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Adoption of the agenda

Annotated Provisional Agenda for the Eighty-Sixth Session:

Addendum

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 20 February 2024.

1. Adoption of the agenda
   Documentation
   ECE/TRANS/343 and Add.1

   1. High-level segment

   2. Theme: Taking ambitious climate action – Moving towards decarbonized inland transport by 2050

   Building on recommendations by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and Bureau debates, the general theme of the policy segment will be on “Taking ambitious climate action – Moving towards decarbonized inland transport by 2050” (ECE/TRANS/2024/1). This theme will provide an opportunity to discuss necessary policy, regulatory and institutional approaches to move towards decarbonization of inland transport and set the scene for the future.

* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the website of the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division (www.unece.org/transport/events/itc-inland-transport-committee-86th-session) or from the website of the public United Nations Official Document Systems (http://documents.un.org/). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Door 40, second floor, E building, Palais des Nations).

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adoption of the ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport (ECE/TRANS/2024/3) with the overall aspirational goal of net zero emissions from inland transport by 2050.

The high-level policy segment will consist of three panels:

(a) National visions and policy ambitions to move towards decarbonized inland transport by 2050;

(b) Accelerating climate change mitigation in inland transport: Reaping synergies with urban development, environment and energy policies;

(c) International cooperation, intergovernmental support and partnerships for climate action.

The meeting will conclude with the announcement of the ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport. Attending Ministers and Heads of Delegations are invited to endorse the High-level Statement of Support to the adoption of the Strategy (ECE/TRANS/2024/2).

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/1, ECE/TRANS/2024/2, ECE/TRANS/2024/3

3. Inland Transport Committee Road Safety Forum

Despite strong and consistent efforts by Member States, the international community was not able to achieve by 2020 the target of the Sustainable Development Goals on road safety as evidenced by increasing, rather than decreasing, road fatalities and injuries globally. In response, on 31 August 2020, the General Assembly adopted resolution 74/299 on Improving global road safety, inaugurating the second Decade of Action for Road Safety, setting new ambitious goals, supported by the launch in 2021 of a new Global Plan of Action as a guiding document to support the implementation of its objectives. Both milestones recognize the unique and critical role of ECE and ITC.

The Inland Transport Committee Road Safety Forum’s objective is to provide a structured platform that will bring together key stakeholders for a regular and strategic discussion on progress achieved, remaining challenges and the way forward for the success of the second Decade of Action and the implementation of its Global Plan of Action (ECE/TRANS/2023/36). This year’s Road Safety Forum will capitalize on the key directions of the High-level Road Safety Forum Side Event in the areas of Road Safety Management and of Road Safety Financing (ECE/TRANS/2024/7). This event will be organized in conjunction with the High-level Segment of the eighty-sixth plenary session of ITC.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/7, ECE/TRANS/2023/36

II. Fourteenth Meeting for Government Delegates only with the Participation of the Chairs of the Committee’s Subsidiary Bodies

4. Meeting on the adoption of the Inland Transport Committee Strategy for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport for Government Delegates only with the Participation of the Chairs of the Committee’s Subsidiary Bodies

The Committee will be invited to adopt the ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport (ECE/TRANS/2024/3) that was developed in direct implementation of the Committee’s decision at its eighty-fifth plenary session (ECE/TRANS/328, para. 60 (a)). The Committee will invite the Chairs of its Working Parties
to discuss how to effectively integrate the key operative clauses of the Strategy into the Working Parties’ activities. The Committee may further wish to consider requesting its Working Parties to align their programme of work with the Strategy.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/3, ECE/TRANS/2024/4, ECE/TRANS/2024/5, ECE/TRANS/2024/6

5. Meeting on the implementation of the Inland Transport Committee’s revised Terms of Reference and Strategy until 2030 for Government Delegates only with the Participation of the Chairs of the Committee’s Subsidiary Bodies

The Committee is monitoring the progress made in the implementation of the ITC Strategy until 2030. To this end, the Committee will be apprised of the status of implementation of the Strategy (ECE/TRANS/2024/8) taking into account the agreed implementation steps. The Committee will also be invited to consider the progress achieved, and, taking into account the issues arising from the implementation of the Strategy, the Committee may formulate additional implementation steps.

Following the approval of the Committee’s revised Terms of Reference (ToR) and the entry into force of the Rules of Procedure (RoP) on 16 February 2022, the Committee will receive a comprehensive update on the status of the alignment of the RoP of its subsidiary bodies (ECE/TRANS/2023/4/Rev.2), in line with its decision at its eighty-second session (ECE/TRANS/294, para. 18).

