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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirtieth session^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday,
4 September 2017, Room IX, Palais des Nations

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3. Workshop on “Mobility as a Service”.
4. Ports Hinterland connections.
5. Monitoring of the developments in pan-European transport networks:

¹ Delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

² Delegates are requested to register online at: www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=es3NXo or to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat two weeks prior to the session by e-mail (maria.mostovets@unece.org) or by fax (+41-22-917 0039). Delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on our website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm).



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10. Climate Change and Transport:
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 - (b) Climate Change mitigation: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe For Future Inland Transport Systems tool.
11. Review of the transport situation, transport trends and economics in ECE region:
 - (a) Transport Trends and Economics 2016-2017: Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals through the development of Sustainable Transport;
 - (b) Transport Trends and Economics 2014-2015: Financing Transport Infrastructure;
 - (c) Transport Trends and Challenges in the road sector;
 - (d) Transport Trends and Challenges in the rail sector;
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 - (f) UNECE Transport statistics analysis.
12. Technical assistance to countries with economies in transition.
13. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party.
14. Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2018-2019 and Work Plan for 2018-2022:
 - (a) Draft programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2018-2019;
 - (b) Draft work plan for 2018-2022.
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/61

2. Workshop on "Transport Infrastructure Corridors along Europe and Asia"

During its twenty-eighth session (Geneva, 7-9 September 2015) the Working Party organized a workshop on "Road and Rail transport corridors along Europe and Asia". All initiatives that exist and operate between Europe and Asia on the development of transport corridors attended the workshop. The participants agreed that despite the fact that numerous initiatives exist and operate for transport corridors development along Europe and Asia, cooperation among these initiatives is very low or even non-existent and requested the secretariat to elaborate a formal document based on inputs received including possible further actions to be taken by the Working Party.

During its twenty-ninth session (Geneva, 5-7 September 2016) the Working Party approved the development of a transport infrastructure observatory in Europe and Asia which should include all existing initiatives on transport infrastructure development in the European and Asian continents. Furthermore, the Working Party requested the secretariat to explore possibilities for organizing a workshop at its next session that would foster cooperation among the different initiatives on transport corridors along Europe and Asia.

At this workshop, representatives from different initiatives and projects (program of workshop is in Informal document No. 1) on corridors development along Europe and Asia as well as experts from International Financial Institutions will have the opportunity to present and share their corridors development case studies and good practices as well as to contribute on the discussions on how to strengthen cooperation and achieve common results. The participants will have also the opportunity to discuss the principles that the transport infrastructure observatory should follow in order to facilitate cooperation among the different initiatives.

The Working Party may wish to consider presentations by invited experts. It may also wish to review, discuss and adopt conclusions that reflect the presentations and subsequent discussions of workshop participants.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

3. Workshop on "Mobility as a Service"

During its twenty-ninth session (Geneva, 5-7 September 2016) the Working Party while discussing the transport trends and challenges in the road sector requested the secretariat to organize at its next session a workshop on Mobility as a service.

As more of the world's cities become congested and polluted, new business models and technologies are emerging to solve the mobility challenge. In 2014, global venture-capital investments into mobility services amounted to more than \$5 billion, up from less than \$10

million in 2009. Besides Uber, China's Didi Dache, which has more than 100 million users in 300 cities, raised more than \$800 million and Ola, India's biggest online cab service, has raised \$677 million so far (McKinsey&Company, 2017).

The Working Party may wish to consider presentations by invited experts. It may also wish to review, discuss and adopt conclusions that reflect the presentations and subsequent discussions of workshop participants (program of workshop is in Informal document No. 2).

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

4. Ports Hinterland connections

The Working Party may wish to recall that during its twenty-eighth session (Geneva, 7-9 September 2015) took note of the ports hinterland connections observatory prepared by MedNet programme (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/3). It noted also that the secretariat had already received an unofficial invitation from MedNet project in taking over the hosting, maintenance and further expansion to all UNECE countries of the ports hinterland connections observatory. Furthermore, during its last session (Geneva, 5-7 September 2016) the Working Party agreed that the objective should be that no extra costs will be generated and the operations of this observatory will be organized on a self-sustained way. This means that government experts will be responsible for inserting and updating any information provided in the system. In addition the secretariat informed the Working Party that no official correspondence from MEDNET project had been received so far.

The Working Party may wish to be informed by the secretariat for any developments on this issue.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2015/3

5. Monitoring of the developments in pan-European transport networks

(a) The European Commission briefing on the progress made in developing the Trans-European Transport Network

The European Commission will brief the Working Party about the recent progress of TEN-T activities and extending the network to countries neighbouring the European Union (EU).

