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### **Terms of Reference for the informal working group on "e-learning"**

**Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)**

#### **Introduction**

At the 158th Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15/AC.1), a guideline on online refresher training for drivers of dangerous goods was presented (document [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/8](#)). Although there has been a general support in principle, the Joint Meeting recommended the establishment of an informal working group to further develop the proposed guidelines.

#### **Objective**

The purpose of the informal working group is to:

- Evaluate and propose guidelines on e-learning for all/volunteer contracting parties of the Joint Meeting;
- Propose the definitions of the e-learning/distance learning, intervention of the competent authority, and the authorised training centres;
- Support the implementation of the theoretical training courses for training centres, trainers, trainees, competent authorities and ensure easy access to courses.

The informal working group will discuss and develop a roadmap to restructure the e-learning guideline.

#### **Operating principles**

The informal working group on e-learning is open to all participants of the Joint Meeting, including Contracting Parties and non-governmental organisations to the ADR/ADN/RID.

A chair, a vice-chair and a secretary will manage the informal working group.

A provisional agenda shall be drawn up by the above team in accordance with the participants of the group. The first item of the agenda for each session shall be the adoption of the agenda.

An agenda and related documents shall be made available on the UNECE website and on the OTIF website.

The official language of the informal working group will be English.

All documents and/or proposals should be submitted to the secretary of the group in a suitable format in advance of the meetings. The group may postpone discussing any item or proposal that is not circulated five working days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Decisions and proposals of the group shall be reached by consensus and in case of a lack of unanimous agreement, by majority.

Sessions may be held in person or virtual.

The group shall propose the report or final draft of a guideline to the Joint Meeting for final discussion and adoption.

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