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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 24 March 2014

I. Provisional agenda

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2. Adoption of the report of the sixty-seventh session.
3. Activities of interest to the Working Party.
4. Convention on Road Traffic (1968):

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- (a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations;
 - (b) Driving Permits.
5. European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic (1971).
6. Convention on Road Traffic (1949):
7. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968):
 - (a) Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals;
 - (b) Amendment Proposals on Variable Message Signs (VMS).
8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1):
 - (a) A Safe System Approach;
 - (b) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI);
 - (c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving.
9. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2):
 - (a) Secure Parking Areas;
 - (b) Automatic section speed control.
10. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossing
11. Decade of Action for Road Safety:
 - (a) Revision of WP.1 terms of reference and rules of procedure;
 - (b) WP.1 and Decade of Action for Road Safety.
12. Other Business.
13. Date of next session.
14. Adoption of the report of the sixty-eighth session.

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.1/144

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

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

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/143

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 have the opportunity to present national or international road safety activities and initiatives, including recent and coming changes to their traffic legislation.

4. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

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

At the sixty-seventh session, the informal group – comprising Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Russian Federation and Sweden – was invited to submit a new formal document on the issues of a “driver being in control of vehicle” (in particular, Articles 8 and 13 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic, the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and 1949 Convention on Road Traffic). At this session, WP.1 will consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/1 – submitted by Germany as well as Austria, Belgium, France and Italy – which proposes amendments to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.

WP.1 will also continue considering the amendment proposals originally proposed in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4. To assist discussions, 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. WP.1 will also consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/2 submitted by the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.3, and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/2

(b) Driving Permits

The Working Party will consider a proposal on suitable solutions for 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. 1). In addition, WP.1 may wish to discuss issues related to driving permit categories contained in Informal document No. 7 (September 2013).

The secretariat will provide an update on the responses received to date from Contracting Parties to the 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic regarding the communication on translating the text of international driving permits: Annex 10 of the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic and para. 4, Annex 7 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic. The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the possibility of revising these texts.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1, Informal document No. 7 (September 2013)

5. European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic (1971)

At the sixty-seventh session, the informal group comprising of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Russian Federation and Sweden was invited to submit a new formal document on the issues of a “driver being in control of vehicle” (in particular, Articles 8 and 13 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic, the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and 1949 Convention on Road Traffic). At this session, WP.1 will consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/3 – submitted by Germany as well as Austria, Belgium, France and Italy – which proposes amendments to the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/3

6. Convention on Road Traffic (1949)

At the sixty-seventh session, the informal group comprising of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Russian Federation and Sweden was invited to submit a new formal document on the issues of a “driver being in control of vehicle” (in particular, Articles 8 and 13 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic, the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and 1949 Convention on Road Traffic). At this session, WP.1 will consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/4 – submitted by Austria as well as Belgium, France and Italy – which proposes amendments to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/4

7. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

(a) Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

The secretariat will provide an update on the new Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals which is scheduled to meet for their first session on 27 March 2014.

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

As agreed at the sixty-sixth session, the Working Party will resume its discussion on the proposal from the VMS informal Expert Group to amend the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals to include VMS. To facilitate the discussion, the Chair requested the Government of Spain to prepare a document (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/5) that consolidates Informal document No. 5 (September 2013) and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/1/Add.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/5

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

(a) A Safe System Approach

WP.1 will be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6 which incorporates Sweden's amendment proposals to include a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6

(b) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI)

As requested at the sixty-sixth session, WP.1 will consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.1 submitted by Sweden, which now includes an additional chapter submitted by the Government of Finland. ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.1 aims to facilitate the amendment of R.E.1 to include MDCI.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.1

(c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving

At the recommendation of the Chair at the sixty-sixth session, WP.1 will resume its discussion on the topic of distracted driving. To facilitate the discussion, the Working Party will consider Informal document No. 2 to be submitted by France, Italy, the Russian Federation and the United States of America on national experiences, challenges, successful interventions and existing research on distracted driving.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

9. 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 sixty-seventh 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.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9

(b) Automatic section speed control

At the sixty-seventh session, the secretariat informed WP.1 about a draft survey on road signs that warns road users of upcoming road sections where the average speed is measured and requested feedback by mid-January 2014. The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the status of this initiative.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4 (December 2013)

10. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings

The secretariat will provide an update on the new Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings, including the outcome of its first meeting on 20 January 2014.

11. Decade of Action for Road Safety

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

At the sixty-sixth 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. 3 contains the first draft for consideration by 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. 3.

Documentation

Informal document No. 3, TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1, ECE/EX/1, ECE/EX/2/Rev.1 and E/ECE/1468 (Annex III)

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

As agreed at the sixty-seventh session, the Working Party will 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.1/139

12. Other Business

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

13. Date of next session

The sixty-ninth session of WP.1 will be held from 22 to 24 September 2014 in Geneva.

14. Adoption of the report of the sixty-eighth session

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