Documentation

Informal document No. 3

(b) Trans-European Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects

The managers of the TEM (Trans-European Motorway) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2017/1) and TER (Trans-European Railway) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2017/2) projects will inform the Working Party about the activities implemented over the reporting period 2016-2017.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2017/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2017/2

6. Transport in the Mediterranean Region

(a) Report of the Mediterranean Transport Study Centre

The Mediterranean Transport Study Centre (CETMO) had been asked to prepare a report on CETMO activities for the thirtieth session of the Working Party. The information on recent activities of CETMO will be circulated for consideration by the Working Party.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4

(b) The Euro-Mediterranean transport network

The European Commission will brief the Working Party on its activities in developing the Euro-Mediterranean transport network.

(c) Report of the Union for the Mediterranean

The Union for the Mediterranean (UFM) secretariat will brief the Working Party on its activities in developing the Mediterranean transport network.

(d) Project for a Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar: report on activities carried out during the period 2015-2017 and programme proposed for the period 2017-2019.

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the Project for a Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar.

Documentation

Informal document No. 5

7. Euro-Asian Transport Links

(a) Progress on Euro-Asian Transport Links work

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the final report of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) and about recent developments of the EATL project Phase III (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2017/3, Informal document No. 6). The Working Party may wish to consider, discuss and approve the final report of the Group of Experts as well as provide guidance regarding its future work.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2017/3, Informal document No. 6

(b) Road and Rail transport corridors along Europe and Asia

The Working Party may wish to recall that during its last session approved the development of a transport infrastructure observatory in Europe and Asia which should include all existing initiatives on transport infrastructure development in the European and Asian continents (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/3).

The Working Party may wish to be informed about any developments on this topic by the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/3

(c) **Other Euro-Asian transport initiatives**

Representatives of other Euro-Asian transport initiatives/projects will brief the Working Party about their activities and possible cooperation with the EATL Expert Group.

8. Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs

The Working Party may wish to be informed on developments in the work of this Group of Experts and the results of its sessions (First session, Geneva, 31 October and 1 November 2016 / Second session Geneva, 10 and 11 April 2017/ Third session, Geneva, 10 and 11 July 2017) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/6, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/ GE.4/2016/1).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/6, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/ GE.4/2016/1

9. Urban mobility and Public Transport: pan-European master plan for cycling

The Working Party may wish to recall that during its last session took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the preparation of the infrastructure module of the THE PEP Pan-European Cycling Master Plan (Informal Document No. 7) based on a methodology used for the development of TEM & TER master plan as well as of the EATL project. The Working Party welcomed the cooperation with the THE PEP and took note of the methodology.

The Working Party may wish to be informed about any developments on this topic by the secretariat.

Documentation

Informal Document No. 7

10. Climate Change and Transport

(a) **Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Transport Networks and Nodes**

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the draft final report prepared by the Group which summarizes the work done during the second phase of the Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Transport Networks and nodes (Informal Document No. 8, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/26). The Working Party may wish to consider and approve Group of Experts request for extension of Group's mandate for one more year under the same terms of reference in order for the experts to be able to finalize their report.

Documentation

Informal Document No. 8, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/26

(b) **Climate Change mitigation: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe For Future Inland Transport Systems tool**

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the developments on the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) project during 2016-2017.

11. Review of the transport situation, transport trends and economics in ECE region

(a) **Transport Trends and Economics 2016-2017: Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals through the development of Sustainable Transport.**

The Working Party may wish to recall that during its last session decided to postpone a decision on Transport Trends and Economics 2016-2017: Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals through the development of Sustainable Transport while waiting a decision of EXCOM on the ways that UNECE should contribute to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals. Also, the Working Party may wish to be informed that during its last session (21-24 February 2017) the Inland Transport Committee in line with the Ministerial Declaration, decided to strengthen, within the existing resources, its contribution to implement the transport-related targets of the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. Therefore, it requested its subsidiary bodies to (i) align the work accordingly, (ii) further discuss, analyse and, if possible, prepare a road map on the contributions of member States in implementing the 2030 Agenda and report back to Committee, and encouraged member States to follow up with the national coordinators of the 2030 Agenda.

