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### Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### **Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-sixth session\*\*\***

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on 19 March 2018,  
Salle IX

## **I. Provisional agenda**

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3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968):
  - (a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations;
  - (b) Driving permits;

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- (c) Automated driving;
- (d) Loading of vehicles.
- 4. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968):  
Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals.
- 5. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1):
  - (a) A Safe System Approach;
  - (b) Amendment proposals on distracted driving;
  - (c) Amendment proposals on policies for Powered Two Wheelers (PTW);
  - (d) Amendment proposals on Vulnerable Road Users.
- 6. Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings.
- 7. Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1.
- 8. Programme of Work and biennial evaluation, 2018-2019.
- 9. Sustainable Development Goals: potential contribution by WP.1
- 10. Other Business
- 11. Date of next session
- 12. Adoption of the report of the seventy-sixth session.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/160

### **2. Activities of interest to the Working Party**

Due to time constraints, neither interventions nor presentations are foreseen for this agenda item. National delegations and international organizations will have the opportunity to submit in writing, information on national and international road safety activities and initiatives, including recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation as well as any information on the events going to take place prior to the next WP.1 session.

The secretariat will inform WP.1 that it is in early stages of work to update the Glossary for Transport Statistics:

[www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/main/wp6/pdfdocs/glossen4.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/main/wp6/pdfdocs/glossen4.pdf).

Of particular note are the definitions of injuries which are currently imprecise (Informal document No. 1). WP.1 may wish to provide its views on the current definitions of injuries as well as any other road safety related definitions found in the Glossary.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 1

**3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)****(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations**

At the September 2017 session, WP.1 began considering ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1 which presents the complete, consolidated text of the relevant parts of the Convention and contains the already adopted and still to be adopted amendment proposals (prepared by France, Italy and Laser Europe). While reviewing ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1, WP.1 noted translation and formatting inconsistencies. As a result, it requested the secretariat in cooperation with the proponents of the document to review it and to submit a corrected version of the consolidated document as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1. WP.1 will be invited to consider this document at this session.

WP.1 may also wish to consider whether amending Annex 5 is still necessary given the recent amendments of Articles 8 and 39 (Annex, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/145).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1 and  
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/145

**(b) Driving permits**

The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the status of official translation of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1 into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish as well as about the availability of the French and Russian versions of the International Driving Permit (IDP) brochure based on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.2 on the WP.1 website.

At the last session, the secretariat delivered a presentation summarizing the recent discussions of an IDP informal group of experts (Belgium, Canada, France, Luxembourg, Russian Federation, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile and International Organization for Standardization). The presentation included a list of six options related to possible future driving permit changes. WP.1 invited the IDP informal group of experts, and other interested parties, supported by the secretariat, to prepare a document to facilitate discussion at this session. WP.1 requested that the paper include background, information on options 1, 2 and 6 as well as a preliminary set of principles to accommodate the international driving permits issued by contracting parties to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic.

Accordingly, the experts of Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile and International Organization for Standardization have prepared ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1. The document, which is tabled for information at this session, contains the information requested by WP.1. At the next session, the experts will present a complete paper, based on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1, including a detailed comparison of options and proposal for decision by WP.1. The latter could not be included in the paper for this session as discussions by the informal group of experts had yet to take occur (at the time of writing).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1

(c) **Automated driving**

(i) **Highly automated vehicles**

At the seventy-fifth session, WP.1 had agreed that the “secondary activities” should be better elaborated in particular with reference to the activities which could compromise road safety or endanger road users and it had agreed to begin to work on the elaboration of a set of recommendations in this area. At the special WP.1 session (December 2017), WP.1 decided to discuss this agenda item at this session. To initiate WP.1 discussion on this subject, France, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom submitted ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/2 (formerly Informal No. 4, (December 2017)).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/2

(ii) **Situations when a driver operates a vehicle from the outside of the vehicle**

At the seventy-fifth session, WP.1 had agreed that Remote Control Parking does not compromise road safety in parking manoeuvres. At the same time, WP.1 had agreed to immediately begin work to address the issue of a driver operating a vehicle from the outside.

At the special WP.1 session (December 2017), WP.1 decided to discuss this agenda item at this session. To provide a basis for discussion at this session, France, Japan, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom submitted ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/3 (formerly Informal document No. 3 (December 2017)). WP.1 will be invited to define the scope of this work and start addressing the situations when a driver is envisaged to operate a vehicle from the outside of the vehicle.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/3

(iii) **Fully automated vehicles**

At the seventy-fifth session, WP. 1 had agreed to: (i) create a document containing a set of basic recommendations addressing most pressing issues with regard to the integration of highly and fully automated vehicles in road traffic; (ii) commit to continuing development of this document by expanding its scope; and (iii) initially focus the work on elements such as interactions of fully automated vehicle systems with driving environment and with other road users and interactions of the fully automated vehicle systems with their users.

