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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-eighth session**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on 25 March 2019, Salle IX

I. Provisional Agenda

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3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968):

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- (a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations;
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6. Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1.
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11. Adoption of the report of the seventy-eighth 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.1/166

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.

3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

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

At the last session, WP.1 considered ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1 (France, Italy and Laser Europe) which presents a consolidated text of the relevant parts of the Convention and

contains the already adopted and still to be adopted amendment proposals. WP.1 revised ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1 until point 61 (c), Chapter IV (Exemptions). At the current session, the working party is expected to continue discussing Chapter IV and subsequently decide on all other outstanding provisions using ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1. The Government of Germany will be invited to table two amendment proposals intended to be included in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1.

Documentation

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

(b) Driving permits

At the last session, the informal group of experts on driving permits presented ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.1, which contains a comparison of three potential driving permit options for the future, including the pros and cons of each option. WP.1 discussed the three options, took note that many delegates expressed their preference for option B, and requested the informal group of experts to reflect on the comments provided and – to the extent possible – incorporate them into ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.2 to be tabled at the current session. WP.1 will be invited to discuss it.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1, Rev.1 and Rev.2

(c) Automated driving

(i) Vehicles with automated driving systems: The concept of activities other than driving

At the last session, the French delegate in his capacity as the Chair of the Informal Group of Experts on Automated Driving (IGEAD) informed WP.1 that a document to address the issues of “activities other than driving” based on Informal document No. 1 (May 2018) and Informal document No. 4 (May 2018) would be tabled at the current session as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/2/Rev.1. WP.1 will be invited to discuss it.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/2/Rev.1, Informal document no.1 (May 2018), Informal document no.4 (May 2018)

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

At the special session in May 2018, France, on behalf of Japan, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, had informed WP.1 about the status of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/3. At the last session, the French delegate further informed WP.1 about the Informal Group of Experts’ intention to – on the basis of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/3 – prepare a document to address “situations when a driver operates a vehicle from the outside of the vehicle”. WP.1 will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/3/Rev.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/3/Rev.1

(iii) Highly and fully automated vehicles

At the last session, WP.1 discussed and adopted ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4/Rev.2 with changes. The final adopted text has been available as Annex I in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/165 (“Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) Resolution on the deployment of highly and

fully automated vehicles in road traffic”). At the current session the secretariat will table the annex as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4/Rev.3 for information only. WP.1 will also be invited to consider how to promote the Resolution.

(iv) *Amendment proposal to Article 8 in the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic*

At the last session, France introduced Informal document No. 6 (September 2018), which contained a preliminary amendment proposal to Article 8 in the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic. France informed WP.1 that it intended to revise Informal No. 6 (September 2018) for submission at the current session. WP.1 will be invited to discuss the updated document.

(v) *Joint event of WP.1 and WP.29, “Automation in Transport: Safe deployment of automated vehicles in traffic”*

WP.1 will be updated on, and invited to discuss, the outcomes of its dedicated special session, held during the 81st ITC session on 18 February 2019, as a joint event in coordination with the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4/Rev.3, Informal document No. 6 (September 2018)

4. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

At the last session, the Chair of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals updated WP.1 on the progress made by the Group in reviewing the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the convention. To this end, the Chair introduced Informal document No. 1 (September 2018) which contains the Group’s first draft of the final report. At this session, the Chair will present the Group’s draft final report (Informal document No. 1 (March 2019)), the recommendations on the “non-Convention” signs, and provide an update on the overall progress. As a follow, up to discussion at the last session (para. 30, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/165), WP.1 may also wish to discuss the colour combination inconsistencies allowed by the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals (i.e., round red and white mandatory signs).

The secretariat will update WP.1 on the progress in developing e-CoRSS (electronic version of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals).

Documentation

Informal document No. 1 (September 2018), Informal document No. 1 (March 2019)

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

(a) A Safe System Approach

At the last session, WP.1 continued discussing ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1 which incorporates the amendment proposals of Sweden to include a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1). At the current session WP.1 will be expected to continue (beginning with paragraph 11.1.4).

Also, at the last session, WP.1 considered a part of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/5/Rev.1 prepared by Italy, Spain, and the United States of America (Role of penalties and other restrictive measures). Discussion should resume with paragraph 3 of 2.4.1.3 at this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/5,
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/5/Rev.1

(b) Amendment proposals on distracted driving

WP.1 will be invited to continue discussing ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2/Rev.1 starting from section 1.5.2.1.

Documentation

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

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

At the last session, WP.1 considered how to proceed with ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/6 (formerly Informal document no. 4 (March 2018)) and invited delegates to provide comments to the authors. The revised document is expected to be tabled at the current session as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/6/Rev.1.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4 (March 2018), ECE/TRANS/WP.12018/6 and Rev.1

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

At the last session, WP.1 took note of the IRTE invitation to a “crash investigation and data system design for South-East Asian countries” event that was to be organized in early 2019. At the current session, the WP.1 Chair and IRTE will be invited to provide an update on this event.

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

At the last session, WP.1 continued discussing ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.4 and revised its section on Terms of Reference of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety up to paragraph 1 (h). At this session, WP.1 will be expected to continue revising ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.4.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.4

7. Sustainable Development Goals: Potential contribution by WP.1

At the last session, Algeria, Lebanon, Jordan, Morocco, State of Palestine, and Tunisia (comprising the majority of countries participating in the EUROMED Transport Support Project) made presentations which described road safety policy initiatives in their respective countries and how they intend to contribute to meeting the road safety related Sustainable Development Goals (targets 3.6 and 11.2).

WP.1 will continue its discussion and will reflect on how it could possibly enhance its role and involvement in meeting the road safety related Sustainable Development Goals.

8. Definition of a serious injury

At the last session, WP.1 took note of information on progress in producing a new version of the Glossary for Transport Statistics, including about introducing a new definition for a serious injury based on the Maximum Abbreviated Injury Scale (MAIS). Sweden will be invited to provide information about the use of MAIS definition in Sweden at this session.

9. Other Business

In collaboration with the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety, WP.1 will commemorate the recent fiftieth anniversary of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals.

The WP.1 Chair and the secretariat will inform WP.1 about the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund and update WP.1 on ongoing efforts to operationalize it.

WP.1 may wish to consider its contribution to the forthcoming Global Road Safety Week in May 2019.

The WP.1 Chair will provide an update on the meetings of the "WP.1/WP.29 Executive Task Force". WP.1 will be invited to discuss these developments including the relevance of the Executive Task Force acting as a hub for information exchange and coordination on topics of common interest.

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

10. Date of next session

The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 17-20 September 2019 in Geneva.

11. Adoption of the report of the seventy-eighth session

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