Furthermore, the year 2023 marked the fourth cycle of reviews of Working Parties’ mandates by their parent sectoral committees, in line with the outcomes of the 2005 reform of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the ensuing guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within ECE (ECE/EX/1). The Committee will be invited to consider the consolidated submissions of the Working Parties (ECE/TRANS/2024/9) identifying possible future work priorities and the desirable and projected outputs in each area. The Committee may then consider requesting the secretariat to conduct a cross-sectoral analysis and formulate recommendations on the future ITC work priorities to be submitted for consideration and possible adoption by the Committee at its eighty-seventh session in 2024.

Documentation

III. Governance and Programmatic issues requiring decisions by the Committee

6. Governance issues and other matters arising from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies and Conferences

The Committee will be informed by the secretariat about recent matters arising from the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies and conferences of interest to the Committee.

The Committee will also be informed by the secretariat about recent matters arising from activities of the Commission of interest to the Committee, including about further development of ECE-wide nexus areas, i.e. intersectoral (horizontal) coordination workstreams in ECE, as part of aligning the work of ECE to the Sustainable Development Goals.
The Committee will be **briefed** about the outcome of the seventieth session of ECE, including decisions of interest and relevance to the Committee (including decision B(70), C(70) and K(70)) (E/ECE/1503).

The Committee will be **invited to consider** and, if possible, **endorse** the updated ECE Road Safety Action Plan 2023–2030 (ECE/TRANS/2023/7/Rev.1) that was developed in direct implementation of the Committee’s decision at its eighty-fifth plenary session (ECE/TRANS/328, para. 26).

The Committee may wish to **give guidance** to its Chair on the key messages in the report which is to be prepared in consultation with the secretariat and given to the Executive Committee (EXCOM) at a future session.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2023/7/Rev.1, E/ECE/1503

7. **Governance issues and business critical decisions for the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies**

(a) **Decisions on subsidiary bodies and on the structure of the Committee**

The Committee is **invited to consider and adopt** the updated ToR and RoP for the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) prepared by the Working Party, aligned to the revised ITC ToR, and at the Committee’s request. The updated ToR and RoP are contained in annex I to ECE/TRANS/2024/10.

The Committee is **invited to consider and adopt** the updated ToR and new RoP for the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) prepared by the Working Party, aligned to the revised ITC ToR, and at the Committee’s request. The updated ToR and RoP are contained in annex II to ECE/TRANS/2024/10.

The Committee is **invited to consider and adopt** the updated ToR of the Working Party on Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) prepared by the Working Party, aligned to the revised ITC ToR, and at the Committee’s request. The updated ToR are contained in annex III to ECE/TRANS/2024/10.

The Committee is **invited to consider and adopt** the updated ToR of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) prepared by the Working Party, aligned to the revised ITC ToR, and at the Committee’s request. The updated ToR are contained in annex IV to ECE/TRANS/2024/10.

The Committee is **invited to approve** the establishment of a new Group of Experts on Passenger Information in Stations and Hubs for 3 years, as requested by the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/243). The ToR of the new Group of Experts, as agreed by SC.2 at its seventy-seventh session (15 – 17 November 2023), are contained in annex V to ECE/TRANS/2024/10.

The Committee is **invited to consider extending** the mandate of the Group of Experts on the operationalization of eCMR (SC.1/GE.22) for up to three sessions per year comprised of up to three days/session as requested by the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) for an extension of its mandate under its current ToR and workplan to complete its tasks and report to SC.1 at its 120th session in October 2025.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2024/10
(b) Results of the meetings of the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee

The Committee will consider document ECE/TRANS/2024/11, containing the results of the meetings held by the ITC Bureau in 2023. The Committee may wish to refer to the decisions of the Bureau under the relevant items of its agenda.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/11

8. Programmatic issues

(a) Programme of Work for 2024 and recommendations on key components of the Programme of Work for 2026

The draft programme of work for 2024 is based on the programme plan of the subprogramme for 2024 which was adopted by the seventy-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly in December 2023 as part of the ECE proposed programme budget for 2024. The Committee is invited to consider and adopt the draft programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for 2024 (ECE/TRANS/2024/12) and recommend it to the Executive Committee for approval.

The Committee is also invited to consider the “Outline of key components of the programme of work for 2026” (Informal document No. 1), and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those recommendations agreed by the Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the Transport subprogramme for 2026.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/12, Informal document No. 1

(b) Programme Plan for 2025

The Committee is invited to review and comment on the draft programme plan for 2025 for the Transport subprogramme (ECE/TRANS/2024/13), as necessary.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/13

(c) List of Publications for 2025

The secretariat will inform the Committee about the publications programme for 2025. The Committee is invited to consider, support and endorse the list of publications contained in ECE/TRANS/2024/14.

The Committee may wish to recommend that the relevant Working Parties take part in the preparation of these publications, if appropriate.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/14

(d) Schedule of meetings in 2024

A preliminary list of meetings has been circulated for consideration and adoption by the Committee, based on proposals from the Committee’s subsidiary bodies (ECE/TRANS/2024/15).

