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Adoption of the agenda

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1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/269 and Add.1

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I. Ministerial meeting

2. Past and Future of the Inland Transport Committee

On the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), a Transport Ministerial Meeting on the 'Past and Future of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee' will take place on 21 February 2017. The Ministerial will consist of three panels (ECE/TRANS/2017/1):

- (a) Panel I: ITC - Gateway to promote connectivity;
- (b) Panel II: ITC - Platform to link regulators and innovators: technologies for sustainable mobility;
- (c) Panel III: ITC - the Centre of UN Transport Conventions: the benefits of internationally harmonised regulatory governance for inland transport

At the end of the meeting, Ministers will be invited to sign a resolution to recognize and validate the long-standing work and accomplishments of the ITC and to encourage its future outputs (ECE/TRANS/2017/2).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/1, ECE/TRANS/2017/2

II. Seventh Meeting of the Chairs

3. Meeting for government delegates only with the participation of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and of Administrative Committees

In recognition of the need to adapt to a fast-changing global environment, the Committee had decided at its seventy-eighth session that the secretariat should draft a strategy paper with priorities and main directions in consultation with the Bureau, the Chairs of ITC subsidiary bodies and the Administrative Committees of United Nations Transport Conventions under the purview of the Committee. The Committee will have the opportunity to **review** the strategy paper (Informal Document No. 1) and its concise version (ECE/TRANS/2017/R.1) including main findings and recommendations, in order to **consider** ways to enhance the role and impact of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies vis-à-vis emerging challenges and opportunities globally.

The Committee will also have the opportunity to discuss the follow-up to the Ministerial resolution signed on 21 February 2016 and may wish to **consider a decision in reference to it, as well as its inclusion** in the ITC report. This ITC decision together with the Ministerial Resolution would, in turn, be transmitted to the Commission.

All Government delegates are **invited to participate** in this meeting. Due to the restricted status, the results of the discussions will be circulated in the form of Chair's conclusions among governments, the participants of the meeting, and the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Working Parties and Administrative Committees.

Documentation

Informal Document No. 1 (restricted); ECE/TRANS/2017/R.1 (restricted)

III. Transport policy and regulatory issues that require decisions by the Committee

4. Strategic questions of a horizontal policy nature

(a) Status of accessions to international United Nations transport agreements and conventions

The Committee may wish to discuss **ways to strengthen** the regulatory governance of inland transport internationally, especially in light of the SDGs, and the importance of accelerating accessions to those UN Transport Conventions and Agreements under the purview of the Committee that form the international framework for this governance.

When considering these issues, the Committee may wish to **take note** of ECE/TRANS/2017/3 on the status of signatures, ratifications and accessions to United Nations legal instruments on inland transport administered by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies as of December 2016. This document also includes the accessions registered since the last session of the Committee.

The Committee may wish to **invite** countries, which have not yet done so, to accede to the United Nations conventions and other legal instruments in inland transport administered by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies. The Committee may also wish to **decide** on concerted actions in support of accession to and implementation of the United Nations transport conventions. In this regard, the Committee may wish to **reflect** on the positive impact of the efforts of the United Nations Special Envoy for Road Safety on raising awareness for the Road Safety legal instruments.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/3

(b) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) analytical work on Transport

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about the analytical activities accomplished during 2016 (ECE/TRANS/2017/4). The Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) has the role of a think tank which leads policy discussions on subjects of a horizontal nature and of those that are particularly relevant for governments, for the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, as well as for the legal and regulatory framework of inland transport.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the printed publication ‘Sustainable Urban Mobility and Public Transport in the UNECE capitals’ (UNECE publication) has been issued and the publication ‘Innovative ways for Financing Transport Infrastructure’ has been prepared (Informal document No. 2). Furthermore, the Committee may wish to be **informed** about the follow-up of WP.5 on the developments in urban mobility and public transport, and particularly the cooperation with THE PEP programme on the development of the pan-European master plan for cycling, as well as the development of a transport infrastructure observatory in Europe and Asia. The Committee may also wish to be **informed** about the results of the capacity-building workshops on ‘Transport Research and Innovations’ and on ‘Critical Transport Infrastructure and Cyber Security’.

The Committee at its seventy-eighth session had considered and approved the establishment of a Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs. The Committee may wish to be **informed** about the progress of this Group.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/4, Informal document No. 2

(c) **Policy dialogue and technical assistance to countries with economies in transition**

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the activities in the field of technical assistance and policy dialogue, including the Special Programme of Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossings (PWG-TBC) serviced jointly with ESCAP.

