# Items for decision under silence procedure

**Decisions submitted to silence procedure following formal meetings with remote participation**

**Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport, 161st session, 11-14 October 2022**

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1. The Working Party adopted the provisional agenda, as prepared by the secretariat.

2. Under this agenda item, the Working Party also recalled the new Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Inland Transport Committee (E/RES/2022/2) (see ECE/TRANS/316) and, in particular, that ITC now adopts the so-called hybrid approach for membership, meaning that non-ECE member States can participate as full members in segments of ITC sessions that deal with legal instruments to which they are contracting parties and remain in a consultative capacity in other parts (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/320, para. 10). The Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare, for consideration at its next session a document comparing the new ITC ToR with the existing ToR of the Working Party, in order to assess whether any adjustment seemed appropriate.

3. The delegation of the European Union proposed to conduct a short survey on various accepts related to the issuance and renewal of certificates of approval and provided a list with some possible questions. From its side, IRU supported the proposal and expressed its willingness to contribute by providing some additional questions that were of specific interest to the private sector. At the same time, IRU recalled its previous statements on the challenges new TIR countries face with regard to the approval of TIR vehicles. IRU advocated the establishment of a set of best practices in this area, for inclusion in the TIR Handbook.

4. The Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare a document with the draft survey, for consideration at its next session.

5. The Working Party reviewed document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2009/8 and mandated the secretariat to circulate the survey in the spring of 2023, with the regular delegates from governments (and, in the absence thereof, TIR focal points) as addressees.

6. Under this agenda item, the Working Party recalled the survey on the application of Annex 9 of the Harmonization Convention (contained in Informal document SC.2 No. 3 (2021), conducted by the
Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) with a deadline of 31 March 2022. The Working Party took note of document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2022/10 by the secretariat of SC.2 and containing the responses to the survey. The Working Party decided to consider the document at its next session, based on the findings of SC.2 at its seventy-sixth session (November 2022).

| 8 | 41 | Conference Room Paper ECE/TRANS/ WP.30/2022/R.3/Add.3 (no link) | 41. The Working Party tentatively decided to hold its 162nd session on 7, 8 and 10 (a.m.) February 2023, in Geneva, subject to potential adjustments due to the ongoing United Nations liquidity crisis. |

**Outcome of silence procedure for decisions submitted by formal meetings with remote participation**