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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twentieth session**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday,
18 February 2019, Salle XI

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session’s agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/46

2. Programme of Work

(a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis

At the last session, the Russian Federation and the European Commission reiterated their earlier positions (indicated in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.3). The Chair urged the parties to reconsider their positions. The Russian Federation and the European Commission will be invited to share progress made (if any).

(b) Appendix 1C

At the last session, the European Commission made a presentation on the amendments of Regulation European Union 2016/799 (Informal document No. 1 (October 2018)) and their possible impact on the Group's discussion of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1. It was decided to consider individual amendments contained in Informal document No. 1 (October 2018) - formally Regulation European Union 2018/502 while discussing ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1. The European Commission has submitted Informal document No. 1 (February 2019) "Smart Digital Tachograph Technical Analysis for the Amendment of Regulation 799/2016" as an aid to understand the changes in Regulation European Union 2016/799.

SC.1 is invited to continue its review of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1 from point "hh (over speeding)" on page 15 in the English version taking into account any relevant information in Informal document No. 1 (February 2019).

At the last session, Turkey submitted Informal document No. 6 (June 2018) concerning issues related to procurement of smart tachograph cards. Turkey also advised that vehicle manufacturers based in the countries of non-European Union AETR contracting parties had requested a solution for receiving workshop cards as of March 2019. As requested by Turkey, SC.1 is invited to discuss a transitional arrangement after 15 June 2019 at this session.

(c) Dedicated short range communication

At the last session, the Russian Federation proposed considering the possibility of switching off DSRC manually or automatically in countries where its use may not be legal. SC.1 is invited to discuss this issue.

(d) Application of Regulation No. 561/2006 in the "AETR area"

At the last session, the Group of Experts did not further discuss the application of Regulations No. 561/2006 and 165/2014 nor did it attempt to harmonize the two regimes for driving times and rest periods. SC.1 agreed to keep this item on the agenda so that it can be revisited at future sessions if so desired.

3. Amendment of Article 14

At the last session, Turkey informed the Group of Experts that it had begun the necessary steps to submit an amendment proposal to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs to amend Article 14 in order to make Lebanon eligible to accede. The secretariat will provide an update.

4. TACHOnet

At the last session, the European Commission submitted Informal document No. 4 which contained draft text on a possible annex to the AETR Agreement related to TACHOnet. It also provided an update on expected time frames for delivery in 2019. At this session, Austria (in its capacity as holder of the EU Presidency) submitted ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.2/2019/1 on the subject. The European Commission will be invited to provide an update.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.2/2019/1

5. Reconciliation of “AETR regimes” in the European Union and non-European Union contracting parties after 15 June 2019

At the last session, the Group of Experts commenced its discussion on the reconciliation of the differences in “AETR regimes” in European Union and non-European Union contracting parties that will result after the compulsory adoption of the smart tachograph by European Union AETR contracting parties after 15 June 2019. Among others, informal document No. 3 (October 2018) proposed principles on how to accept European Union vehicles equipped with smart tachographs on the territories of non-European Union AETR contracting parties. The Group of Experts decided to create an informal group of experts to expedite their discussions on Appendix 1C. The Russian Federation and the Chair offered to coordinate the informal group and to contact the volunteers interested to be part of the informal group.

The Russian Federation and the Chair will be invited to provide an update.

6. Other Business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

7. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 17 June 2019 in Palais des Nations in Geneva.

8. Adoption of the Report

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of this session.