The Committee will be **informed** about ongoing UNDA-funded projects.

The Committee will be invited to **provide guidance** on the main directions for future technical assistance and policy dialogue of the Sustainable Transport Division, and on funding of technical activities (ECE/TRANS/2017/5).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/5

(d) **Environment, climate change and transport**

(i) *Inland Transport Committee (ITC) follow-up to the 2030 Agenda;*

The Committee will be **informed** about progress in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Committee is invited to **consider** its possible role and contribution within the SDG framework in the period 2015-2030 (Document ECE/TRANS/2017/6).

The Committee **will also be informed** about the work of United Nations Secretary General's High Level Advisory Group (HLAG) on Sustainable Transport and the outcomes of the Global Sustainable Transport Conference (Ashgabat, 26-27 November 2016).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/6

(ii) *Decarbonisation and mitigation of environmentally harmful effects of inland transport*

The Committee will be **informed** about progress in the use of the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) tool¹ as part of the activities to support governments in mitigating the negative impacts of transport on the environment (ECE/TRANS/2017/7).

The continued cooperation between the ECE Environment and Sustainable Transport Divisions on Environmental Performance Reviews (EPR) has been the main way of ForFITS application. As part of the third EPR of Tajikistan, a chapter on Transport and Environment has been prepared by Sustainable Transport Division staff. The chapter used ForFITS assessments of national transport-generated emissions and policy choices for the mitigation of these emissions. The EPR of Kyrgyzstan, to which the Division had been invited to contribute, was eventually cancelled. The Division will participate in the upcoming EPR of Albania (2017).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/7

¹ Originally developed by UNECE with United Nations Development Account funding.

(iii) *Impacts of climate change on international transport networks and adaptation requirements*

The Committee may wish to **recall** that it had decided at its session in 2015 to support the continuation for two more years of the Group of Experts dealing with climate change adaptation under WP.5. The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about the results of the three meetings of the Group of Experts (Geneva, 11-12 April 2016, 7-8 July 2016 and 3-4 October 2016) and its future plans.

The next phase of the Group would analyse: (i) the need for establishing inventories of transport networks in the ECE region that are vulnerable to climate change impacts, (ii) the usage or development of models, methodologies, tools and good practices to address potential and/or extreme hazards (e.g. high temperatures, floods) in selected inland transport infrastructure and (iii) the compilation of case studies on the potential economic, social, and environmental consequences of the climate change impacts.

(e) **Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme**

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the report of THE PEP Steering Committee on its fourteenth session (Geneva, 7-9 November 2016) (ECE/AC.21/SC/2016/2).

The Committee may also wish to **take note** that, as part of its initiative to engage the three sectors and, that following the fourth High-level Meeting and the adoption of the Paris Declaration, the Steering Committee organized a symposium on “Contributing to economic development and stimulating job creation through investment in environment- and health-friendly transport” (Geneva, 7 November 2016).

The Committee is invited to **consider** taking actions towards strengthening the presence of the transport sector in this multisectoral cooperation. The Committee may also **assess** its interest in contributing to the fifth High-level meeting that will take place in Vienna in 2019.

Documentation

ECE/AC.21/SC/2016/2

(f) **Intelligent transport systems**

The Committee will be **informed** about the status of implementation of the ITS Road Map that was launched at its seventy-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/2017/8).

The Committee will also be **informed** about the organization of the annual flagship round table on ITS and the successful symposium on the ‘Future Networked Car’, organized jointly with the International Telecommunication Union during the 2016 Geneva Motor Show.

The Committee is invited to: (a) **consider** the status of ITS in its work and that of its subsidiary bodies, (b) **encourage** ITS activities linked to infrastructure and all transport modes, (c) **consider** ways to address ITS issues in an integrated approach and (d) **encourage** actions for regulating automated vehicles, as fostering regulatory actions would ensure the benefits that ITS could provide in terms of road safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and traffic management.

At its seventy-seventh session, the Committee had invited the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) and the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) to seek novel institutional approaches on the issue of advanced vehicle automation vis-à-vis the driver’s role (ECE/TRANS/248, para. 42 (d)). In response, WP.1 and WP.29 designated two Informal Working Groups — in WP.29 on Intelligent Transport Systems and Automated Driving and in WP.1 on Automated Driving — to work closer on these

issues. The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about the ongoing work to further harmonize ITS-related activities within the subsidiary bodies of ITC in a holistic approach.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/8

(g) Continued support to land-locked countries: The Vienna Programme of Action

The Committee will be **informed** about future United Nations actions in landlocked developing countries and the expected role of the Regional Commissions, following the adoption of the Vienna Programme of Action for 2014-2024.

