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#### Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs

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### J. Transport of perishable foodstuffs

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81. Mr. Telmo Nobre (Portugal), Chair of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) informed the Committee about the main achievements of WP.11 in 2013.

82. The Committee **noted** that proposed amendments to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) adopted at the sixty-eighth session of WP.11 in October 2012, introducing revisions to the ATP certificate of compliance (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/226, Annex I) would, barring an objection, be considered accepted in June 2014.

83. The Committee **noted** that following the entry into force of amendments dealing with the testing of new multi-compartment, multi-temperature equipment on 23 September 2013, the secretariat had issued a new consolidated text of ATP as a United Nations sales publication (ECE/TRANS/232).

84. The Committee also **noted** that at its sixty-ninth session (8–11 October 2013), WP.11 had adopted two new classes of heated ATP equipment to take account of conditions in countries where winter temperatures routinely fell below -20°C and where heating was required to keep cargoes of food at the correct temperature (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228, Annex I). The Committee **noted** that WP.11 had also adopted proposed amendments to the ATP and comments for inclusion in the ATP Handbook on acceptable minor interior changes to insulated equipment which did not require the equipment to undergo retesting (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228, Annex III).

85. The Committee **was informed** that WP.11 had modified its rules of procedure (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/222/Add.1) by requiring that proposals to amend ATP should, where relevant, include an assessment of the environmental impact of the proposal in addition to the cost, feasibility and enforceability implications (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228, Annex IV).

86. The Committee **noted** that to match the amendment procedure laid down in the ATP itself, decisions by WP.11 on draft amendments to the ATP were taken by unanimity; further **noted** that there was a need to ensure the proper evolution of the ATP; **invited** WP.11 to assess whether there was a need to reconsider its decision-making procedure; **urged** Contracting Parties to refrain wherever possible from objections to amendments that hindered the satisfactory development of the ATP; and **encouraged** WP.11 to consider the possibility of extending the scope of the Agreement, for example by adding an annex which could be applied by Contracting Parties on a voluntary basis.

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