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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-fifth session****

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday,
19 September 2017

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

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 - (e) Amendment proposals on Vulnerable Road Users.
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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.1/158

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.

The Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety will be invited to address the Global Forum on the occasion of the seventy-fifth session.

3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

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

At the September 2016 session, WP.1 began (up to paragraph 25.2) considering ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.3 submitted by France, Italy and Laser Europe. WP.1 will continue discussing the document at this session. The discussion is expected to be assisted by ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1 which presents the complete, consolidated text of the relevant parts of the Convention and contains the already adopted and still to be adopted amendment proposals (to be prepared by France, Italy and Laser Europe for this session).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.3 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1

(b) Driving permits

The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the status of official translation of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1 into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish. ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.2 will be tabled in French and Russian for information.

At the last session, International Organization for Standardization (ISO) made a presentation based on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/2/Rev.1 (prepared by France, Luxembourg and ISO). After discussion, WP.1 invited France, Luxembourg, Russian Federation, Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and ISO and other interested parties to table a new proposal related to domestic and international driving permits at the September 2017 session.

The United Arab Emirates and/or FIA may wish to provide WP.1 with information on any new developments in a pilot project to introduce security features into international driving permits issued in the United Arab Emirates.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.2 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/2/Rev.1

(c) Automated driving

The Chair of Informal Group of Experts on Automated Driving (IGEAD) will be invited to provide information on the Group's overall progress. In particular, WP.1 will be informed by the IGEAD Chair about the outcome of discussions on the remote parking function (para. 23, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/157).

WP.1 may wish to consider any amendment proposals – if submitted - to introduce the “principles” related to paragraph 6, article 8 (as per paragraph 21 of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/157) into the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.

WP.1 will be invited to initiate substantive discussion on a potential process to create an ancillary legal instrument dedicated to highly automated and/or driverless vehicles which would serve the Contracting Parties to 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic. In this context, WP.1 will consider draft terms of reference prepared by the secretariat (Informal document No. 1)

The WP.1 Chair will provide information on the workshop on “Governance of the Safety of Autonomous Vehicles”, co-organized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), UNECE WP.1 and the Institut Francais des Sciences et

Technologies des Transports de l'Aménagement et des Réseaux (IFSTTAR) that took place on 28 and 29 June 2017 in Geneva.

The Chairs of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety and of the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) agreed to dedicate time for a combined meeting of experts from both groups to exchange information on their activities of common interest.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

(d) Loading of vehicles

At the last session, WP.1 postponed its discussion of this subject at the request of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and Laser Europe. At this session, WP.1 will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5/Rev.2 to be submitted by IRU and Laser Europe. IRU may wish to update WP.1 as to whether a Contracting Party to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic has been identified to partner with IRU and Laser Europe to propose these amendments.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5/Rev.2

4. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

The Chair of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals will be invited to provide an update on progress and most recent developments in the Group. The secretariat will update WP.1 on the progress of developing e-CoRSS (electronic version of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals).

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

(a) A Safe System Approach

WP.1 will continue to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6 which incorporates Sweden's amendment proposals to include a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1). At the last session, WP.1 reviewed the amendment proposals up to the end of Part 1. The alternative text of 2.4.1.3 (Role of penalties and other restrictive measures) is provided in Informal document No. 2.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6, Informal document No. 2

(b) Multi-Disciplinary Crash Investigation (MDCI)

WP.1 completed its discussions of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.3 submitted by Finland and Sweden at the last session. The secretariat will inform the Working Party that it was not possible to annex ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.3 in its entirety to the report of the last session (as per para. 31, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/157) due to procedural limitations. The remainder of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.3 will be annexed to the report of this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.3

(c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving

At the last session, WP.1 began to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2 submitted by France, Italy and the Russian Federation which contains proposal amendments to section 1.5 (Use of mobile phones) of R.E.1. WP.1 will invite the proponents as well as Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to present the revised version of this document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2

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

At the last session, WP.1 invited IRTE and the University of Birmingham, working in consultation with the secretariat, to restructure and format the text of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/3 (which contains a position paper on policies for Powered Two Wheelers for South-East Asian countries and other low and middle income countries) to fit the R.E.1 style. At this session, the authors will be invited to provide an update on the document's restructuring.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/3

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

At the last session, WP.1 welcomed the proposal by IRTE with the support of NHTSA and the WP.1 Chair to organize, as a follow-up to the PTW activities, a workshop in late 2017 to complete the assessment of safety of VRU, going beyond the subject of PTW, in South-East Asia in the context of implementation of the transport-related to the Sustainable Development Goals. The WP.1 Chair and IRTE were invited to report on progress in this area at this session.

Documentation

Informal document No. 3

6. Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings

At the last session, WP.1 requested the secretariat to explore possibilities for establishing a dedicated working group on improving safety at level crossings in cooperation with other partners such as International Union of Railways (UIC). The secretariat will report to WP.1 on the findings at this session.

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

At the last session, WP.1 requested the informal group of experts (Austria, Italy and Japan) to prepare a proposal for this session on how to revise WP.1 terms of reference and rules of procedure (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.1). WP.1 will be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.2 which contains a proposal on WP.1 status participation options (i.e. full versus consultative status).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.2

8. Programme of work and biennial evaluation, 2018-2019

In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work every two years, WP.1 is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2018–2019 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/5). WP.1 approved its previous programme of work at its seventy-first session in 2015 (paras 32-33 ECE/TRANS/WP.1/151).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/5

9. WP.1 and road safety related to Sustainable Development Goals

At the last ITC session, Working Parties were invited to consider preparing contributions to the draft strategy of the Inland Transport Committee that will be considered by the Committee in 2018. The WP.1 Chair will present ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/6 which is based on the Resolution endorsed by the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety during its 73rd Session and by ITC during its 79th Session. The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety will be invited to consider how to best contribute to the envisaged Inland Transport Committee Strategy.

Experts participating in the EU-funded EuroMed Transport Support Project (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, State of Palestine and Tunisia) will be invited to present the road safety situation, main challenges and needs of their respective countries.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/6

10. Other Business

The UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's Regional Advisor will make a presentation about a SafeFITS model (Road Safety in Future Inland Transport Systems). WP.1 may also wish to discuss other issues.

11. Date of next session

The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 20 to 23 March 2018 in Geneva.

12. Adoption of the report of the seventy-fifth session

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