The Committee may wish to **invite** landlocked transition economies in the ECE region to share their vision about improving access to the sea.

(h) Inland transport security

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the Security Discussion Forum on Securing the Global Supply Chain jointly organized by UNECE and OSCE on 17 June 2016. The Forum addressed the main security risks in the inland transport sector, such as terrorism, theft, illegal border crossings and the trafficking of dangerous substances. Participants also discussed cyber threats, which pose a growing danger to increasingly digitized transport systems. The Forum agreed that countries in the ECE region and even at the global level need to collaborate more effectively in minimising cyber security risks to ICT-enabled critical transport infrastructures. Experts called for a multi-stakeholder approach involving transport authorities, private sector operators and associations as well as customs and law enforcement agencies. Participants supported the UNECE work on transport security at the Forum but also encouraged governments to review the security aspects and possibly new provisions in the relevant transport agreements and conventions under the purview of UNECE.

The Committee will be **informed** about the outcome of the workshop ‘Safety and security in European inland navigation’ held on 17 February 2016 in conjunction with the forty-eighth session of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3). The following aspects were addressed: resilience of inland water transport to the intentional external influence compared to other means of transport, critical inland water transport assets and infrastructure, security management, security provisions at the international level and the security training. It was mentioned that currently no specific official security management regimes were in place in the sector at a pan-European level and that a comprehensive and integrated assessment should be prepared. The workshop agreed that UNECE guidelines on preventive and protective measures to ensure inland security would be useful to fill in the gap in international legislation on inland water transport security provisions while considering synergies with other issues such as digitalization, safety, transport of dangerous goods and that specific security recommendations could be introduced in particular areas (i.e. dangerous goods, valuable and marketable goods, passenger transport).

5. Strategic questions of a modal and thematic nature

(a) Project related activities

(i) Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects

The Committee will be **informed** about the recent developments in the Trans-European North-South Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects, including the current the

management. The Committee will be **informed** about the TEM Strategic Plan 2017-2021, RSA/RSI on the TEM Network Report and the status of the TER High-Speed Master Plan.

The Committee may wish to support the activities carried out in the two projects and express its opinion on the future directions as considered in Informal document No. 3.

Documentation

Informal document No. 3

(ii) Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Project

The Committee will be **informed** about progress towards the completion of the Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) project following the approval of EXCOM (EXCOM/CONCLU/84, para 22(iii), May 2016) of the mandate of the Group of Experts for the period of 12 months. The EATL Phase 3 report is expected to be ready by the time of the ITC annual session (ECE/TRANS/2017/9; Informal document No. 4). The Committee is invited to **give guidance** on the role it wishes to play in the future in relation to the Euro-Asian transport connections.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/9, Informal document No. 4

(b) Harmonization of vehicle regulations

The Committee will be **informed** about the most recent developments in the work carried out by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its six subsidiary Working Parties (GRB, GRE, GRPE, GRRF, GRSG and GRSP), the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement, the Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement (ECE/TRANS/2017/10).

The Committee will also be **informed** about the activities of the World Forum and its Working Parties in its programme of work (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2016/1/Rev.2).

The Committee may wish to **note** that over 40 informal groups worked during 2016 in parallel to the World Forum and to its subsidiary bodies to assist them in developing new vehicle regulations and updating the 137 existing United Nations Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement, the 16 UN Global Technical Regulations associated to the 1998 Agreement and the 2 UN Rules annexed to the 1997 Agreement.

The Committee may wish to **note** the number of Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement (54), to the 1998 Agreement (36), and to the 1997 Agreement (13).

The Committee may wish to be **informed**, that the new Regulations No. 136 on electric powered two wheelers, electric vehicles of category L (EV-L) and No. 137 on Frontal Impact with focus on Restraint Systems (FIRS) entered into force. During 2016 the following five new UN Regulations were adopted: on quiet road transport vehicles (QRTV the new UN Regulation No. 138) adopted at the March 2016 session of WP.29 and entered into force in November 2016; on brake assist systems (BAS); on electronic stability control (ESC); on tyre pressure monitoring Systems (TPMS); and the new UN Regulation on heavy duty dual fuel engine retrofit systems (HDDF-ERS), adopted at the November 2016 session of WP.29. The TPMS Regulation, adopted at the June 2016 session of WP.29, provides for the principal performance requirements for TPMS aiming at enhancement of road safety as well as reduction of CO₂ emissions for light duty vehicles.