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/15
9. Election of Officers and composition of the Bureau for Inland Transport Committee sessions in 2025 and 2026

The Committee is expected to elect its officers for its sessions in 2025 and 2026.

The Committee may also wish to decide on the composition of its Bureau for its sessions in 2025 and 2026.

IV. Strategic Transport Policy and Regulatory Issues

10. Strategic questions of a horizontal and cross-sectoral policy or regulatory nature

(a) Status of accession to international United Nations inland transport conventions and agreements

The Committee, in performing its role as the United Nations platform for sustainable inland transport, may wish to discuss ways to strengthen the regulatory governance of inland transport internationally, in light of its strategic role in supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals until 2030. In this regard, the Committee may wish to emphasize the urgency of accelerating accessions to and implementation of the United Nations transport legal instruments under its purview.

The Committee may also wish to invite countries, which have not yet done so, to accede to the United Nations legal instruments in inland transport. The Committee may wish to decide on concerted actions in support of accessions to and implementation of United Nations transport conventions and agreements.

When considering these issues, the Committee may wish to take note of ECE/TRANS/2024/16 on the status of accessions to United Nations legal instruments on inland transport under the Committee’s purview as of December 2023.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/16

(b) Implementation of the international United Nations inland transport conventions and agreements (statements by delegates)

Representatives of United Nations Member States which are contracting parties to United Nations inland transport conventions and agreements will have the opportunity to share national and regional experiences, including challenges and special needs, in their efforts to implement the conventions to which they have acceded.

The Committee may wish to take into consideration ECE/TRANS/2024/17 that contains an overview of regional accession trends and monitoring of implementation of United Nations inland transport legal instruments under the Committee’s purview.

The Committee, mindful that improving implementation worldwide is a core element of the ITC Strategy and its vision in the run-up to 2030, is invited to take note of this information and may wish to provide guidance to the secretariat on ways to strengthen accession to and the implementation of these legal instruments.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/17

(c) Challenges and emerging trends of inland transport in different regions (statements by delegates)

Representatives of United Nations Member States that are contracting parties to United Nations inland transport legal instruments will have the opportunity to share challenges and emerging trends of inland transport in their respective regions.
The Committee may wish to take into consideration ECE/TRANS/2024/4 and ECE/TRANS/2024/5 which contain an overview of challenges and trends on inland transport (in the context of climate change) in different regions.

The Committee, in performing its role as the United Nations platform for sustainable inland transport, is invited to take note of this information and may wish to provide guidance to the secretariat and its subsidiary bodies on ways to integrate these experiences in their work, in order to strengthen its relevance and impact.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/4, ECE/TRANS/2024/5

(d) Information and computerization technologies, and Intelligent Transport Systems

The Committee may wish to recall the Revised ITS Roadmap 2021–2025 that had been adopted at its eighty-third session and note activities by all its subsidiary bodies towards its implementation (ECE/TRANS/2024/18). Furthermore, the Committee will be reported to about the activities of the Informal Working Group on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). The Committee will also be reported about the activities of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies on information and computerization technologies (ECE/TRANS/2024/19).

The Committee is invited to encourage continuation of the work of SC.1 on smart roads, Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) on smart shipping, River Information Services, and innovative technologies in the recently adopted European Code for Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI); of WP.1 on the conditions of use of automated vehicles in traffic; of WP.15 on telematics for the transport of dangerous goods; of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) on the implementation of the framework document on the safety of automated vehicles; of the Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (WP.29/GRVA) on regulating autonomous/automated and connected vehicles (incl. Artificial Intelligence); as fostering regulatory and other activities in these areas would ensure the benefits that ITS could provide in terms of safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and traffic management.

Furthermore, the Committee is invited to note and encourage continuation of the Division’s work on information and computerization technologies, in particular the work of SC.1 on the operationalization of the Additional Protocol to the CMR Convention (eCMR); of WP.30 / TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) on eTIR international system, the international TIR data bank (ITDB and other eTIR related applications; of WP.30 on digitalizing the 1954 (private vehicles) and 1956 (commercial vehicles) temporary importation conventions and the carnet de passage (eCPD); of WP.5 on the international transport infrastructure observatory (ITIO) including data on climate changes impact and adaptation on transport networks and on Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators (SITCIN) tool as concrete applications and tools based on information and computerization technologies that ensure the implementation of the ITC Strategy until 2030 and specifically its second pillar on new technologies and innovations.

