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Summary of decisions

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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS¹

1. The session of the Working Party was attended by the following countries and international organizations: Czech Republic; France; Germany; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Slovenia; Switzerland; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; European Commission (EC) (DG MOVE and Eurostat); International Transport Forum (ITF). Non-Governmental Organizations were also represented: International Road Federation (IRF), International Union of Railways (UIC), International Road Transport Union (IRU) and European Union Road Federation (ERF).

Agenda item 2

UNECE Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

2. The Working Party took note of the results of the seventy-fourth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) of interest to the Working Party.

Agenda item 3 (a)

Classification system for transport statistics of goods (NST 2007)

3. The Working Party adopted a draft of short designations at 2 digit level (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2012/1) with editorial amendments to the French version as in Informal document WP.6 No. 9 (2012)).

4. Delegates were invited to inform the Working Party of their experiences on the use of NST 2007 at the next session.

¹ Following the session, the UNECE secretariat, in cooperation with the Chairman, will establish the report of the session for formal transmission to the Inland Transport Committee in February 2013.

Agenda item 3 (b)
Glossary for Transport Statistics

5. The Working Party welcomed the publication online of the illustrated version of the 4th edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics in Russian. The coming WP.6 sessions will have a standing agenda item dealing with proposals for revisions of definitions and insertion of new definitions. Approved changes will be put on the website of WP.6.
6. The Working Party invited the IWG to work on the definitions of vehicle energy types on the basis of the informal proposal presented by DG MOVE.
7. The Working Party invited all member States to submit suggestions for improvements or/and additions to the Glossary.

Agenda item 3 (c)
Common questionnaire

8. The Working Party invited the IWG to consult with all national focal points in order to streamline the Common questionnaire.
9. The Working Party invited all member States to participate more actively in the data collection through the web Common Questionnaire.

Agenda item 3 (d)
Methodology on road traffic accident statistics

10. The Working Party invited the IWG to work on the correspondence between CARE and the UNECE/ITF questionnaire concerning the traffic units (see informal document Informal document WP.6 No. 9).
11. The Working Party decided to keep the issue of international comparability on its agenda.

Agenda item 3 (f)
Statistics on the transport of gas through pipelines

12. The Working Party decided to include the pilot questionnaire on the transport of gas through pipelines into the annual Eurostat/ITF/UNECE Common Questionnaire.

Agenda items 3 (g)
Pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance and
3 (h)
Statistics on passenger transport by buses and coaches

13. The Working Party decided to have a Task Force with the mandate to streamline the pilot questionnaires on road traffic performance and on passenger transport by buses and coaches. The results of this Task Force should be presented to the next session of the Working Party.

Agenda item 3 (i)
Intermodal transport statistics

14. The Working Party invited the secretariat to follow the work of the Eurostat's Task Force on intermodal transport statistics and to report on it at the next session of the Working Party.

Agenda item 3 (k)
Relation between energy statistics and transport statistics

15. The Working Party decided to delete this item from its agenda until to have more resources to work on it.

Agenda item 4

Statistical performance indicators in road safety census

16. The Working Party welcomed the presentations on road safety made by DG MOVE, IRTAD, ERF and the secretariat. As a follow-up, it was decided to do more towards the improvement of the availability and the timeliness of data, to follow the results of the work undertaken in CARE in particular for the elaboration of new definition for "seriously injured" and to invite two member States for the next session to explain all the process of data collection from happening of the accident till the dissemination of data.

17. The Working Party invited the secretariat to do all the possible for the participation –in its work- of more countries in particular those needing to strengthen their data collection on road safety.

Agenda item 5 (a)
2010 E-Road traffic census

18. The Working Party invited all UNECE member countries in Europe to transmit data on the 2010 E-road traffic census in compliance with ITC Resolution No. 259 and as soon as possible.

19. The Working Party decided to discuss the methodology of the 2015 E-road traffic census during its next session. Member States were invited to include competent experts in their delegations for this purpose.

Agenda item 5 (b)
2010 E-Rail traffic census

20. The Working Party invited all UNECE member countries in Europe to transmit data on the 2010 E-rail traffic census in compliance with ITC Resolution No. 260 and as soon as possible.

21. The Working Party decided to discuss the methodology of the 2015 E-rail traffic census during its next session. Member States were invited to include competent experts in their delegations for this purpose.

Agenda item 6
Collection and dissemination of statistics by UNECE

22. The Working Party adopted a proposal from the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG) aiming to split the short-RAS (short Road Accident Statistics

Questionnaire) into two parts: the existing one plus missing information from CARE in particular data related to alcohol (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2012/5).

23. The Working Party adopted a proposal from the ITF and UNECE to streamline the long-RAS (long Road Accident Statistics Questionnaire) as presented in document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2012/4.

24. The Working Party invited the IWG to prepare a proposal on the data collection of the main indicators on rail traffic injury accidents for the non EU member States.

Agenda item 7 Capacity-building activities

25. The Working Party welcomed the organization of capacity-building workshops on transport statistics in Baku (Azerbaijan, December 2011) and Almaty (Kazakhstan, April 2011) and invited the IWG to continue its assistance to further capacity-building activities in particular in EECCA² countries.

26. The Working Party welcomed the study on Transport Statistics as a Tool for Assessing Economic Development for the Central Asian Countries Economies and invited the secretariat to make a publication based on this study.

27. The Working Party welcomed the planned workshop on transport statistics in Ukraine on the use of the Web Common Questionnaire with the purpose of improving the response rate. The Working Party will be informed of the outcome at its next session in 2013.

Agenda item 8 Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG)

28. The Working Party took note of the IWG activities during the past year.

Agenda item 9 Statistical activities of international organizations of interest to the Working Party

29. The Working Party took note of information provided by the European Commission (DG MOVE and EUROSTAT), the International Transport Forum (ITF) and the UIC.

Agenda item 10 (a) Date of next session

30. The Working Party decided to hold its next session on 19–21 June 2013. The exact date would be communicated by the secretariat in due course.

² EECCA: countries of Eastern Europe, Central Asia and South Caucasus.

Agenda item 11
Election of officers

31. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure and established practice, the Working Party elected Ms. Olga Kastlova (Czech Republic) as Chair for its sessions in 2013–2014.

Agenda item 12
Report

32. The report of the Working Party will be prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the Chair and should be available in English by mid-June 2012.