The new United Nations Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement are expected to enter into force by beginning 2017 and mid-2017 respectively.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement established new Global Technical regulations on crankcase emissions and on OBD requirements for powered two- and three-wheelers as well as an amendment to Global Technical Regulation No. 16 (tyres). Furthermore, the Executive Committee adopted Special Resolution S.R.2 aimed at a further strengthening and more strategic implementation of the 1998 Agreement.

The Committee may wish to **note** the progress in the 1997 Agreement on Periodic Technical Inspections with the adoption of amendments to Rules Nos. 1 and 2.

The Committee may wish to be **informed** about the progress of the World Forum on draft Revision 3 to the 1958 Agreement which incorporates the concept of the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval system, and on increasing the attractiveness of the Agreement for further accessions of emerging economies by allowing the application of previous versions of United Nations Regulations where consensus was reached among the WP.29 delegates at its June 2016 session. The process of notification is currently ongoing and entry into force is expected for August 2017.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/10, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2016/1/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2016/2

(c) Road safety

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about the most important developments in the work carried out by the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1). This will include information about the subject areas such as international driving permits, automated vehicles, powered two wheelers, and the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic.

The secretariat will also **inform** the Committee about the work and achievements of the Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings which recently completed its work as well as about the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals (GERSS) which wishes to continue to fulfil its mandate in 2017. In order to allow GERSS work to continue, the Committee will be **invited to approve** the WP.1 decision to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals to 31 December 2017 (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/155, paras. 22-26). The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about WP.1 support for developing an Electronic Convention on Road Signs and Signals (e-CoRSS) to improve the implementation of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. The Committee will also be invited to **take note** of secretariat efforts to seek external funds to upgrade the current Road Signs Management System to e-CoRSS.

The Governments of Brazil and the Republic of Korea will present ECE/TRANS/2017/11 and ECE/TRANS/2017/12 to express their interest in becoming full WP.1 participants (as defined by Rule 1 (a) in TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1) on the basis of the “Guidelines for the Establishment and Functioning of the Working Parties within UNECE” (ECE/EX/1, para. 2). In its considerations, the Committee may **note** that WP.1 unanimously endorsed the countries’ request to become full WP.1 participants with voting rights and agreed to support their request at the ITC (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/155, para. 44). The Committee will be **invited to agree** to the requests of the Governments of Brazil and of the Republic of Korea.

WP.1 wishes — in order to better reflect the global scope of United Nations road safety conventions — to change its name to ‘Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety’ (WP.1) (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/155, para. 39). The Committee will be invited to **take note** of this change.

The Committee will be invited to **endorse** a special resolution (ECE/TRANS/2017/13) prepared and adopted by WP.1 (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/155, Annex III) in response to ITC invitation in 2016 (ECE/TRANS/254 para. 147).

The Committee will be informed about the state-of-the-art in preparing the SafeFITS model and the plans for its implementation (ECE/TRANS/2017/14 and Informal document No. 5). The primary objective of the SafeFITS model was to assist governments and decision makers to decide on the most appropriate road safety policies and measures to achieve tangible results in improving road safety.

The Committee will be **informed** about the main developments in the activities of the United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety, Mr. Jean Todt and areas of cooperation with ITC (ECE/TRANS/2017/15).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/11, ECE/TRANS/2017/12, ECE/TRANS/2017/13,
ECE/TRANS/2017/14, Informal document No. 5, ECE/TRANS/2017/15

(d) Road transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the latest developments in the work carried out by the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) and by the Group of Experts on the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR).

In particular, the Committee will be **informed** about a proposal by the Government of Slovakia (on behalf of EU AETR Contracting Parties) to amend AETR articles 14 (eligibility to accede), 22 and 22bis (amendment procedures) as well to simultaneously adjust the relevant parts of the AETR Agreement to accommodate references to EU Regulations 165/2014 and 2016/799 (which introduce a new generation of 'smart' tachographs). The secretariat will convey to the Committee that both EU Regulations, while making the work of AETR Group of Experts more essential, have created yet another complex dimension to amending AETR Article 22bis.

The secretariat will **remind** ITC delegates that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) that recognizes JRC as the AETR authority for root certification and for interoperability certification for the non-EU Contracting Parties to the AETR will expire at the end of June 2017 and early action is required to extend it.

The Committee will be further **updated** on the secretariat's joint work with the EuroMed Transport Project that resulted in the 'AETR Road Map' report (ECE/TRANS/2016/14). The Committee may recall that, at its last session, it endorsed its publication and printing in English, French and Russian.

The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about two proposals submitted by Norway, and by Finland and Norway to amend Annex I of the AGR Agreement to (respectively) extend roads E134 and E45. SC.1 adopted the proposals and the secretariat will forward them to the Office of Legal Affairs once ECE/TRANS/SC.1/406 is available in French and English.