WP.15 has noted that some of the contracting parties to ADR already use telematics in the transport of dangerous goods. It was recalled that guidelines for the application of subsection 5.4.0.2 of RID/ADR/ADN on electronic data interchange had been published on the ECE and Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) websites to facilitate their use on a voluntary and consistent basis. At its Autumn 2022 session, the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15/AC.1) recalled that the further development of the electronic dangerous goods document could be based in technically different ways, but that the future discussions at DTLF level should nevertheless respect the basic requirements as outlined in the Joint Meeting report ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/166, para. 44.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/18, ECE/TRANS/2024/19, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/166
(e) Environment, climate change and transport

(i) Inland Transport Committee follow-up to the 2030 Agenda

The Committee will be informed about progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, despite the impacts of the pandemic and major global processes/initiatives to track progress, including the targets and indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (Informal document No. 2). The Committee is invited to consider ways to strengthen its possible role and contribution within the Sustainable Development Goals framework in the period until 2030.

The Committee may wish to note that, during the Spring 2023 session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (WP.15/AC.1) and the 113th session of WP.15, the secretariat presented a draft table identifying the Sustainable Development Goals most closely aligned with RID, ADR and ADN and the work of WP.15/AC.1, WP.15 and the ADN Safety Committee (WP.15/AC.2).

A revised version of this information, taking into account the comments received during and after the sessions, is now published on the ECE website as an aid to delegations to identify the Sustainable Development Goals addressed by their proposals when submitting them for consideration by WP.15/AC.1, WP.15 and WP.15/AC.2.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

(ii) Inland Transport Committee acting on climate change adaptation and mitigation

The Committee may wish to consider ECE/TRANS/2024/4 and ECE/TRANS/2024/5 which have been prepared by the secretariat in direct implementation of the Committee’s request at its eighty-fifth plenary session to report biennially through in-depth reports to the Committee on climate change and inland transport, starting at the Committee’s eighty-sixth session in 2024. The Committee may further wish to consider ECE/TRANS/2024/6, which contains the Working Parties’ ongoing contributions, future plans and suggestions in support of climate change mitigation for the Committee and Working Parties. The Committee may then wish to discuss and suggest the way forward on possible ways to strengthen the role and contribution of the Committee on this critical matter that is addressed horizontally by several of the Committee’s subsidiaries, as well as the Committee itself, taking into account the ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport (ECE/TRANS/2024/3), and request the Working Parties to align their programme of work with the Strategy.

The Committee is invited to note the work on climate change, in particular the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) Tool1 in the activities to support governments to mitigate the negative impacts of transport on the environment and about the implementation status of ForFITS over the last several years.

The Committee will be informed about progress in the work of the Group of Experts on assessment of climate change impacts and adaptation for inland transport. In particular, information will be shared about elaboration of important guiding material as well as climate change projections and their analysis for transport.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2024/3, ECE/TRANS/2024/4, ECE/TRANS/2024/5, ECE/TRANS/2024/6

(iii) Green transport and the environment

The Committee will be informed about progress in relation to work on green transport across the Sustainable Transport Division, particularly in relation to implementing the ITC Strategy until 2030.

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1 Originally developed by ECE with funding from the United Nations Development Account.
(iv) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

The Committee may wish to take note of the report of THE PEP Steering Committee for its twenty-first session (23–25 October 2023) (ECE/AC.21/SC/2023/2).

The Committee may wish to be informed about the implementation of the outcomes of the fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment in particular on the Vienna Declaration adopted at the High-level Meeting including its annexes. The Committee may also wish to be informed about progress on the development of a strategy for THE PEP and considerations on the development of a dedicated THE PEP legal instrument.

The Committee is invited to consider taking actions towards strengthening the presence of the transport sector in THE PEP, in particular, by designating national focal points as well as supporting the successful delivery of the mandate set during the Fifth High-level Meeting.

(f) Inland transport security

The Committee will be briefed on the results of a Workshop on cyber threats to electric vehicles and their charging infrastructure held in the framework of WP.5 on 6 September 2023.

(g) Analytical work on transport

The Committee will be reported to about the analytical work of WP.5 in 2023 (ECE/TRANS/2024/20). WP.5 serves as a think tank for ITC; it leads policy discussions on subjects of a horizontal nature that are relevant for ECE member States, the Committee, and its subsidiary bodies, and for the legal and regulatory framework of inland transport.

Among other analytical outputs, the Committee will be presented with progress updates on:

- Ongoing transport corridor operationalization efforts;
- Activities and outputs of the Group of Experts on cycling infrastructure module (WP.5/GE.5);
- Developments surrounding electric vehicles and their charging infrastructure including elaboration of a designated publication.

The Committee will also be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/2024/21 which contains proposed ToR for an informal task force, to be established further to a recommendation made by WP.5, to drive and coordinate efforts related to electric vehicle developments and their charging infrastructure.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2024/20, ECE/TRANS/2024/21

(h) Capacity development activities in United Nations programme countries in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

The Committee is invited to take note of progress in the implementation of the ITC Capacity Development Action Plan (2020–2025), in particular in the capacity enhancement area (ECE/TRANS/2024/22). The Committee will be informed about the most recent developments in capacity development activities. The Committee may wish to thank the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation (RPTC) for continuous financial support for the implementation of capacity development projects in the past three years.

