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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated Provisional Agenda^{1, 2}

Special session of the Working Party on Road Transport on the AETR Agreement (27 April) and on a proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS) (28-29 April)

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday 27 April 2015

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.

¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/sc1/sc1age.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (roadtransport@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

² All delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by e-mail (roadtransport@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 72401). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website (www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html).

2. AETR Agreement:
 - (a) Activities of interest to the Working Party;
 - (b) The Memorandum of Understanding which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties;
 - (c) Proposed amendment to Article 14 of the AETR;
 - (d) Digital tachographs: Costs of installation and maintenance.
3. Proposal for a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBUS).
4. Other business.
5. Adoption of decisions.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Working Party will adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

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2. AETR Agreement

(a) **Activities of interest to the Working Party**

The Working Party will be informed about the results of sessions of the Inland Transport Committee, its subsidiary bodies and other United Nations entities of interest to the Working Party. In particular, the secretariat will provide an update on the key decisions of the seventy-seventh session of the Inland Transport Committee.

(b) **The Memorandum of Understanding which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties**

The Working Party may wish to discuss whether to extend the Memorandum of Understanding which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties. The Memorandum expires on 30 June 2015.

(c) **Proposed amendment to Article 14 of the AETR**

At the 109th session of SC.1, the Working Party adopted an amendment proposal to Article 14 of the AETR Agreement to allow Algeria, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia to accede to it. The secretariat will inform the Working Party about recent developments on this proposal.

(d) **Digital tachographs: Costs of installation and maintenance**

The cost of installing and maintaining digital tachographs has been raised at previous sessions of the AETR Group of Experts. The Working Party may wish to consider sharing information on this subject.

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

At the last 109th session of SC.1, the Government of Switzerland was invited to assess – as far as possible - the comments provided by the secretariat with the aim of developing another draft for consideration at this session of SC.1. Informal document No. 1 contains the most recent revisions from the Government of Switzerland. The Working Party will continue discussing the text of a draft Omnibus agreement.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

4. Other business

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

5. Adoption of decisions

The Working Party will adopt decisions taken at this special session.