The Committee will be **informed** about the availability of a consolidated version of the AGR Agreement, prepared by the secretariat, which incorporates all amendments adopted to-date since the last consolidation in 2008 (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2016/3/Rev.1 available at www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2016/sc1/ECE-TRANS-SC1-2016-03-Rev1e.pdf).

The secretariat will **inform** ITC that the number of Contracting Parties to the Additional Protocol to the CMR Convention (e-CMR) stands at 10. The secretariat will note that it is aware of two pilot projects (involving Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Spain as well as Bulgaria, Greece and Romania) which aim at promoting the use of e-consignment notes. The Committee will be invited to encourage more States to accede to the Additional

Protocol and to urge the 10 Contracting Parties to begin work to operationalize e-CMR (as per Article 5).

The Committee will be **informed** about the progress in developing a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBus). While Switzerland would welcome finalization of the OmniBus Agreement, the European Union has begun work to extend the InterBus Agreement to include the international regular bus service. As of November 2016, a draft of this new Agreement was being finalized among EU members and it was expected that negotiations with the Contracting Parties to the existing InterBus Agreement would begin by early 2017. The European Union will be invited to update ITC on progress in this area.

The secretariat will **brief** the Committee about the efforts to amend the Consolidated Resolution on the Facilitation of International Road Transport (RE.4) to introduce the definition of 'bilateral carriage'. Given the objective of facilitating road transport operations, it is believed that adding such a definition would lead to correct classification of transport operations by the relevant control authorities.

The Committee will be **informed** about and **invited to endorse** a special resolution (ECE/TRANS/2017/16) prepared and adopted by SC.1 (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/406, Annex III) in response to ITC invitation in 2016 (ECE/TRANS/254 para .147).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/16

(e) Rail transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the seventieth session of the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/226). The Committee may wish to **note** the importance of the master plan on high speed trains and the cooperation with the TER project as well as the preparation by the Working Party of an Action Plan for monitoring the implementation of Annex 9 of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1982). Furthermore, the Committee may wish to be **informed** about the development of the International rail security observatory and the roadmap decided towards the finalization of the new convention on the facilitation of crossing of frontiers for passengers and baggage carried by rail. The Committee is **invited to give guidance** on these activities.

The Committee may wish also to be **informed** about the results of the workshop on "International Rail Passenger Traffic on the route East-West" held during the last session of SC.2 as well as consider and adopt the draft resolution (ECE/TRANS/2017/17) on International Rail Passenger Traffic on the route East-West.

Concerning the development of unified railway law, the Committee will be **informed** about the results of the Group of Experts on preparing a legal framework for rail transport.

The Committee may wish to **recall** that at its last session, adopted the draft resolution on the Unified Railway Law (ECE/TRANS/2016/17) as well as approved the new Terms of Reference (ECE/TRANS/2016/18) for the Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law. Based on this resolution and terms of reference the Group should in one year coordinate the preparation and/or review the already prepared necessary documents for rail transport following the draft legal provisions prepared as well as monitor the results of pilot tests performed by interested stakeholders and prepare recommendations accordingly (ECE/TRANS/2017/18). The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about the results of the three meetings of the Group of Experts, held in Geneva, on 8-10 June 2016, 23 August 2016 (Friends of the Chair) and 5-7 October 2016. The Committee may wish to **approve** the request of the Working Party to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts Towards

Unified Railway Law based on the same Terms of Reference (ECE/TRANS/2016/18) for one more year.

The Committee may wish to **discuss and provide guidance** on the next steps regarding the development of Unified Rail Law.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/17, ECE/TRANS/2017/18

(f) Intermodal transport and logistics;

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the fifty-ninth session of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/139). The Committee may wish to express its views on the work carried out by the Working Party on (i) intermodal transport terminals; (ii) Preparing National Master Plans on freight transport and logistics; (iii) the freight forwarders market and (iv) climate change and intermodal transport as well as the future work that will result from these activities (ECE/TRANS/2017/19).

The Committee may wish also to be **informed** about the results of the workshop held on 'Promoting sustainable intermodal transport through innovative solutions', in conjunction with the Working Party's session. A number of member State experts, other interested stakeholders including non-governmental organizations and industry groups attended. The workshop discussed how intermodal transport and logistics benefits from innovation, from innovative government policies and from forward looking customs procedures.

