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Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic

Fifth session

Geneva, 12 December 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifth session* **

To be held virtually or in-person at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 12 December 2022.

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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/info/Transport/Global-Forum-for-Road-Traffic-Safety/events/371068>). 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://indico.un.org/event/1000541/>. Communication on details related to the meeting arrangements will be sent to duly registered delegates.

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda for this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2022/9

2. Highlights from the September 2022 session of WP.1

The Group of Experts may wish to be informed about relevant activities of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) at its eighty-fifth session, including items proposed by WP.1 for discussion.

3. Substantive activities

The Group of Experts may wish to be informed about activities, undertaken in between the formal sessions by the volunteers who had agreed at the fourth session of the Group, to initiate drafting activities, i.e., to start preparing a first draft in a “convention format” for the creation of a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic.

The Group of Experts, following its intention expressed at the fourth session, will begin the initial review of the first draft of the text prepared by volunteering contracting parties.

The Group of Experts, following the invitation of the WP.1 Chair at the eighty-fifth session of WP.1, will consider drafting the legal text as well as conducting the assessments, as proposed by the experts from Canada, Sweden and the United States of America.

The Group of Experts may wish to review input related to road traffic safety and automated driving, if any, taking into account the existing 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic.

4. Current status and next steps

According to ECE/EX/2/Rev.1 (Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of teams of specialists within ECE) and on the basis of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2022/3 (Programme of work of the Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic) the Group of Experts will, at the end of the period for which it has been established, submit a full report on its accomplishments to WP.1 in order to share the achievements and conclusions of its work to the wider UNECE membership.

The Group of Experts may wish to review its Programme of Work (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2022/3), and may discuss future items for consideration in the second term of the Group (pending approval by the Inland Transport Committee).

Documentation

(ECE/EX/2/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2022/3)
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2022/11

5. Election of officers

According to ECE/EX/2/Rev.1 (Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of teams of specialists within ECE) and on the basis of TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1 (Terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)) the Group of Experts will be invited to elect its officers, a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who shall take office at the start of the first session of the year following their election. The officers shall be eligible for re-election.

Rule 29 of TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1 stipulates that “Voting and elections of officers shall be held in accordance with Rules 37 to 39 of the Rules of Procedure of ECE.” According to Rule 38, “All elections shall be decided by secret ballot, unless, in the absence of any objection, the Commission decides to proceed without taking a ballot on an agreed candidate or slate.”.

Documentation

(ECE/EX/2/Rev.1, TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1)

6. Other business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss and choose its own modus operandi, in between the formal sessions.

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

7. Adoption of the list of decisions

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

8. Adoption of the report of the fourth session

The Group of Experts will adopt the report prepared after the fourth session in September 2022.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2022/5

9. Next session

The next session of the Group of Experts is scheduled to take place on 4-5 May 2023 (subject to change).
