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Summary of decisions

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1. The session of the Working Party was attended by the following countries and international organizations: Belgium; Czech Republic; Denmark; France; Germany; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Sweden; Switzerland; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Danube Commission; Eurasian Economic Commission; European Commission (EC) (DG Move and Eurostat); International Transport Forum (ITF).

Agenda item 2

UNECE Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

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

Agenda item 3 (a)

Glossary for Transport Statistics

3. The Working Party adopted draft definitions of energy types for road motor vehicles proposed in the document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2014/1 with minor modifications to be included in the fifth edition of the Glossary.

4. The Working Party invited the IWG to work on definitions for state roads, provincial roads and communal roads and describe what is expected to be included in each category. Member States are requested to provide information on the breakdown of road

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 2014.

networks in their respective countries. A small group (Chair: Sweden, members: Czech Republic, Norway, United Kingdom, Eurostat, ITF, UNECE) was established to exchange by emails on the definition of “2 + 1 Road”.

5. The Working Party invited all member States to submit suggestions for improvements or/and additions to the Glossary.

Agenda item 3 (b)

Classification system for transport statistics of goods (NST 2007)

6. The Working Party decided to establish a Task Force on classification with the following mandate: defining levels of aggregation and using more detail, maintenance of the classification NST2007, maintenance of the correspondence tables between HS/CN, NSTR, and classification of specific commodities.

7. The Task Force on classification will be held in Prague (Czech Republic) in the autumn 2014. Some countries already expressed their interest to participate in the Task Force. Invitations will be circulated by the secretariat. The participation is open to all member States and the international organizations.

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

Agenda item 3 (c)

Common questionnaire

9. The Working Party discussed in detail the documents proposed by the Task Force on streamlining the Common questionnaire held in The Hague (the Netherlands) on 6–7 March 2014.

10. All modes were reviewed with editorial changes, and under “Enterprises, economic performance and employment”, only parts on investment and maintenance remained (except for rail, where data on enterprises stayed). It was considered that data on employment are not transport statistics and are available from other sources.

11. The rail module was revised : deletion of steam locomotives, deletion of the entry on “hailed vehicles movements – seats-km and tonnes-km offered”. The section on “Goods transport- by consignment and by type of transport” (Tonnes) was revised to have the same entries as in the section on tonne-km.

12. The Working Party decided that the mixed train movements should be allocated to passenger or goods trains movements according to the method used in the country with the specification of the method used. Accompanied passenger cars were deleted and data on “Goods transport” should exclude empty privately owned wagons.

13. The Working Party decided to leave unchanged, for the time being, the breakdown of roads (State/Provincial/Communal).

14. For road vehicles, new breakdown was adopted taking into account the new definitions of vehicles by energy type to be included in the Glossary. Each category of propulsion technology (fuel type) was broken down by vehicle technology and by size of engine.

15. The Working Party adopted the split of “Goods road vehicles” into “Light goods road vehicles (LGV)” (lorries up to 3500 kg) and “lorries (excluding LGV)”. The breakdown for semi-trailers (by gross vehicle weight and by load capacity) was completely revised.

16. All amendments to the chapter on vehicles registered apply to the chapter on “New registrations of passenger road vehicles”.

17. For the chapter on “Transport measurement” for road, the second entry should be understood as “Goods transport by vehicles registered in the reporting country” and the title “National goods transport within the reporting country” was completed with “by vehicles registered in the reporting country”. The last section on “International trade by road” was deleted.

18. For gas pipeline transport, the Working Party recommended member States should use the calorific values of natural gas to convert cubic meters into joule and then into tonnes. These conversion factors exist in countries’ own energy balances.

19. The Working Party invited the secretariat to prepare a consolidated version of the streamlined Common questionnaire for its next session and to evaluate the impact of the streamlining exercise.

Agenda item 3 (d)

Road traffic accident statistics

20. The Working Party decided to follow the work on the definition of “seriously injured” within EU and cooperate with the aim to harmonize it on the UNECE level.

Agenda item 3 (e)

Pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance

21. The Working Party decided to wait for the methodology of the pilot questionnaire circulated by Eurostat and the related analysis and conclusions before the decision on the third table of the pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance .

Agenda item 3 (f)

Intermodal transport statistics

22. 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 4 (a)

2015 E-Road traffic census

23. The Working Party adopted an amendment to the Recommendations for the 2015 E-Road Traffic Census (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2013/4) submitted by the representative of Sweden in order to take into account the 2+1 road (see Annex to the report).

24. The Working Party invited all member States to participate actively in the 2015 E-Road census.

Agenda item 4 (b)

2015 E-Rail traffic census

25. The Working Party invited all member States to participate actively in the 2015 E-Rail census.

Agenda item 5
Dissemination of transport statistics by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

26. The Working Party took note of the status of the UNECE database on transport statistics and the status of the UNECE publications.

Agenda item 6
Capacity-building activities

27. The Working Party invited the IWG to continue its assistance to further capacity-building activities in particular in countries of Eastern Europe, Central Asia and South Caucasus.

Agenda item 7
Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG)

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

Agenda item 8
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 Danube Commission.

Agenda item 9
Election of officers

30. The Working Party elected Mrs Olga Kastlova as Chair for the next sessions in 2015-2016.

Agenda item 10
Date of next session

31. The Working Party decided to hold its next session on 17 – 19 June 2015. The exact date would be communicated by the secretariat in due course.

Agenda item 11
Report

32. The report of the Working Party will be prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the Chair.