The Committee will further be invited to take note of and review ECE/TRANS/2024/23 on capacity development for the successful implementation of legal instruments under the purview of the ITC.

The Committee will be informed about progress with the “E-learning platform for sustainable mobility and smart connectivity” (LearnITC), which is intended to leverage the Division’s capacity to provide training modules for core constituents, among other things, on legal instruments under the Committee’s purview.
Continued support to landlocked countries, the Vienna Programme of Action

The Committee will be informed about the outcome of the High-Level Euro-Asia Regional Review Meeting of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 co-organized by ECE, OHRLLS and ESCAP in Bangkok on 22-23 August 2023 and the ongoing preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, taking place in Kigali, Rwanda, in June 2024.

Road traffic safety

The Committee will be informed about recent developments in the work carried out by WP.1. This will include the completed work on amendment proposals dealing with lighting and light-signalling devices (in order for the corresponding legal provisions to keep up with the technological progress); the ongoing discussions on “remote driving”; current work to develop a “Framework of key principles for automated vehicle safety and human centred needs”; potential, substantive revisions to the provisions on driving permits; and WP.1 contribution to Agenda 2030.

The Committee will also be informed about comprehensive amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, the corresponding amendments to the European Agreement Supplementing the 1968 Convention and to the Protocol on Road Markings (additional to the European Agreement). The Committee will be updated on the work of the Informal Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals.

Finally, the Committee will be informed about the progress of the Group of Experts on LIAV and will be invited to endorse the mandate extension of the Group of Experts on LIAV for six additional months until June 2025, as requested by WP.1.

Harmonization of vehicle regulations

The Committee will be reported to about the most recent developments in the work carried out by WP.29 and its six subsidiary Working Parties (on Noise and Tyres (GRBP), on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE), on Pollution and Energy (GRPE), on General Safety Provisions (GRSG), on Passive Safety (GRSP) and on Automated and Connected Vehicles (GRVA)), the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement, the Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement (ECE/TRANS/2024/24), and also be informed about the activities of the World Forum and its Working Parties as reflected in ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2023/1/Rev.1, which provides a detailed overview of the distribution of the areas of work among the different groups as a result of the processes of work prioritisation and the alignment with the ITC Strategy.

Over 40 informal groups worked during 2023 in parallel to WP.29 and to its subsidiary bodies to assist them in developing new vehicle regulations and updating the 165 existing United Nations Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement, 23 United Nations Global Technical Regulations (UN GTRs) associated to the 1998 Agreement and four United Nations Rules annexed to the 1997 Agreement with 114 amendments, and establishing three new United Nations Regulations and one new Global Technical Regulations.

The Committee may wish to note the number of contracting parties to the 1958 Agreement (61), to the 1998 Agreement (39), and to the 1997 Agreement (17).

The Committee may wish to be informed that work on protection of vulnerable road users was complemented with entry into force of the three new United Nations Regulations (Vulnerable Road Users in Front and Side Close Proximity, Vulnerable Road Users Direct Vision and Reverse Warning) in June and October 2023 respectively. A new United Nations Regulation on global Real Driving Emissions will contribute to the protection of the environment and provide realistic information on emission of CO\textsubscript{2} of new vehicles. With the new United Nations Regulation on Event Data Recorder for heavy Duty Vehicles, traffic crash investigations involving these vehicles will benefit from access to information captured immediately before and during the crash. The new United Nations Regulation for Restraint
systems for Safer Transport of Children in buses will largely contribute to increased safety for the most vulnerable group, children, during crashes when transported in buses.

The Committee may wish to be reported on about the progress of GRVA on the drafting of Guidelines for Regulatory Requirements and Verifiable Criteria for ADS Safety Validation and New Assessment/Test Method for Automated Driving (NATM) Guidelines for Validating Automated Driving System (ADS), both endorsed by WP.29 in 2023. The Committee may wish to be informed that the pre-regulatory activities are expected to be completed by June 2024 and be followed by global regulatory activities suitable for both the 1958 and the 1998 Agreements. The Committee may also wish to note that GRVA collected Artificial Intelligence relevant definitions and discussed principles to be proposed to WP.29.

The Committee may wish to note that WP.29 established an amendment to United Nations Rule No. 1 (Protection of the Environment) under the 1997 Agreement as well as to the Resolution R.E.6 (test-equipment, skills and training of inspectors and supervision) introducing requirements for testing of diesel emission with particulate counting systems during periodic technical inspections und thus contributing to further protection of the environment.

The Committee may wish to note that the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement established in 2023 one new UN GTR (No. 24 on laboratory Measurements of Brake Emissions for Light-Duty Vehicles) as well as an amendment to UN GTR No. 13 (Hydrogen and Fuel Cell vehicles).

