road sign (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/3/Rev.1). WP.1 will be invited to continue discussing the proposal.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/5, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/3/Rev.1

9. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings

The Working Party will be informed about the most recent developments on establishing the “Safety at level crossings” multidisciplinary group of experts (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/6).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/6

10. Other business

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

11. Date of next session

The sixty-fifth session is tentatively scheduled to take place from 18 to 20 March 2013 in Geneva. WP.1 will be invited to endorse this date.

WP.1 will discuss the proposal from Dr. R. Baluja of Institute of Road Traffic Education to hold a special session of WP.1 between March and September of 2013 in New Delhi, India. The secretariat will inform WP.1 that according to its Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure (Sessions, Rule 3), WP.1 may hold a session away from Geneva after the concurrence of the Inland Transport Committee has been obtained.

Documentation

TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1

12. Election of officers

The Working Party will be invited to elect its officers for the period March 2013 – September 2014. The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of WP.1 (Chapter V, Rule 12, TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1) stipulate that “every two years, WP.1 shall, at the end of the last session of the second year, elect from among the representatives of members of the UNECE a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who shall take office at the start of the first session of the year following their election. The officers shall be eligible for re-election.” The current WP.1 officers are Ms. L. Iorio from Italy (Chair), Mr. D. Mitroshin from Russia (Vice-Chair) and Mr. A. Majidon from Azerbaijan (Vice-Chair).

Documentation

TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1

13. Adoption of decisions

The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its sixty-fourth session.
