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**Strategic questions of a modal and thematic nature:**

**Road transport**

## **Resolution of the Working Party on Road Transport on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the Inland Transport Committee\***

### **Note by the secretariat**

#### *Summary*

The Committee at its seventy-eighth session had invited its Working Parties to consider preparing resolutions for adoption on the occasion of the Committee's seventieth anniversary on topics that are important for their work and had expressed its wish that these Inland Transport Committee (ITC) resolutions would then be presented at the sixty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Europe in 2017 (ECE/TRANS/254, para. 149). In response to this invitation, the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) adopted this resolution (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/406, Annex III). The Committee is invited to **endorse** this Resolution and **present** it to the sixty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Europe in 2017.

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## **SC.1 Resolution to be submitted to the 2017 session of the Inland Transport Committee**

### **The UNECE Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1):**

**Commanding** on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Session of ITC, the work of the ITC, national governments and the UNECE secretariat in striving to develop sustainable road transport;

**Acknowledging** the importance of the existing United Nations international legal instruments related to road transport;

**Recognising** the role of road transport as a productive tool in the globalised economy and as an enabler of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;

**Taking note** of the ongoing efforts and activities to facilitate international road transport for passengers and goods by improving international road transport legal framework;

**Recognising** the continuous updates of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) which offers the state of the art, an internationally-harmonized system to improve road safety, ensure fair competition and enhance social conditions of professional drivers;

**Welcoming** the opening of the AETR Agreement for accession to Algeria, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia as a first step towards promoting the AETR Agreement as a suitable internationally-harmonized system of driving times and rest periods beyond the UNECE region;

**Welcoming** the work on the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) and the Trans-European-Motorway (TEM) Project, which continue to offer coordinated plans for the construction and development of roads of international importance in the UNECE region;

**Underlining** the importance of the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) and the additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note to facilitate international road transport by providing harmonized contract conditions as well as the foundation for developing an electronic consignment note;

**Welcoming** the improvement of professionalism in the road transport industry through training programmes provided by national training institutes taking into account the best practice provided by the IRU Academy;

**Noting** the significant impact that shared binding international principles and harmonized guidelines have for the development of sustainable road transport, SC.1:

- 1. Commits** to the effective implementation and geographical expansion of the AETR Agreement and particularly to the use of the AETR-consistent control device for enforcing driving times and rest periods of professional drivers;
- 2. Reaffirms** its role in promoting AGR standards which have the purpose of enhancing regional integration, economic development, social inclusiveness and the decarbonisation of transport;
- 3. Encourages** the international community to work towards further developments for paperless cross border trade and facilitation of sustainable road transport services;
- 4. Invites** governments to accede to and support operationalising the Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note;

5. **Invites** governments to accede to and fully implement tried and tested United Nations Conventions that facilitate sustainable transport and thus international trade;
  6. **Endeavours** to develop, if deemed necessary, new United Nations legal instruments relevant to sustainable international transport facilitation of passengers and goods.
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