The Committee may wish to be informed about the status of establishing the type-approval database DETA², which is currently hosted by Germany.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2024/24, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2023/1/Rev.1

(I) **Transport of dangerous goods**

The Committee may wish to note that the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution E/RES/2023/5 on 7 June 2023, on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Informal document No. 3) and that WP.15, WP.15/AC.1 and WP.15/AC.2 have already taken or are taking action as required in operative paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of section A of the resolution. The Committee may also wish to note that, pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of section A and paragraph 3 of section B, the secretariat has already published the twenty-third revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (in English, French, Chinese [and Spanish]), the eighth revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria (in English, French [and Spanish]) and the tenth revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (in English, French [Chinese and Spanish]). Other language versions should be available soon.


The Committee may wish to note that, with the accession of Armenia (12 April 2022) and Uganda (23 August 2022) the number of contracting parties to the Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) is 54. The Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of the ADR, adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties on 28 October 1993, has not yet entered into force as not all contracting parties to ADR have become parties to it (40 contracting parties have done so to date). The Committee may wish to urge the remaining contracting parties (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia

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² Database for the Exchange of vehicle Type Approvals (DETA).
and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Morocco, Nigeria, North Macedonia, San Marino, Tajikistan and Uganda) to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol to come into force.

The Committee may wish to note that WP.15 endorsed the common amendments to RID, ADR and ADN adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (WP.15/AC.1) during the biennium; adopted amendments specific to ADR, e.g. as regards construction and equipment of vehicles and tank-vehicles for the carriage of dangerous goods; requested the secretariat to prepare a consolidated list of all the amendments which it had adopted so that they could be made the subject of an official proposal in accordance with the procedure set out in article 14 of ADR. All these amendments should come into force on 1 January 2025.

The Committee may wish to endorse the request by WP.15 that the consolidated text of ADR as it would be amended on 1 January 2025 be published by the secretariat, sufficiently in advance to prepare for its effective implementation before the entry into force of the amendments in question.

The Committee may also wish to note that the number of contracting parties to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) remains 18.

The Committee may wish to note that WP.15/AC.2 has adopted a wide range of new provisions concerning the carriage of dangerous goods in inland navigation vessels and will meet again from 22 to 26 January 2024 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/87 and Add.1).

The ADN Administrative Committee held its thirtieth session on 25 August 2023 and should meet again on 26 January 2024 (ECE/ADN/68 and Add.1), mainly to adopt all draft amendments prepared by WP.15/AC.2 in 2023 and January 2024, i.e. the set of amendments that should enter into force on 1 January 2025 and that would ensure harmonization of ADN with ADR and RID.

The Committee may wish to acknowledge the importance of the work of the Sub-Committee on the Transport of Dangerous and WP.15, WP.15/AC.1 and WP.15/AC.2 within the framework of energy transition. This includes the development and improvement of provisions for the transport of hazardous waste, for the use of recycled plastics in packaging for dangerous goods, for the carriage of batteries during their whole life cycle and for the use of battery electric vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles for the transport of dangerous goods.

**Documentation**


(m) **United Nations Road Safety Fund**

The Committee will be informed about the latest activities and future plans of the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) as they relate to resource mobilization, partnerships and projects (ECE/TRANS/2023/25).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2023/25

(n) **Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety**

The Committee will be informed about the main developments in the activities of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety and areas of cooperation with the Committee (ECE/TRANS/2024/26). The Committee may wish to take note of the Special Envoy’s activities in particular in promoting accession and implementation of the United Nations road safety conventions, as well as progress with the extension of the function of the Special Envoy through 2030, as mentioned in United Nations General Assembly Resolution on Improving Global Road Safety (A/RES/74/299).
Strengthening border crossing facilitation (TIR Convention, eTIR project, Harmonization Convention and other cross-border and customs transit facilitation measures)

The Committee will be reported to about the main outcome of the 162nd, 163rd and 164th sessions of WP.30 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/324; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/326 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/328) and will be invited to take note of the activities of the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) in the year 2023. In particular, the Committee will be reported to about:

(a) the latest developments of the eTIR international system and the ongoing eTIR interconnection projects, including the eTIR related applications (International TIR Data Bank (ITDB), eTIR (web) portal and mobile applications) leading up to the first eTIR transport;

(b) the outcome of the third (December 2022), fourth (June 2023) and fifth (October 2023) sessions of the Technical Implementation Body (TIB) (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/6 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB 8, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB 10);

(c) a series of workshops organized to promote accession to the TIR Convention in other regions, especially in Africa, as well as to inform and encourage customs authorities about interconnecting their national customs systems with the eTIR international system;

(d) the twelfth revised version of the TIR Handbook;

(e) the latest developments in the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls for Goods, 1982, if any;

(f) the preparation of a practical guide to cross border facilitation (in collaboration with OSCE);

(g) the activities undertaken in 2023 by ECE and the International Touring Alliance / International Automobile Federation (AIT/FIA) within the framework of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the digitalization of vehicles, private and commercial, temporary importation conventions and their Carnet de Passage en Douane (CPD);

(h) the work done in order to align the ToR of the Working Party with the new ITC ToR including the change of the name of the Working Party;

(i) follow-up actions taken by WP.30 in 2023 to align its work with the ITC Strategy until 2030.

