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**Programme of Work for 2022 and recommendations
on key components of the Programme of Work for 2024**

Outline of key components of the programme of work of the transport subprogramme for 2024

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. This document presents an outline of key components (objective, strategy and deliverables) of the programme of work of the transport subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2024. These components are based on the subprogramme-related section of the ECE proposed programme budget for 2023, with modified or new elements highlighted in track changes. The Inland Transport Committee (“the Committee”) is invited to consider this information and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those modifications and/or member States’ recommendations agreed by the Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the subprogramme for 2024. It will be prepared by the secretariat at the end of 2022 and included in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2024.

Outline of key components of the programme of work

I. Objective

2. The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance a regionally and globally sustainable inland transport (road, rail, inland waterway and intermodality) system by making it safer, cleaner, more efficient and more affordable, both for freight transport and people’s mobility.

II. Strategy

3. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Sustainable Transport Division.

4. To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) facilitate addressing regional and global needs in inland transport and promote regionally and globally sustainable transport systems, through servicing the Inland Transport Committee (the Committee), its 20 Working Parties and 11 administrative committees, as well as the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and more than 50 formal and informal expert networks;
 - (b) administer the international regulatory framework for inland transport, which includes 59 United Nations legal instruments on safety, pollution, efficiency and effectiveness (normative function), by developing new and updating existing legal instruments, as necessary, ensuring that the Committee's regulatory functions are up to date with current technologies and transport innovations – such as intelligent transport systems, autonomous vehicles and digitalization – and open to all United Nations Member States, as appropriate;
 - (c) provide an intergovernmental policy dialogue platform at the annual sessions of the Committee to review emerging challenges and emergency situations; support consensus-building during the Committee's events in favour of regional and interregional connectivity among other matters, including through adoption of high-level statements or resolutions on harmonized actions by member States and contracting parties, in order to enable full implementation of the Committee's mandate;
 - (d) complement the regulatory and policy dialogue functions with analytical work, technical assistance and capacity-building on accession to and implementation of legal instruments, at the request of member States and contracting parties;
 - (e) contribute to the work of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety and the operation of the United Nations Road Safety Fund, to facilitate global improvements in road safety through policy dialogue at the Committee meetings, capacity-building and advisory assistance on promoting the legal instruments, and participation in governing bodies, calls for proposals and other related activities, as appropriate;
 - (f) support efforts of member States to respond to and recover from emergency situations, including pandemics, while minimizing disruptions to the functioning of the national, regional and international transport systems and the implementation of the sustainable development agenda;
 - (g) develop new and update existing legal instruments, to maintain the database of international regulatory frameworks for inland transport;
 - (h) promote knowledge-sharing and cooperation among Governments and key stakeholders, raise awareness of emerging issues and best responses, contribute to the improved monitoring and measuring of SDGs, facilitate technically the adaptation of legally binding instruments and frameworks to the new realities, and prepare new guidance materials.
5. The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) Improvements in sustainable mobility, and monitoring and measuring the SDGs;
 - (b) Improvements in inland transport, leading to safer, cleaner, more efficient and more affordable systems for contracting parties to the United Nations inland transport conventions;
 - (c) More efficient and resilient cross-border flows of goods and people regionally and globally;
 - (d) Enhanced intergovernmental cooperation in emergency situations and minimized disruptions in the continued implementation and updating of United Nations inland transport conventions.

III. Deliverables to be implemented in 2024

5. The below table provides an outline of deliverables that are expected to contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies		
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents, per entity/theme)	1293	1266
1. The Inland Transport Committee	1023	1080
a. Inland Transport Committee and Bureau	31	31
b. World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations	420	500
c. Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs	33	33
d. Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	214	214
e. Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics and subsidiary groups of experts	26	28
f. Working Party on Transport Statistics	14	14
g. Working Party on Road Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	18	28
h. Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety and subsidiary groups of experts	40	40
i. Working Party on Rail Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	34	30
j. Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics	15	15
k. Working Party on Inland Water Transport	47	47
l. Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	131	100
2. The Economic and Social Council	265	183
a. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	5	1
b. Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	200	150
c. Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	60	32
3. The High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	5	3
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings, per entity/theme)	423	456
4. The Inland Transport Committee	381	419
a. Inland Transport Committee and Bureau	16	16
b. World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations	111	111
c. Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs	16	8
d. Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	58	68
e. Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics and subsidiary groups of experts	22	22
f. Working Party on Transport Statistics	6	6
g. Working Party on Road Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	12	30
h. Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety and subsidiary groups of experts	28	28
i. Working Party on Rail Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	18	30
j. Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics	6	12
k. Working Party on Inland Water Transport	18	18
l. Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	70	70
5. The Economic and Social Council	40	35
a. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	1	-
b. Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	29	25
c. Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	10	10

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>
6. The High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	2	2
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge		
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	2	2
7. Trans-European North-South Motorway	1	1
8. Trans-European Railway	1	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	11	10
9. Workshops for government officials and other stakeholders in the ECE region and in contracting parties to legal instruments under the purview of the Inland Transport Committee on intelligent transport systems; transport statistics and trends; road, rail, inland water, intermodal and intersectoral transport issues; and vehicle agreements and regulations	8	9
10. Seminars for national coordinators, experts, customs officials and transport industry on the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets and the Trans-European North-South Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects	3	1
Publications (number of publications)	10	9
11. Transport of dangerous goods	2	3
12. Transport of perishable foodstuffs	1	1
13. Transport facilitation	-	-
14. Green and safe transport and cross-cutting issues	5	3
15. Vehicle regulations	1	1
16. Statistics	1	1
Technical materials (number of materials)	1	1
17. Fact sheet: what you should know about advanced driver assistance systems	-	-
18. Transport statistics – country profiles	1	1
C. Substantive deliverables		
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for contracting parties of United Nations transport conventions administered by ECE on legal instruments relating to inland transport; facilitation of transport; border crossing; road safety; vehicle construction; and transport of dangerous goods and other special cargo.		
Databases and substantive digital materials: the International TIR Data Bank website providing access to users from more than 70 contracting parties of the TIR Convention, which includes the list of the more than 31,000 transport companies authorized to use the TIR system; TIR and eTIR websites; the eTIR international system allowing the exchange of data between the eTIR stakeholders in the course of TIR transports following the eTIR procedure; inventory of standards on inland water infrastructure; web-based inventory of existing European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines and European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations standards and parameters; databases on transport statistics, road traffic accidents, transport of dangerous goods, transport of perishable foodstuffs, urban transport and transport and environment; web-based Rail Security Observatory; digitalized signs and signals (E-CoRSS) under the Convention on Road Signs and Signals; and smart and sustainable connectivity e-learning platform.		
D. Communication deliverables		
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: information materials on legal instruments and activities of the subprogramme for universal and regional access.		
External and media relations: press releases for the subprogramme.		
Digital platforms and multimedia content: digital platforms and multimedia content on sustainable transport and mobility; and website of the subprogramme for universal and regional access.		