The Committee will be **informed** that a number of amendments to the AGTC and the Protocol of the AGTC have been accepted and have come into force.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/19

(g) Inland water transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the outcome of the sixtieth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/203) and, in particular, the adoption of the strategy of SC.3 for 2016-2021 (ECE/TRANS/2017/20). The Committee may wish to **endorse** the strategy and **provide guidance** to SC.3 on the implementation of the strategy and enhancing the role of SC.3 and its subsidiary bodies.

The Committee may **wish to take note** of the approval of the third revision of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of E Waterway Network (the Blue Book) by SC.3 prepared on the basis of updated information transmitted by member States. ITC may wish to **note** that it will be released in the first half of 2017.

The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about the adoption of the second revision of Resolution No.59 on the Guidelines on waterway signs and marking (Resolution No. 85) by SC.3 at its sixtieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169/Rev.2).

The Committee will be further **informed** about the adoption of Resolution No. 86 introducing amendments to Resolution No. 61, the Recommendations on harmonized Europe-wide technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/10). The Committee may wish to **note** that the third package of amendments to Resolution No. 61 is now available on the UNECE website.

The Committee will be **informed** about the outcome of the workshop on River Information Services (RIS) held on 22 June 2016 in conjunction with the forty-ninth session of SC.3/WP.3. The workshop agreed to enhance the coordination of work and cooperation

between UNECE, the European Commission, the Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR), the Danube Commission, the International Sava River Basin Commission, the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) and other relevant organizations towards harmonizing technical standards, to continue maintaining UNECE resolutions on RIS as efficient, up-to-date and flexible instruments in the framework of implementing RIS provisions at the pan-European level. Member States were encouraged to implement them and provide feedback for the documentation developed by RIS Expert Groups within UNECE.

The Committee will be further **informed** about the outcome of the workshop ‘Recreational navigation and water tourism: Addressing challenges and exchanging the best practices’ organized by the secretariat jointly with the European Boating Association on 3 November 2016 in conjunction with the sixtieth session of SC.3. The workshop was attended by representatives of administrations and inspection bodies, international and national boating associations and training centres in the field of training and certification of pleasure boaters. The workshop discussed best practices and challenges in the recreational navigation and water tourism sector, training and recognition of certificates of pleasure craft operators and case studies of the International Certificate of Operators of Pleasure Craft issued according to Resolution No. 40. SC.3 decided to organize an informal group of experts on recreational craft and water tourism related issues.

The Committee may wish to **endorse** the revised Terms of Reference of SC.3 approved by SC.3 at its sixtieth session (ECE/TRANS/2017/21).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/20, ECE/TRANS/2017/21

(h) **Strengthening border crossing facilitation (Harmonization Convention, TIR Convention, eTIR Project and other Customs transit facilitation measures)**

The Committee will be **informed** about the outcome of the 142nd, 143rd and 144th sessions of the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP.30) (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/284, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/286 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/288, respectively) and will be invited to **take note** of the activities of the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) in the year 2016. The secretariat will further inform the Committee about the recent accession of the People’s Republic of China to the TIR Convention, becoming its seventieth Contracting Party.

The Committee may wish to **note** that, in 2016, the Working Party assessed its regional and global activities, the enabling environment and any potential changes that may be deemed necessary for increasing its impact on the ground towards sustainable mobility as requested by the Committee at its previous session. The Working Party concluded that the hybrid approach adopted by its Rules of Procedure, as endorsed by ITC in 2015, had provided a sufficient basis for its activities at both the regional and the global level. WP.30 further stated that it supports any capacity-building activities by the UNECE secretariat related to the legal instruments under its purview outside the ECE region, as long as sufficient focus on capacity building within the region remains ensured. It was further noted that the work on border crossing facilitation contributes to sustainable mobility by fully engaging in relevant issues through harmonization of customs and other control procedures and through permanent improvement of the relevant United Nations legal instruments, thus contributing to seamless and efficient international transport and sustainable mobility.

The Committee will be informed about progress in the computerization of the TIR procedure. Against this background, the Committee will be invited to extend the mandate of the Informal Ad Hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1). Finally, the Committee may wish to **address**

the issue of financing the future development and maintenance of the eTIR international system on the basis of the considerations of the Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of Computerization of the TIR procedure (GE.2).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/22

(i) Transport of dangerous goods

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the Economic and Social Council met from 27 June to 7 July 2016 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/98 and Add.1) and from 28 November to 6 December 2016 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100). The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals met from 5 to 8 July 2016 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/62) and from 7 to 9 December 2016 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64).

The Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals itself held its eighth session on 9 December 2016, to consider the work of both Sub-Committees over the 2015-2016 biennium (see report ST/SG/AC.10/44). It adopted recommendations (ST/SG/AC.10/44/Add.1-3) that will be reflected in publications to be prepared by the secretariat in 2017 (twentieth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations; seventh revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria; and seventh revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals).

The Committee may wish to **note** that Georgia acceded to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) in September 2016 bringing the number of Contracting Parties to 49. The Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of the ADR, adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties on 28 October 1993, has not yet entered into force as not all Contracting Parties to the ADR have become Parties to it. Thirty-five Contracting Parties have done so to date, and the Committee may wish to urge the remaining Contracting Parties (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and Ukraine) to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol to come into force.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the draft amendments to Annexes A and B of the ADR adopted in 2014, 2015 and May 2016 for an intended entry into force on 1 January 2017, as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231 and Corr.1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231/Add.1 have been transmitted to the Secretary-General by the Government of Portugal, and thereafter by the Secretary-General to Contracting Parties for acceptance. They were deemed accepted on 1 October 2016 and will enter into force on 1 January 2017. The secretariat has published accordingly a new "2017" consolidated edition of ADR (ECE/TRANS/257, Vols. I and II).

Similarly, draft amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN adopted in 2014, 2015 and January 2016, as reproduced in ECE/ADN/36, were deemed accepted on 1 October 2016 for entry into force on 1 January 2017. Other amendments adopted in August 2016, reproduced in ECE/ADN/36/Corr.1 and ECE/ADN/36/Add.1, have also been circulated for acceptance and entry into force on 1 January 2017. The secretariat is publishing accordingly a new '2017' consolidated edition of ADN (ECE/TRANS/258, Vols. I and II).

The Committee may wish to **note** that other draft amendments to ADR, RID and ADN have been adopted by the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party

on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, by the Working Party itself and by the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN, which are intended to enter into force on 1 January 2019.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN (ADN Safety Committee) (WP.15/AC.2) and the ADN Administrative Committee will hold their thirtieth and eighteenth sessions, respectively, from 23 to 27 January 2017 and 27 January 2017.

Finally, the Committee may wish to note that the analysis of the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat for the evaluation of the global and regional impact of UNECE regulations and United Nations Recommendations on the transport of Dangerous Goods is now available on the UNECE website at www.unece.org/info/open-unece/evaluation.html, together with an evaluation report prepared by a consultant, a secretariat response to this report, and a progress report on follow-up action.

Documentation

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/98 and Add.1, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/63, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64; ST/SG/AC.10/44 and Add.1-3; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231 and Corr.1 and Add.1; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/233, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/235; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/142 and Add.1 and 2; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/144 and Add.1; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/60, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/58 and Add.1; ECE/ADN/36 and Corr.1 and Add.1 ECE/ADN/38, ECE/ADN/35; ECE/TRANS/257; ECE/TRANS/258

(j) Transport of perishable foodstuffs

The Committee will be **informed** about the status of 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 seventy-first session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) in 2015 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/233, Annex I).

The Committee may wish to **note** that at its seventy-second session (4-7 October 2016), WP.11 adopted amendments to Model No. 12 Test report included in Annex 1, appendix 2 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/235, Annex I).

The Committee may also wish to **note** that San Marino acceded to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) in May 2016 bringing the number of Contracting Parties to fifty.

The Committee may wish to **note** that at its seventy-second session (4-7 October 2016), WP.11 started discussing how to improve its method of work, particularly in respect of the unanimity rule in Article 18.4 of the ATP and the practice of putting each amendment proposal to the vote, as per the Committee's recommendations (see paragraph 139 of ECE/TRANS/248).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/235

(k) Transport statistics and data

The Committee will be **informed** of the transport statistics activities and the status of the 2015 E-Road and E-Rail Traffic Census Programmes in accordance with Resolutions Nos. 261 and 262 adopted at its seventy-sixth session in 2014.

The Committee will be **informed** that the secretariat has recently prepared a number of publications including the Bulletin of Transport Statistics, the Bulletin of Road Safety Statistics as well as the Transport Statistics Infocards summarising key transport statistics for UNECE member States (ECE/TRANS/2017/23 and Informal document No. 6).

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) continues to be actively involved in the process of developing the statistical monitoring framework for Sustainable Development Goals as a member of the inter-agency and expert group on Sustainable Development Goals indicators (IAEG-SDG) and the UNSC Friends of the Chair group on broader measures of progress.

The Committee may wish to provide **guidance** on how to strengthen the role and potential contribution of WP.6 in a global environment where the need for more and higher quality statistics is rapidly increasing.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/23, Informal document No. 6

6. Matters arising from the UNECE, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and other United Nations bodies and Conferences

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about recent matters arising from the UNECE, ECOSOC and other United Nations bodies and Conferences of interest to the Committee.