Transport of perishable foodstuffs

The Committee will be informed about the status of proposed amendments to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) adopted at the seventy-seventh, seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) in 2021 and 2022 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/245, Annex, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/247, Annex II and ECE/TRANS/WP.11/249).

The Committee will also be informed about the outcome of the eightieth session of WP.11 held on 24–27 October 2023.
The Committee may wish to note that the number of contracting parties to the Agreement remains at fifty-two.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/WP.11/245, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/247, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/249

(q) Road transport
The Committee will be informed about the latest developments in the work carried out by the Group of Experts on the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (SC.1/GE.21). In particular, the Committee will be updated on the progress of the Group’s discussions to amend Article 22bis and to create a new appendix 1C (smart tachograph) and a new appendix 4 (exchange of information). The Committee will also be updated on the matter of the extension of the Administrative Arrangement (until the end of 2024) between ECE and European Commission Services on continuing activities envisaged in the MoU of 2009.

The Committee will be informed about the discussions of SC.1 on the matter of potentially opening the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) to accession by non-ECE Member States.

The Committee will further be informed about the number of contracting parties to the CMR and its Protocols, including e-CMR. The Committee will be updated on the outcomes of the work of the Group of Experts on the Operationalization of eCMR (SC.1/GE.22) which met six times from July 2022 to July 2023, and of the decision made at the 118th session of SC.1 on the request of the Group of Experts for an extension of its mandate under its current ToR and workplan to complete its tasks and to prepare technical specifications time permitting, and report to SC.1 at its 120th session in October 2025.

The Committee will also be informed about the discussions at the 118th session of SC.1 on safe and sustainable road infrastructure, in particular on the matter of road safety inspections and audits, and potential climate change mitigation initiatives.

Finally, the Committee will be informed about the outcomes of the second workshop on cross-border insurance of motor vehicles which was jointly organized by ECA, ECE, ECLAC and ESCAP on 31 October 2023, and hosted by the Council of Bureaux.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/28

(r) Rail transport
The Committee will be informed about the results of the seventy-seventh session of SC.2 (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/243).

The Committee may wish to take note of developments in relation to the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC). In addition, the Committee may wish to be updated on the results of the work of the Group of Experts on International Railway Passenger Hubs. In particular the successful completion of its activities and the resulting updating of the AGC to modernize it by adding International Railway Passenger Hubs of importance thus further facilitating modal shift to the railways. The Committee may also wish to consider the request of SC.2 to create a new Group of Experts on Passenger Information in Stations and Hubs.

The Committee may wish to be informed about the results of the work of the First session of the Revisions Committee on the Model Rules for the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock, for a Revisions Committee to regularly review the Model Rules and the preparation of a non-binding Guidance Note to supplement the Model Rules. In particular, the Committee may wish to note the acceptance by SC.2of the amendment proposals submitted by the Revisions Committee to the Model Rules on the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock as the output from its first session as well as other decisions during the first session of the Revisions Committee.
The Committee may wish to be updated on developments in Unified Railway Law. In particular, the Special session of SC.2 held on 10–12 July and 29 September on this finalization of the text of the new Convention on the contract for international carriage of goods by rail as a first Convention of a system of Unified Railway Law Conventions, as well as the decision of member States present at SC.2 to adopt the new Convention and to open it for signature at ITC in February 2023.

The Committee will be updated on progress in relation to the other key areas addressed by the Working Party aimed at making rail transport more competitive and maximizing its sustainability including its review of its mandate and its input into the ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2024/29, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/243

(s) **Intermodal transport and logistics**

The Committee will be informed about the results of the sixty-sixth session of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/153).

In particular, the Committee will be updated on further developments related to:

(a) the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC). Such concern (a) the amendments to the Agreement, and (b) the establishment of a monitoring mechanism for the AGTC lines and related installations vis-à-vis their technical parameters by setting up the AGTC inventory in Geographic Information System (GIS) environment, and

(b) the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the AGTC Agreement.

Following the adoption by the Committee at its eighty-third and eighty fifth sessions of the resolutions, respectively on strengthening intermodal freight transport and on facilitating the development of container transport on inland waterways, the Committee will be apprised of the progress made in the implementation of these resolutions.

