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Report of the special session of the Working Party on Road Transport

I. Attendance

1. The Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) held its special session in Geneva from 30 June to 1 July 2014, chaired by Mr. Roman Symonenko (Ukraine). The following United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) member States were represented in the meeting: Belgium, Germany, Russian Federation, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine.
2. The following non-governmental organization was also represented: International Road Transport Union (IRU).

II. Adoption of the agenda

3. The Working Party adopted the session's agenda (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/S/393).

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

4. The Working Party continued discussing the text of a draft multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus as decided at the 108th session in October 2013 (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/400, paras. 30 and 31).
5. Two options were discussed: (1) to focus primarily on the remaining issues and the text of the agreement that had not been discussed so far (namely, the annexes); and (2) to start the discussion from the beginning, line by line. SC.1 decided to follow the second proposal. Following an intensive and sometimes controversial discussion over two days, SC.1 agreed on the wording of the text from Article 1 to Article 8 (original Article 9).

6. SC.1 requested the secretariat to post ECE/TRANS/SC.1/S/2013/Rev.1 in tracked changes (as made during this session) on the SC.1 website.
7. SC.1 will continue to discuss the remaining text of the Omnibus proposal during the next SC.1 session in October 2014. SC.1, at its forthcoming session, is expected to take a decision on the next steps.
8. SC.1 further requested the secretariat to share its comments on the remaining part of the text in advance so that discussion could take place at its forthcoming session.

IV. Other business

9. The Working Party did not consider any other issues under this agenda item.

V. Adoption of decisions

10. The Working Party adopted a list of decisions of this special session.
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