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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
ONE-HUNDRED-AND-THIRD SESSION^{1, 2}**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 29 October 2008

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Adoption of the report of the one-hundred-second session
3. Activities of ECE bodies and international organizations of interest to the Working Party

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Wednesday, 29 October 2008

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/385

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2 Adoption of the report of the one-hundred-second session

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/383

The Working Party is invited to adopt the report of its one-hundred-second session, prepared by the secretariat based on the list of decisions adopted during that session.

Item 3 Activities of ECE bodies and international organizations of interest to the working party

(a) Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

Document: ECE/TRANS/200

The Inland Transport Committee, at its seventieth session (19-21 February 2008), took note of the report of the Working Party on its one-hundred-and-first session and made a number of recommendations for activities of the SC.1. The secretariat will inform about these recommendations.

(b) International organizations

Representatives of international organizations at the session are invited to present information regarding their activities of relevance to the Working Party and to provide the secretariat with a short summary of their interventions. It would be highly appreciated if the secretariat receives the summaries at least one week before the session.

Item 4 European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)

The Working Party is expected to find an agreement on the legal issues at stake regarding harmonisation of provisions between the AETR and the EU legislation concerning driving and rest times of professional drivers (Regulation 561/2006 and Directive 2006/22) and to further discuss technical issues at stake regarding the introduction of the digital tachograph in the Contracting Parties to the AETR that are not members of the EU. The Working Party is also expected to take a decision concerning the possible opening of the AETR to non-ECE countries (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/2006/2).

(a) Consideration of proposed amendments to the AETR

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/381; ECE/TRANS/SC.1/383; ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/8; ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/2006/1/Rev.2; ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2007/3/Rev.2; ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/2006/2;

The Working Party will be informed about results of its special, one-hundred-and-second session devoted predominantly to the work on the outstanding issues regarding driving and rest periods for professional drivers (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/383).

The Working Party may wish to be informed by the participants about developments that possibly took place following its one-hundred-and-second session.

The Working Party may wish to further consider the outstanding issues and eventually find a solution thereto.

(b) Questionnaire on checking of driving and rest times

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2007/1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2007/1/Corr.1

The Working Party will be informed about the replies to the questionnaire on checking of driving and rest times sent by the secretariat in an e-mail of 8 June 2007 to non-EU Contracting Parties to the AETR.

(c) **Implementation of the digital tachograph**

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/8 ; ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/9,
ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2008/3 ; ECE/TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/2006/2/Add.1

The Working Party may wish to consider progress about the implementation of the digital tachograph. The document ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/9 continues to be the reference with respect to the detailed description of the steps to be taken in implementing the digital tachograph.

The Working Party will be informed of the progress in recognizing the AETR Authority for Root and Interoperability Certification.

Thursday, 30 October 2008

Item 5 Road transport infrastructure

(a) **European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)**

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/384

The Working Party will be informed of the publication of the consolidated text of the Agreement in English, French and Russian languages. The document can be downloaded at <http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/ECE-TRANS-SC1-384e.pdf>.

(i) Status of prior amendments to the AGR

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the proposals for amendments to the AGR, adopted by SC.1 at its one-hundred-and-first session in 2007.

(ii) Consideration of new proposals for amendments to the AGR, Annex I

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2008/2

The Working Party may wish to consider a new proposal transmitted by the Government of the Republic of Estonia.

(b) **Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project**

The Working Party may wish to be informed about progress made since its last session on the development of the TEM Project.

Friday, 31 October 2008

Item 6 Harmonization of requirements concerning international road transport and facilitation of its operation

(a) Proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (*OmniBUS*)

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2008/4

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus submitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU), in accordance with the request addressed to this organization by the one-hundred-first session of the Working Party.

(b) Quantitative restrictions imposed on international road transport of goods

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2008/5

The Working Party has been requested by the Inland Transport Committee to deal with this matter and to report to it at its next session. Based on the request of the Committee, the Working Party, at its 102nd session, agreed to include the matter on its agenda for the present meeting and invited the delegation of Turkey to provide more details on the subject. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal submitted by the Government of Turkey.

(c) Review of questions concerning facilitation of international road transport

(i) International Motor Insurance System (Green Card)

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2008/1

The Working Party will be informed by the Council of Bureaux about developments in the international Green Card System. The Working Party is expected to endorse the new Green Card format that has been adopted by the 42nd General Assembly (for both horizontal and vertical models) as from 1st January 2009 with a two year transitional period (ending on 31st December 2010) in order to replace the current version of the Green Card.

(ii) Accession to and implementation of UNECE international legal instruments in the field of road transport

Information on the status of accessions to UNECE legal instruments on road transport since the last session of the Working Party will be provided by the secretariat.

(iii) Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note

The Working Party may wish to be informed about possible developments that followed the signing ceremony of the Additional Protocol to the CMR on 27 May 2008. The delegation of the Netherlands has kindly offered to give a presentation on the use of eCMR in their country.

Item 7 Election of officers

The Working Party is invited to elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the term 2009-2010.

Item 8 Other business

Item 9 Date of next session

The Working Party will be informed that the dates of 19-21 October 2009 have been selected for its one-hundred-and-fourth session in 2009.

Item 10 Adoption of decisions

The Working Party will adopt a brief list of decisions taken at its one-hundred-and-third session on the basis of a draft to be prepared by the secretariat.