7. Draft Annual Report

The Committee will be **presented** with a comprehensive report of activities undertaken by the Committee's subsidiary bodies during 2016 in administering the 58 United Nations conventions, agreements and other types of legal instrument which shape the international legal framework for road, rail, inland waterway and intermodal transport, as well as dangerous goods transport and vehicle construction (ECE/TRANS/2017/24). These activities took the form of policy dialogue and regulatory work, analytical activities, as well as capacity-building and technical assistance. The draft Annual Report presents concise information to ITC delegates in a form suitable for broader publicity. The Committee will also be **presented** with the expected challenges for ITC and its subsidiary bodies in 2017 (ECE/TRANS/2017/24). The polished version with photos of the Draft Annual Report will also be presented to the Committee under Informal document No. 7.

The Committee is invited to **discuss** the Annual Report as well as to **provide guidance** on improving the visibility of the results and on the future use of the Annual Report.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2016/24, Informal document No. 7

IV. Other questions relating to the work of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

8. Issues for approval by the Committee and of an informative character: Approval of the reports of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

The Committee may wish to **approve** as a whole the reports and related activities of its subsidiary bodies and **request** the secretariat to incorporate related references in the complete ITC report on the basis of the respective annotations contained in this document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/153, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/155

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/60

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/171

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/235

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231 and Corr.1 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/233, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/235, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/142 and Adds.1 and 2, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/144 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/60, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/58 and Add.1

ECE/TRANS/WP.24/139

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1120, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1123, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1126

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/284, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/286, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/288

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/129, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/131

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/406

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/226, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2016/5,
ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2016/2

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/203, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/98

9. Results of the meetings of the Bureau of the ITC

The Committee will **consider** document ECE/TRANS/2017/25, containing the results of the meetings held by the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee in 2016. The Committee may wish to refer to the decisions of the Bureau under the relevant items of its agenda.

The Committee may further wish to **note** that the adoption of the report of the seventy-ninth session will be limited to a list of main decisions. The complete report of the Committee will be circulated at a later stage.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/25

10. Activities of the Commission and report of the Committee to the Executive Committee

The Committee may wish to **give guidance to** its Chair on the key messages in the report — to be prepared in consultation with the secretariat — to the UNECE Executive Committee at one of its future sessions.

11. List of publications for the period 2018-2019

A list of planned publications for the biennium 2018-2019 will be **presented** to the Committee.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/26

12. Schedule of meetings in 2017

A preliminary list of meetings has been circulated for **consideration and adoption** by the Committee, based on proposals made by the Committee's subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/27

V. Partnerships and activities of other organizations of interest to the Committee

13. Transport developments in the European Union

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, about the most important legislative and policy initiatives in the field of transport undertaken by the European Union in 2016.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/28

14. Developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the International Transport Forum about the latest developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum.

15. Activities of other organizations of interest to the Committee

The Committee may wish to be **informed** by representatives from other organizations about their recent activities of interest to the Committee.

VI. Miscellaneous

16. Any other business

(a) Issues relating to the servicing of meetings and availability of documents by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies

The Committee may recall that at its previous session it had been **informed** by the secretariat about issues encountered in the servicing of meetings and the translations of documents and reports and **had expressed** its concern about these issues. It had therefore **requested** the secretariat to provide detailed information on the rules governing the preparation of pre-and post-session documents and translation of documents. The Committee may wish to take note of ECE/TRANS/2017/29 which contains information on these issues and **advise** the secretariat accordingly.

The Committee had also invited the most concerned Working Parties and Administrative Committees to prepare a strategic assessment of the issues and challenges in their double functions with regional and global outreach, prepare recommendations on their solutions and present their findings at the next Committee session. The Committee may wish to consider ECE/TRANS/2017/30 that contains these inputs and **provide guidance** to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2017/29, ECE/TRANS/2017/30

(b) Date of next session

The Committee may **note** that its eightieth session is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva from 20 to 23 February 2018.

VII. List of decisions

17. Adoption of the list of main decisions of the seventy-ninth session

The Committee will **adopt** the list of main decisions of the seventy-ninth session.

VIII. Tentative timetable

Tuesday, 21 February	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Items 1, 2
	3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.	Item 2 (cont'd)
Wednesday, 22 February	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Item 3 (restricted session)
	3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.	Item 4
Thursday, 23 February	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Item 5
	3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.	Items 6-16
Friday, 24 February	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Item 17