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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the 106th session <sup>1,2</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 17 October 2011

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## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item to be adopted by the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) is the session's agenda.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/395

### **2. Adoption of the report of the 105th session**

The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its 105th session.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/392

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

#### **(a) Activities of UNECE bodies and other United Nations organizations**

The Working Party will be informed about the results of relevant sessions of the Inland Transport Committee, its subsidiary bodies and other United Nations entities with respect to matters of interest to the Working Party.

#### **(b) National delegations**

National delegations may wish to provide information about road transport developments in their respective countries.

#### **(c) International organizations**

Representatives of international organizations may wish to provide information about road transport developments in their respective areas.

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

**(a) Status of the Agreement**

SC.1 will be informed that on 19 May 2011, the Government of Georgia acceded to the Agreement. Georgia's accession is conditional upon no AETR Contracting Party expressing opposition to the country's reservation within six months, i.e. by 19 November 2011.

**(b) Amendments to the Agreement**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about AETR Article 21 and the status of amendments to AETR Article 12, para. 5 and Article 14, para. 1. The amendments were approved by SC.1 at their 105<sup>th</sup> session (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/392, para. 34).

**(c) AETR Expert Group**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about two special meetings of Contracting Parties to the AETR Agreement on 4 March 2011 and 12 July 2011. The secretariat will also provide an update on the progress in setting up an AETR Expert Group.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2011/1

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2011/2

**(d) Relationship between the AETR and European Union legislation**

The Working Party may wish to continue its discussion on whether the AETR or European Union (EU) law should prevail in transport between two EU member States.

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

SC.1 may wish to discuss issues related to the implementation of the digital tachograph.

**(f) Consistency between the 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and the AETR Agreement**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the need to maintain consistency between the 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and the AETR Agreement. In particular, only the "distinguishing signs" included in or declared under the Road Traffic Conventions may be used as additional "national symbols" to be printed on the digital tachograph cards.

**(g) Appendix 1B of the Annex to the AETR Agreement**

The Working Party may consider reviewing and updating Appendix 1B of the Annex to the AETR Agreement contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/2/Add.1.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/2/Add.1

## **5. European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)**

### **(a) Status of the Agreement**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about amendments proposed by Hungary, Norway, and Sweden/Turkey and approved by SC.1 (Annex II, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/388) that entered into force on 8 December 2010.

### **(b) Amendments to the Agreement**

At its 105<sup>th</sup> session, the Working Party considered and approved amendments to the AGR on procedures relating to road safety impact assessments, road safety audits, the management of road network safety as well as safety inspections (based on European Commission's Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management). The secretariat will inform SC.1 about article 7 of the AGR concerning procedures for amending the main text of the AGR agreement.

## **6. Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project**

The Working Party will be informed of the status of the project, including the revision of the TEM Master Plan.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2011/3

## **7. Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)**

### **(a) Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 that on 23 November 2010, Poland acceded to the Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR). This legal instrument entered into force for Poland on 21 February 2011.

### **(b) Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 that on 7 March 2011, the conditions for the entry into force of the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) concerning the electronic consignment note were met. Accordingly, the Protocol entered into force on 5 June 2011. There are currently seven Contracting Parties: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland.

The secretariat will remind SC.1 about Article 5 of the Additional Protocol that stipulates that parties interested in the performance of e-CMR will agree on the procedures and their implementation.

## **8. Facilitation of international road transport**

### **(a) International Motor Insurance System (Green Card)**

The Working Party will be informed by the representatives of the Council of Bureaux about recent developments in the "Green Card system".

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2011/4

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

The informal group of experts will provide an update of its activities—in particular the outcome of the third meeting of the expert group from 31 May to 1 June 2011—with respect to the proposal for a multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2008/4/Rev.2

**(c) Quantitative restrictions imposed on international road transport of goods**

The Working Party will be informed about the results of an examination by an informal group of experts, made up of Turkey, European Commission and the International Road Transport Union (IRU), of the “Draft convention aligning bilateral agreements on international road transport with the mandatory rules of multilateral instruments governing international road transit”.

**(d) The relationship between the origin of goods and transport operations**

SC.1 may wish to discuss transport and border crossing issues related to the origin of goods, frontier controls and bilateral road transport permits.

**9. Safety at Level Crossings Expert Group**

The secretariat will inform SC.1 about the Inland Transport Committee’s recommendation for the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) and the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) to consider creating a joint Group of Experts of limited duration to work on enhancing safety at level crossings (ECE/TRANS/221, para. 50). The secretariat will also inform SC.1 that WP.1 noted the Inland Transport Committee’s invitation to WP.1, SC.1 and SC.2 to consider creating this group of experts to work on improving safety at road and rail interfaces and agreed to take part in this initiative (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/131, para. 21).

**10. Amendments to “Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1)”**

At the 105<sup>th</sup> session, the Working Party elected its officers for the period 2011–2013 in accordance with its “Terms of reference and rules of procedure” (Chapter V, Rule 12, TRANS/SC.1/377/Add.1). At the same session, SC.1 requested a change in its “Terms of reference” to accommodate the selection of two Vice-Chairs. The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the procedures required to effect the change. SC.1 will be invited to discuss and agree on the amendments.

**Documentation**

TRANS/SC.1/377/Add.1  
TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1

## 11. Planning of future work

### (a) Review and extension of the mandate of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

The Working Party may wish to note that the first 5-year review of the UNECE reform adopted in December 2005 will take place in 2011–2012 with the view to drawing conclusions on the future work priorities of the UNECE. The Working Party may wish to consider the issue in conjunction with below items 11 (b) and (c) and to propose to the Inland Transport Committee to renew the mandate and status of the Working Party for another 5-year cycle as of 2013.

### (b) Possible responses to the challenges identified by the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

The Working Party may wish to consider the results of the first meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies on the multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral issues requiring further cooperation and the identification common challenges and possible ways forward and discuss possible responses as reflected in Informal Document No. 2 of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) Bureau meeting of 20 June 2011, to be circulated by the secretariat.

#### Documentation

Informal Document No. 2 of the ITC Bureau meeting of 20 June 2011

### (c) Programme of work and Biennial Evaluation

The Working Party may wish to examine its draft programme of work for 2012-2016 and, in particular, the continued relevance of priorities assigned to individual work elements and the expected outputs. The Working Party may also wish to consider and approve its programme of work for 2012–2013 and evaluate its accomplishments and indicators of achievement for 2010-2011, in accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being in 2012 (ECE/TRANS/200, para.120).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2011/5

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2011/6

## 12. Other business

The Working Party may wish to consider other issues under this agenda item.

## 13. Date of next session

The Working Party will be informed that the secretariat scheduled its next 107<sup>th</sup> session for (22–24 October 2012).

## 14. Adoption of decisions

The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at the 106th session.