The Committee will be also informed about the outcomes of the WP.24 Special Session on the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/155).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.24/153, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/155

(t) **Project related activities, Trans-European North-South Motorway and Trans-European Railway Projects**

The Committee may wish to be informed about the recent developments in the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) and the Trans-European Railway (TER) projects (Informal document No. 4). The Committee may wish to express its support for the activities carried out by TEM and TER, thank Croatia and Poland that offered candidates for TEM and TER project managers and encourage the rapid finalization of their contracts.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4

(u) **Inland water transport**

The Committee will be informed about the results of the sixty-seventh session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/220).

The Committee may wish to take note of the approval of the fourth revision of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of E Waterway Network (the Blue Book) by SC.3 prepared on the basis of updated information transmitted by member States. ITC may wish to note that it will be released in the first half of 2024.
The Committee may wish to take note of the progress reached by SC.3 and its subsidiary body, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3), in 2023: (a) the adoption of amendment No. 2 to the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, Revision 2); (b) the adoption of amendment No. 1 to the sixth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI); (c) the adoption of amendment No. 5 to the second revision of resolution No. 61 “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels” as resolution No. 105; (d) the approval of amendments to the list of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on-board vessels as amendment No. 2 to the annex of resolution No. 21 “Prevention of Pollution of Inland Waterways by Vessels”, revision 2, and (e) updates to the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

The Committee will be reported to about the outcome of the workshops on inland water transport held in 2023: (a) Information and Computerization Technologies and Intelligent Transport Systems in the Inland Water Transport Sector (15 February 2023), (b) Addressing Labour Market Challenges and Making the Sector More Attractive (3 July 2023) and (c) Climate Change Mitigation Activities in Inland Water Transport (11 October 2023).

The Committee may wish to take note that SC.3 decided to establish the informal working group on issues related to labour market challenges and approved its terms of reference.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/220

(v) Transport statistics and data

The Committee will be informed of the latest activities on transport statistics, including the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) session held in May 2023 and a roundtable on electric vehicle charging infrastructure data collection to consult member States on the feasibility of incorporating such data into the Common Questionnaire.

The Committee may wish to be updated on the new activities undertaken by the Working Party, including the development of a microsite to monitor the progress of transport-related Sustainable Development Goals.

The Committee will be informed about the recent Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America publication.

(w) Draft Annual Report of activities undertaken by the Committee’s subsidiary bodies in 2023

The Committee will be presented with a comprehensive report of activities undertaken by the Committee’s subsidiary bodies during 2023, in administering the 60 United Nations legal instruments which shape the international legal framework for road, rail, inland waterway, intermodal transport, dangerous goods transport and vehicle construction (ECE/TRANS/2024/30). The focus is on the impacts of the work of the Working Parties and contribution to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Committee is invited to discuss the annual report and to provide guidance on improving the visibility and awareness of the results, noting that the annual report would benefit greatly from substantive feedback from contracting parties on the impacts of the Committee’s work especially at the national context.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/30
11. Approval of the reports of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies

The Committee may wish to approve as a whole the reports and related activities of its subsidiary bodies and request the secretariat to incorporate related references in the complete ITC report on the basis of the respective annotations contained in this document.

Documentation


12. Partnerships and activities of other organizations and programmes/projects of interest to the Committee

(a) Transport developments in the European Union

The Committee will be informed by a representative from the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission about the most important legislative and policy initiatives in transport undertaken by the European Union in 2023.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2024/31

(b) Developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum

The Committee will be informed by a representative of the International Transport Forum about the latest developments in the work of the Forum.

(c) Activities of other organizations and programmes/projects of interest to the Committee;

The Committee may wish to be informed by representatives from other organizations about their recent activities of interest to the Committee.

(d) Dialogue with United Nations Regional Commissions on ongoing activities related to inland transport

The Committee will invite representatives of the other United Nations regional commissions to share information and discuss ongoing activities of inland transport in their regions.
V. Miscellaneous

13. Any other business. Dates of next session

The Committee may wish to note that its eighty-seventh session is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva from 11–14 February 2025.

VI. List of decisions

14. Adoption of the list of main decisions of the eighty-sixth session

The Committee may wish to note that the adoption of the report of the eighty-sixth session will be limited to a list of main decisions. The complete report of the Committee will be circulated at a later stage.

The Committee will adopt the list of main decisions of the eighty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/2024/R.1).

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/2024/R.1

VII. Inland Transport Committee Round table on the Four-Platforms of the Committee’s Strategy

15. Theme: Fostering the digital and green transition for inland transport in support of the Sustainable Development Agenda

The ITC Roundtable will bring together key worldwide stakeholders for a strategic discussion of the digital and green transition for inland transport in support of the Sustainable Development Agenda (Informal document No. 5). It will be a means to follow up and support the operationalization of key decisions taken at the seventieth session of the Commission, such as decision B(70) on digital and green transformations in support of the sustainable development in the region of the ECE.

Documentation
Informal document No. 5
### VIII. Tentative timetable

Tentative timetable of the eighty-sixth plenary session of ITC:

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