To this extend, the Working Party may wish to reconsider documents ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/5 and ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/6 which describe the implications for Transport from the Sustainable Developments Goals (SDGs) as well as the questionnaire that could possibly be sent to Governments in order to collect all appropriate information/data for the preparation of a relevant road map.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/5, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2016/6

(b) **Transport Trends and Economics 2014-2015: Financing Transport Infrastructure**

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the 2014-2015 publication “Transport Trends and Economics: Financing Transport Infrastructure”. The Working Party may wish to consider Informal document No. 9 which contains draft publication. The Working Party may wish to provide comments and recommendations on this draft.

Documentation

Informal document No. 9

(c) **Transport Trends and Challenges in the road sector**

A representative of the International Road Transport Union will present recent road transport trends and challenges.

Documentation

Informal document No. 10

(d) Transport Trends and Challenges in the rail sector

A representative of the International Union of Railways will present recent rail transport trends and challenges.

Documentation

Informal document No. 11

(e) Transport Trends and Challenges in the inland waterways sector

The secretariat will present recent inland waterways transport trends and challenges.

(f) UNECE Transport statistics analysis

The secretariat will present its work and transport statistics data for 2016.

12. Technical assistance to countries with economies in transition

The Working Party will be informed about activities of the Regional Adviser (Informal document No. 12) on technical assistance provided by ECE to countries with economies in transition.

Documentation

Informal document No. 12

13. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions of the seventy-ninth session of the Inland Transport Committee (21-24 February 2017) on issues of interest to the Working Party.

The Committee at its seventy-eighth session had recognised the need to adapt to new realities and dynamics in the strategic environment within which the Committee operates. It had decided that the secretariat should draft a strategy paper on the priorities and the main directions in consultation with the Bureau, the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies and the Administrative Committees of transport conventions under the purview of the Committee. The Committee had the opportunity to review the advance version of the Executive Summary of the Strategy Paper (ECE/TRANS/2017/R.1) which included the 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 welcomed the discussion on increasing the Committee's role at the meeting of the Chairs of its working bodies on a rapidly changing global environment. Considered ways to increase the influence of the Committee and its working bodies in addressing current challenges and opportunities in a global context, in accordance with the resolution of ministers of the seventy-ninth Committee session of 21 February 2017, including by inclusion in the terms of reference of the Working Parties of issues in implementing transport-oriented Sustainable Development Goals. In this regard, the Working Parties should consider preparing contributions to the draft strategy of the Inland Transport Committee that will be considered by the Committee at its session in 2018, and, if necessary, also road maps for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. To this end, it decided to share the advance version of the Executive Summary of the Strategy Paper (ECE/TRANS/2017/R.1) with all the Working Parties, and invited them to submit their comments and recommendations. When preparing a strategy paper or road maps, Working Parties should also bear in mind the limited availability of resources and

recognize that new activities should be matched by a reduction or discontinuation of one or more activities, unless extra budgetary funding is made available.

Furthermore, the Committee requested WP.5 to consider matters of linkages between transport and urban development, including appropriate changes to the programme of work of WP.5.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/254, ECE/TRANS/2017/R.1 (restricted)

14. Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2018-2019 and Work Plan for 2018-2022

(a) Draft programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2018-2019

The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its twenty-eight session on 7-9 September 2015, it had approved indicators of achievement for measuring its expected accomplishments in 2016 and 2017 (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/58, para. 79). In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being in 2018, the Working Party may wish to review and adopt its programme of work for 2018-2019 as well as the relevant parameters for its biennial evaluation. The draft programme of work for 2018-2019 and the expected accomplishment indicators are contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2017/4.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2017/4

(b) Draft work plan for 2018-2022

The Committee during its seventy-eighth session (Geneva, 23-26 February 2016) noted (ECE/TRANS/254, para. 159) that the four years' work plan has proven very useful in the past in providing mandates for the work of the Committee's subsidiary bodies in even years, acting as a "bridge" that covers the months between the end of a programme biennium and the approval by the Committee of the Programme of Work for the next biennium. However, following changes in the format of the programme of work that took place in 2015, that contribution of the four-year work plan may no longer be performed. In light of this development, the Committee decided to discontinue this document in the future.

15. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no proposals under this item.

16. Date of next session

The Working Party's thirty-first session is tentatively scheduled to take place in Geneva from 4 to 6 September 2018.

17. Adoption of main decisions

In accordance with the decision of the Working Party taken at its fifteenth session (TRANS/WP.5/32, para. 56), decisions taken at the session will be adopted at the end of the session. The report of the session, including the decisions, will be established by the Chair

and Vice-Chair with the assistance of the secretariat, for submission to the Inland Transport Committee.
