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### **Developments related to road safety from ITC's eighty-fifth session**

#### **Submitted by the secretariat**

To assist in the briefing on recent ITC developments related to road safety from its 85<sup>th</sup> session in February 2023, the secretariat has prepared this document which contains the key decisions related to WP.1 from ITC's list of decisions (Informal document No.6/Rev.5) for ease of reference.

The key decisions are extracted from paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 23, 40 and 58.

1. The following paragraphs have been extracted verbatim from ITC's list of decisions (Informal document No.6/Rev.5):

“5. In line with the decisions at its sessions since the adoption of the ITC Strategy, the Committee **welcomed with satisfaction** the progress achieved during 2022 by the Committee and its Working Parties in implementing the ITC Strategy until 2030, **invited them** to continue implementing the next steps and **decided** to include a follow-up step under Task 4.3 as follows: Operationalize ITC TOR and Rules of Procedure (ROP) and achieve necessary alignments to ITC TOR/ROP by its subsidiary bodies. The Committee further **invited** the secretariat in collaboration with the Bureau to continue monitoring the implementation of the Strategy and report at its next annual meeting on progress made, and when suitable, propose adjustments to the next steps; [Agenda item 3]

6. **Took note** of the update on the status of the alignment of the Rules of Procedure of its subsidiary bodies, in line with its decision at its eighty-second session, expressed its satisfaction about the progress made; **thanked** those Working Parties that had completed their assessment and reported back to the Committee; expressed **its appreciation** to SC.2, SC.3, WP.15/AC.2 and WP.24 for their swift actions on this front, **encouraged all working parties to review and align** their ToRs to those of the Committee, as appropriate and **requested** those Working Parties that did not have the opportunity to do so yet, to inform the Committee at latest at its eighty-sixth plenary session in 2024 about the status of their alignment]; [Agenda item 3]

7. **Noted with interest** the analysis contained in ECE/TRANS/2023/4 and **invited** its Working Parties to take into consideration the “Draft Recommendations for Harmonized Elements in the Terms of Reference of ITC Working Parties”, as contained in Annex II to of ECE/TRANS/2023/4, in their continued alignment efforts, when and as appropriate; [Agenda item 3]

8. **Noting that** the year 2023 marks the fourth cycle of reviews of Working Parties' mandates by their parent sectoral committees, in line with the outcomes of the 2005 reform of ECE and the ensuing guidelines for the establishment and functioning of working parties within ECE (ECE/EX/1) and **taking into consideration** the review and analysis contained in ECE/TRANS/2023/4, **decided to proceed** with the review process in the course of 2023, noting that it takes place in the context of a broader transformation following the endorsement of the ITC Terms of Reference by ECOSOC (E/RES/2022/2);[Agenda item 3]

12. **Reiterated its concern** for the limited progress globally in meeting the Sustainable Development Goal targets on road safety; [Agenda item 4]

13. **Welcomed** the update on the implementation of the “Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030” (Global Plan) and **expressed its satisfaction** for the seamless integration in the Global Plan of the core United Nations Road Safety Conventions under the purview of the Committee, as well as the “ITC Recommendations for Enhancing National Road Safety Systems” (ITC Recommendations); **requested the secretariat to support** the implementation of the Global Plan through the development of tools to support national road safety system assessments that, in turn, will help interested contracting parties to core road safety conventions systematically identify gaps and areas for interventions in their national road safety systems and **present a progress report** at the Committee's eighty-sixth plenary session; [Agenda item 4]

14. **Noting** the completion of the ECE Road Safety Action Plan in 2020, following the end of the first Decade of Action for Road Safety, **thanked** the secretariat for developing a revised ECE Road Safety Action Plan, 2023-2030, in line with the Committee's decisions at its eighty-fourth session; and **took note of** the principles covered in revised “ECE Road Safety Action Plan, 2023-2030”, as contained in ECE/TRANS/2023/7 and **invited** its relevant Working Parties to submit in the course of 2023 their first inputs to the secretariat in the corresponding areas of the action plan that are relevant to their work and contributions; [Agenda item 4]

23. **Decided to:**

(a) **Endorse** the extension of the mandate of the Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic (LIAV) until December 2024,

with a focus to (i) **undertake** the assessment collectively of any gaps in the conventions and resolutions under the auspices of WP.1, and (ii) **identify** the issues to be addressed;

(b) **Note** the work already done in this area; and

(c) **Recommend** that WP.1 revisit the ToR of the Group of Experts; [Agenda item 5(a)]

40. **Took note** of the status of implementation by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies of the revised Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Road Map that was adopted at its eighty-third session and **encouraged**:

- the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety to continue its considerations and exchange of views on automated vehicles in traffic.
- The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and its subsidiary bodies to continue their activities on automated and connected vehicles.
- The RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (WP.15/AC.1) to continue its activities on telematics.
- The Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics to address Action 12 of the ECE Road Map on ITS. [Agenda item 7(d)]

58. **Expressed its appreciation** to the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety for its comprehensive agenda, which takes into account the most relevant policies to promote safe, inclusive and sustainable mobility, with focus on road safety enhancement in regions where the fatalities toll is very high; **commended** the attention given to human factors interactions with automated driving as key issues for future road traffic; and **noted with support** the efforts paid to the driving under the influence analysis and related policies, as well as to Safe System approach and Multidisciplinary crash investigation as contribution to reaching the Sustainable Development Goal targets 3.6 and 11.2.”

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