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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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

to be held at the College of Traffic Management, Faridabad (New Delhi), India starting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 December 2013

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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).

² All delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the (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).

6. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1):
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 - (b) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI).
7. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2):
 - (a) Secure Parking Areas;
 - (b) Automatic section speed control.
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9. Decade of Action for Road Safety:
 - (a) Programme of work and biennial evaluation 2014-2015;
 - (b) Revision of WP.1 terms of reference and rules of procedure;
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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.1/142

2. Europe – Asia Road Safety Forum

The Working Party, including government officials representing United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) member States will be invited to take an active role during the inaugural Europe-Asia Road Safety Forum. The provisional programme of this event is available in Informal document No. 1. The provisional programme of the WP.1 session is contained in Informal document No. 2.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1, Informal document No. 2

3. Activities of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party will share information about recent road safety related developments. National delegations, including those representing ESCAP member States and international organizations will have the opportunity to provide descriptions of national or international road safety activities and initiatives. The national delegations will also be encouraged to present short updates of recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation.

4. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

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

WP.1 will consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/9 prepared by Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Russian Federation and Sweden on the basis of Informal document No. 4 (September 2013). The document will propose amendments to Article 8 and Annex V of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic to facilitate the employment of driver assistance systems. The document may also introduce similar amendment proposals to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic and the 1971 European Supplement to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.

WP.1 will also continue considering amendment proposals that had been originally proposed in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4. To assist the discussion, the secretariat has prepared ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.3 which contains the original amendment proposals (with deletions identified in strikethrough and additions in bold) which are still to be discussed by WP.1 and the tentatively agreed (based on the discussions at previous sessions) “remainder” of the text. WP.1 will be invited to consider the remaining amendment proposals and adopt, if possible, the already discussed provisions.

(b) Driving Permits

The Working Party will consider a proposal on suitable solutions on the mutual recognition of driving permits prepared by the informal expert group consisting of representatives of France, Luxembourg, Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (Informal document No. 3). In addition, WP.1 may wish to discuss issues related to driving permit categories contained in Informal document No.7 (September 2013).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/9, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.3, Informal document No. 3, Informal document No.7 (September 2013),

5. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

(a) Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

The secretariat will provide an update on the status of the proposed new expert group on road signs and signals. The first session of this Expert Group is scheduled for 27 March 2014 in Geneva.

(b) Amendment Proposals on Variable Message Signs (VMS)

The Working Party will postpone (as agreed at the last session) its discussion of the proposal from the VMS informal Expert Group to amend the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals to include Variable Message Signs (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/1/Add.1). The government delegations from UNECE and UNESCAP member States will be encouraged to present and share national experiences on designing and implementing VMS.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/1/Add.1

6. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

(a) A Safe System Approach

At previous two sessions, WP.1 discussed ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/1 and Informal document No. 2 (September 2013) aimed respectively at promoting a safe system approach and at incorporating new sections about a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1 or ECE/TRANS/211). At this session, WP.1 will be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/211/Rev.1 which incorporates Sweden's amendment proposals into R.E.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/1, ECE/TRANS/211, ECE/TRANS/211/Rev.1

(b) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI)

WP.1 decided at the last session to invite Sweden to prepare ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.1 for the March 2014 session of WP.1. At this session, UNECE and UNESCAP member States will be encouraged to discuss various methods and techniques used to investigate road accidents.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6

7. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

(a) Secure Parking Areas

The Working Party will once again consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9 on a secure parking area road sign. At the last session, WP.1 decided to re-introduce this issue on the agenda of this session with a view to exploring new options and finding a mutually acceptable solution.

(b) Automatic section speed control

WP.1 requested the secretariat to include in the WP.1 agenda the issues related to the road signs warning road users of incoming road sections where average speed is measured and to prepare a document on the subject. The secretariat has conducted a survey of WP.1 members and the results are provided in Informal document No. 4.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9, Informal document No. 4

8. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings

The secretariat will provide an update on the status of the new expert group on improving safety at level crossings. The first session of this Expert Group is scheduled for 20 January 2014 in Geneva.

9. Decade of Action for Road Safety

(a) Programme of work and biennial evaluation 2014-2015

WP.1 will be invited to adopt documents ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/7/Rev.1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/8/Rev.1 which were extensively discussed and provisionally approved at the last session.

(b) Revision of WP.1 terms of reference and rules of procedure

At the last session, WP.1 requested the secretariat to begin preparing a revised version of its terms of reference and rules of procedure (TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1). Informal document No. 5 contains the first draft for consideration of WP.1. It is largely based on TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1 while incorporating relevant and suitable elements from ECE/EX/1, ECE/EX/2/Rev.1 and E/ECE/1468 (Annex III). WP.1 will be invited to provide comments on Informal document No. 5.

(c) WP.1 and Decade of Action for Road Safety

Upon the request of Sweden at the least WP.1 session, the Working Party agreed to discuss “its future role and activities in the context of the Decade of Action for Road Safety and the challenges of road safety evolution” (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/139, para. 32). WP.1 will be invited to share its ideas and/or proposals.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/7/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/8/Rev.1, TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1, Informal document No. 5, ECE/EX/1, ECE/EX/2/Rev.1 and E/ECE/1468 (Annex III), ECE/TRANS/WP.1/139

10. Other Business

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

11. Date of next session

The sixty-eight session of WP.1 will be held on 24 to 26 March 2014 in Geneva.

12. Adoption of decisions

The Working Party will adopt the report of its sixty-seventh session.