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First session

Geneva, 4-5 July 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the first session* ** ***

To be held virtually or in-person at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 4 July 2022, salle XXVII.

I. Provisional Agenda

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* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website (<https://unece.org/transport/events/sc1ge22-group-experts-operationalization-ecmr-1st-session>). For the translation of the official documents, delegates can access the public Official Document System (ODS) on the following website: <http://documents.un.org/>

** Delegates are requested to register online at: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=q8Eguf>. Communication on details related to the meeting arrangements will be sent to duly registered delegates.

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 75964). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <https://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>.

*** This document was submitted late due to the late approval of the Expert Group by EXCOM.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/1

2. Election of officers

On the basis of the ECE/EX/2/Rev.1 (Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of teams of specialists within ECE), and on the basis of TRANS/SC.1/396/Add.1 (Terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1)) the Group of Experts will elect a Chair and two Vice – Chairs.

Documentation

ECE/EX/2/Rev.1, TRANS/SC.1/396/Add.1

3. Programme of work

The Group of Experts will be invited to exchange views on its work plan for the period for which it was established clearly defining its objectives and activities and making a time schedule for their implementation (per ECE/EX/2/Rev.1, para. 3(b)). In accordance with Annex IV of ECE/TRANS/2022/6, this should include the objective/scope, high level architecture, and conceptual specifications for a future environment that would support the conclusion and exchange of electronic consignment notes in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) and the Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note (eCMR Additional Protocol). Such work should also include an impact assessment of possible implementation scenarios of a future eCMR environment. To facilitate this discussion, the secretariat has prepared ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/2022/1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2022/6 (Annex IV), ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/2022/1

4. Tentative dates of meetings

The Group of Experts is expected to meet three times during 2022 (via a hybrid mode) and three times during 2023 (in person only meetings) before submitting its final report at the 118th session of SC.1 in October 2023. The meetings should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2022/6 (Annex IV)

5. Other business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss any other business.

6. Adoption of the list of decisions

The secretariat will prepare a list of decisions during the session. The list of decisions will be endorsed by the Group of Experts.

7. Date of next session

The next session of the Group of Experts is scheduled to take place on 4-6 October 2022.
