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Geneva, 27 October 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth session^{1,2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 27 October 2014

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
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- (a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis
 - (b) Amendment proposals of AETR, Article 14
 - (c) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”
 - (d) Exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards
- 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 (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/21).

2. Final report

At the end of the period for which it has been established, the Expert Group is to submit a report of its accomplishments to the parent body (SC.1). Given this, the secretariat has prepared Informal document No.1 which contains a draft final report for consideration.

3. Programme of work

(a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis

Experts will continue to discuss, with a view towards finalizing, the proposed changes to Article 22bis as well as Article 14 (to make regional economic integration organizations eligible to accede) based on the consolidated proposal in the annex of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/20.

The secretariat will provide an update on experts’ request (made at the last session) to seek legal opinion from the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs as to whether it is possible for a non-Contracting Party (i.e. a regional economic integration organization) to vote on behalf of its members (which are Contracting Parties).

(b) Amendment proposals of AETR, Article 14

The Group of Experts will be invited to continue its discussions on how to revise Article 14 which currently limits accession to the AETR only to UNECE member States. The secretariat has prepared ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/23 that contains various options of changing Article 14. The secretariat will remind the experts that only a Contracting Party may propose an amendment.

(c) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”

The Group of Experts will be invited to resume discussing the application of the Regulation given that the objective of amending the AETR Agreement in 2006 was to harmonize the two regimes for driving times and rest periods.

(d) Exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards

At the seventh session, experts agreed to support the tabling of an amendment proposal to introduce new Article 10bis (presented in the annex of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/20). In this session, the AETR Contracting Parties will be invited to update the Group of Experts on any progress in this regard.

4. Other business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The secretariat did not schedule any further meetings given that the Group's mandate expires in December 2014. The secretariat will provide an overview of various options available, should it prove necessary for the Group to continue its work beyond 2014 (Section 3, points (e) - (h), ECE/EX/2/Rev.1).
