

**Decisions submitted to silence procedure following formal meeting with remote participation
of the thirty-fifth annual session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) on 5-7 September 2022**

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1	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/71	WP.5 adopted the agenda for the thirty-fourth session as contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.5/71.
2	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/2 Workshop webpage	WP.5 welcomed the inter-regional consultations that were held on electrification of urban mobility – opportunities and challenges for transport, energy, and spatial planning and appreciated the fact that this was co-organized by the UNECE Sustainable Transport, Sustainable Energies and Housing and Land Management units. WP.5 invited the secretariat to continue holding and facilitating such consultations on targeted topics of inter-regional interest, in cooperation, if possible, with the other UN regional commissions as well as other regional / interregional organizations and relevant projects.
3 (a)	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/1 Round table webpage	WP.5 noted with appreciation the targeted discussions that took place at the round table organized by the UNECE and ECO secretariats aimed at discussing the operational rail capacity of the Trans-Caspian and Almaty-Istanbul corridors. It welcomed the request of participating railway companies and customs administrations from countries on both corridors to establish a coordination committee that would gather periodically in the format of a Group of Friends of the WP.5 Chair co-facilitated with the ECO secretariat to exchange views and information on inter alia the following issues: Remaining technical inter-operability issues, the establishment of a unified time schedule and tariffs for both corridors; the development of a marketing plan for the corridor which could serve as a basis to attract higher interest levels from private sector operators and freight forwarders as well as to boost digitalization efforts of transport and customs documents. WP.5 requested the countries concerned and the secretariat to prepare an update report ahead of its annual session next year.

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		Regarding issues on the evaluation of international transport corridors performance, WP.5 requested the secretariat to take into account more initiatives, data, and studies of other international organizations, institutions, research centres as well as those received from countries.
4 (a)	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/3 Side event webpage	<p>WP.5 appreciated the inaugural meeting of the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory and welcomed the finalization of the platform after several years of combined efforts among ECE, IsDB, ESCWA, CETMO and ECO and called upon Governments that had not yet done so to appoint National Focal Points and start exploring its functionalities, provide feedback on their user experience and start feeding it with additional geocoded data.</p> <p>It also requested the secretariat to inform the ITC Bureau and the Committee on the development of the Observatory and possible outcomes of the tests once they are completed.</p>
4 (b)	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/6	<p>WP.5 considered and adopted the final report of the Group of Experts on Benchmarking of Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs and requested the WP.5 secretariat to explore avenues to continue these efforts, including on maintenance costs of transport infrastructure including in the framework of Trans European Motorway Project and Trans European Railway Project ; to upload the analysis and data findings of GE.4 onto the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory and to create as part of ITIO automated dashboards that would allow Governments, in a secured IT environment, to continue sharing transport infrastructure costs.</p> <p>WP.5 requested the secretariat to officially publish the GE.4 final report as a UN publication in the three ECE working languages.</p>
5 (c)	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/5	<p>Given the mandate by ECOSOC the working party requested the secretariat to continue to liaise on this issue with regional commissions as well as IMO and ICAO. The Working Party considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/5 which provides an overview of what the aviation and maritime transport sectors are doing in reducing their environmental footprint and provides a number of recommendations on how to increase the role of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies in this area. The Working Party requested the WP.5 secretariat to seek feedback from the</p>

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		Chairs and secretariats of other relevant Working Parties and revise the document on this basis ahead of submitting it to ITC through its Bureau.
6	Round table webpage	<p>WP.5 appreciated the workshop that was held on protection of inland transport infrastructure from acts of unlawful interferences at the stages of design, construction, and operation. WP.5 agreed on the important role of developing a sound regulatory and legal framework surrounding transport security and that both fixed infrastructure as well as digital infrastructure need to be included in all stages. WP.5 also underlined the need for Governments to stay up to date with the latest trends and practices in this field.</p> <p>The Working Party, upon a proposal by the secretariat decided to hold as part of the next WP.5 session a designated seminar on cyber security threats to electrical vehicle charging stations (EVCS). Such effort should be undertaken as a cross-divisional effort with cooperation from other relevant Working Parties including the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1), or the Informal Working Group on Intelligent Transport Systems under the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle regulations.</p>
8 (a)	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/4	<p>WP.5 appreciated document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/4 on International contingency management as an instrument to increase resilience of inland transport systems to external shocks prepared by the secretariat upon request of the Working Party at its last session.</p> <p>The Working Party appreciated that the proposed action plan for implementation by mode specific Working Parties of the recommendations produced by the Informal Multidisciplinary Advisory Group (IMAG) had been adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its session in February 2022 and requested the secretariat to follow up with these WPs regarding the implementation of this action plan. The Working Party also welcomed the proposal by the secretariat inviting interested countries to participate on a voluntary basis in a pilot project aimed at developing an International Contingency Management system for road, rail or IWW along a specific segment of a corridor.</p>

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	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/2	<p>WP.5 welcomed document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2022/2 entitled Taking stock of new trends towards electric vehicle charging infrastructure, prepared by the Sustainable Transport in close consultation with the Sustainable Energy Divisions as mandated by ITC at its session in February 2022.</p> <p>WP.5 endorsed the preliminary ideas formulated in the document for a stronger role by ITC, its own role as a think-tank of ITC, and that of its sister Working Parties and requested the secretariat to consult on these ideas with the relevant Working Parties, in particular WP.29, WP.24, SC.1 and others before revising the document if needed and presenting the document to the Bureau for its feedback, ahead of submission to the ITC at its session in February 2023.</p>
8 (b)		<p>The Working Party requested the secretariat to designate its Transport Trends and Economics 2022-2023 publication on general trends and developments surrounding EVs and their charging infrastructure. WP.5 requested the secretariat to make sure that such a publication would include case studies and best practice examples from across the ECE region and beyond.</p>
8 (c)		<p>WP.5 expressed appreciation for the efforts of the secretariat to contribute to the development of the SITCIN user platform and the fact that a publication on SITCIN has been issued and will be made available in the three ECE working languages. WP.5 also welcomed the Launch of the LearnITC – the Inland Transport and Trade Connectivity eLearning Platform which provides governmental and other stakeholders with targeted online training courses on the accession to, and implementation of, UN Inland Transport Conventions and Legal Instruments.</p>
11		<p>The Working Party elected Mrs Els de Wit (Netherlands) as Chair and Mr. Burak Aykan (Türkiye) as Vice Chair for its sessions in 2023 and 2024.</p>