To this end, at the special WP.1 session (December 2017), the WP.1 Chair tabled a draft annotated outline (Informal document No. 2 (December 2017)) while France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland submitted “Draft Consolidated Resolution on the safe deployment of highly and fully automated vehicles” (Informal document No. 5 (December 2017)). After discussion, WP.1 prepared a draft text of “Resolution on deployment of highly and fully automated vehicles in road traffic” using Informal documents No. 2 and 5 (December 2017). The “Resolution” will be tabled by the WP.1 Chair and Vice-Chairs at this session for further work and/or revisions and a possible adoption (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4).

The Chair of the Informal Group of Experts on Automated Driving may wish to inform WP.1 about recent developments of the Informal Group of Experts.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4, Informal document No. 2

(d) **Loading of vehicles**

At the last session, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5/Rev.2 was not submitted and WP.1 decided to discuss this agenda item at this session.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5/Rev.2

**4. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)**

**Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals**

The Chair of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals will be invited to provide an update on progress and most recent developments in the Group. The secretariat will update WP.1 on the progress of developing e-CoRSS (electronic version of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals).

**5. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)**

(a) **A Safe System Approach**

WP.1 will continue to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1 which incorporates Sweden's amendment proposals to include a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1). At the last session, WP.1 reviewed the amendment proposals up to the end of Part 2 and will continue at this session from Part 3.

WP.1 will also consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/5 prepared by Spain, Sweden and the United States of America (Role of penalties and other restrictive measures) which consolidates three options contained in Informal document No. 6 (September 2017). WP.1 requested the text of 2.4.1.3 to be brief while any additional elements were to be used to revise 2.4.2.2 of RE.1.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/5, Informal document No. 6 (September 2017)

(b) **Amendment proposals on distracted driving**

At the seventy-fifth session, WP.1 continued to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2 while taking into account a more general approach to distraction problem presented by Sweden in Informal document No.11 (September 2017). The Working Party agreed that R.E.1 should offer context information on a general distraction problem. As a result, France, Italy, the Russian Federation and Sweden intended to table ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2/Rev.1 that incorporated this approach. However, prior to revising the document, Sweden wished to submit Informal document No. 3 to ensure a consensus version of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2/Rev.1 (which is now going to be submitted in September 2018). WP.1 will be invited to discuss Informal document No. 3 and decide how it can be incorporated into ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 3

(c) **Amendment proposals on policies for Powered Two Wheelers (PTW)**

At the last session, the WP.1 Chair informed that a new stand-alone policy paper was being prepared that would offer recommendations for developing countries on improving road safety of vulnerable road users including PTW users. This new policy paper is expected to be submitted at this session (Informal document No. 4). WP.1 will be invited to consider it.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 4

(d) **Amendment proposals on Vulnerable Road Users (VRU)**

At the last session, WP.1 welcomed the proposal by IRTE with the support of NHTSA and the WP.1 Chair to organize, as a follow-up to the PTW activities, a workshop in late 2017 to complete the assessment of safety of VRU, going beyond the subject of PTW, in South-East Asia in the context of implementation of the transport-related to the Sustainable Development Goals. The WP.1 Chair and IRTE will be invited to report on progress in this area at this session.

**6. Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings**

At the last session, the secretariat informed WP.1 that it was still awaiting official replies from the UIC and European Rail Agency concerning possibilities for establishing a dedicated working group on improving safety at level crossings. The secretariat has not received any replies and proposes to discontinue this agenda item.

**7. Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1**

At the last session, the informal group of experts (Austria, Italy and Japan) tabled a proposal on how to revise WP.1 terms of reference and rules of procedure (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.2). WP.1 considered the document, in particular, Rule 1 a-c and requested that the terms of reference be further revised according to the comments provided. WP.1 will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.3.

The secretariat will provide information on “UNECE framework for the engagement with the business sector” (EXCOM, Informal document No. 2017/40) and “Due diligence review of private sector entities engaging with UNECE” (EXCOM, Informal document No. 2017/41).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.3, Informal document No. 2017/40, Informal document No. 2017/41

**8. Programme of work and biennial evaluation, 2018-2019**

At the last session, WP.1 reviewed and adopted (with some changes) its programme of work for 2018-2019 and the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/5). The secretariat will table the revised document at this session for information only.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/5/Rev.1

**9. Sustainable Development Goals: potential contribution by WP.1**

At the last session, WP.1 prepared a text to be forwarded to the Inland Transport Committee articulating WP.1 contribution to improving global road safety. At this session, WP.1 may wish to consider whether and, if so, how it may wish to contribute to meeting SDG road safety goals i.e., 3.6 and 11.2.

**10. Other Business**

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

**11. Date of next session**

The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 18 to 21 September 2018 in Geneva.

**12. Adoption of the report of the seventy-sixth session**

The Working Party will adopt the report of its seventy-sixth session.

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