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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighty-eighth session*,**

To be held in-person at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Monday at 9:30 am, 18 March 2024, in Salle VIII.

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/186). Informal document No.1 contains a tentative timetable for the session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/186, Informal document No.1

2. Activities of interest to the Working Party

Given the requirement to report on the implementation of the ITC strategy on a periodic basis, at the last session, WP.1 reviewed and made changes to ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/2/Rev.1. At the present session, the secretariat will table ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/2/Rev.2 for formal adoption.

The WP.1 Chair will brief the working party on the February 2024 Inland Transport Committee session, including on any new developments, recommendations and decisions related to road safety.

At the last session, WP.1 started analyzing the revised "ECE Road Safety Action Plan, 2023-2030" (ECE/TRANS/2023/7) and decided to create an informal group to prepare WP.1 contribution. The informal group was tasked with preparing a draft document to be discussed at this session (Informal document No. 2). WP.1 will be invited to do so. In this context, the topic related to the long- term burden of "minor and moderate" road traffic injuries (in addition to severe and more life-threatening injuries) was deemed relevant to the endeavour of contributing to the ECE Road Safety Action Plan. WP.1 will also continue to work on the subject, with the aim to finalize it as additional contribution to the ECE Road Safety Action Plan, 2023-2030".

The Chair will invite WP.1 to resume discussions on ITC recommendation to re-visit the ToR of the Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic (LIAV) (para. 30(c) in ECE/TRANS/328). To this end, at the last session, WP.1 requested that the Group of Experts - at its November 2023 session - work on merging Informal document No. 5 (September 2023) and Informal document No. 11 (September 2023). Both documents present different approaches to "re-visiting the LIAV terms of reference". The Chair of the Group of Experts and/or the secretariat will be invited inform WP.1 about the outcome of this work.

The secretariat of the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) will inform WP.1 about its work, the impact of its projects, a planned future strategy, and envisaged synergies with working parties, as well as dedicated future events to promote the UNRSF.

The secretariat to the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety will be invited to provide an update on the recent activities of the Special Envoy in promoting road safety and United Nations legal instruments.

Due to time constraints, neither interventions nor presentations are foreseen for this agenda item. National delegations and international organizations will have the opportunity to submit, in writing, information on national and international road safety activities and

initiatives, including recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation as well as any information on the events going to take place prior to the next WP.1 session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2023/7, ECE/TRANS/328, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/2/Rev.2. Informal document No. 2, Informal document No. 5 (September 2023), Informal document No. 11 (September 2023)

3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

(a) Driving permits

At the last session, WP.1 continued discussing ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/1 (a driving permit proposal which had been submitted by ISO at WP.1 request) as well as its revised version (Informal document No. 14 (September 2023)). WP.1 encouraged the informal group of experts on driving permits led by the United Kingdom to on the two documents, taking into account feedback from WP.1 participants, and report at the next session.

The Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) will be invited to provide an updated list of agencies authorized to issue IDPs on the basis of Informal document No. 2 (March 2023) and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/1/Rev.1.

The informal group of experts (European Driving Schools Association (EFA), American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) and FIA) – will provide an update on the “digital mobile permits” initiative.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/1/Rev.1, Informal document No. 2 (March 2023), Informal document No. 14 (September 2023)

(b) Remote activities related to driving

At the last session, WP.1 discussed Informal document No. 7 (submitted by Finland, Germany, and the United Kingdom) describing safety considerations for remote management of automated vehicles which do not require a human driver inside the vehicle. WP.1 delegates were invited to send written comments to the authors who will be invited to present the revised document (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2024/3).

Documentation

Informal document No.7 (September 2023), ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2024/3

4. Assessment of the safe deployment of automated vehicles in road traffic: human factors

At the last session, Canada submitted and introduced Informal document No. 9 (September 2023) which aims at developing key principles on automated vehicle safety and human centered needs (based on Informal document No. 11/Rev.1 (September 2021)). At this session, WP.1 will be invited to discuss this document (or its revised version) in detail. The WP.1 Chair will propose to explore the idea of structuring the document as a proper guidelines reference or a concept note highlighting human factors (human behaviour, abilities, limitations) fundamental perspectives to be taken into account for the safe deployment of automotive advancements in road traffic.

At the last session, WP.1 continued discussing and elaborating the topic of optical and/or audible signals in DAS and ADS vehicles to indicate their status and to communicate their intended actions on the roads, and an insightful discussion ensued. WP.1 will be invited to continue exploring further perspectives on the topic aiming at the evaluation of needs and expectations of road users, in particular vulnerable ones. (Informal document No. 3 (March 2023)).

Documentation

Informal document No. 11 (September 2021), Informal document No. 11/Rev.1 (September 2021), Informal document No. 9 (September 2023), Informal document No. 3 (March 2023)

5. Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic (LIAV)

The Chair of the Group of Experts and/or the secretariat will be invited to provide WP.1 information on the on-going discussions, outcomes, and on the Group's general progress to-date. In particular, with reference to the ITC recommendations (para. 30(a) in ECE/TRANS/ECE/TRANS/328), the Chair of the Group of Experts and/or the secretariat will be invited to explain how the indicated assessment approach has been undertaken.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/ECE/TRANS/328

6. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

At the last session, WP.1 was informed about the progress made in preparing ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/3, and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/4 which consolidate amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, the European Agreement Supplementing the 1968 Convention, and the Protocol on Road Markings (additional to the European Agreement). In this context, WP.1 agreed to modify the text related to D-04.2, D-04.4, D-04.6, D-05.2, and D-05.4 sign descriptions in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/2 (as per para. 32, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/185). At this session, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/2/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/3, and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/4 will be tabled for a possible adoption.

The Chair of the Informal Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals will update WP.1 about the work done by the Group, focusing on recommended new signs to be included in the 1968 Convention.

The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the current status of e-CORRS.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/2/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/4

7. Contribution to Agenda 2030 – Goals 3 and 11, Targets 3.6 and 11.2**(a) A Safe System Approach**

WP.1 participants will be invited to continue to share best practices and lessons learned with a view to developing a guide on Multi-Disciplinary Collision Investigation (MDCI) for WP.1 review.

(b) Risky driving behaviours

At the last session, WP.1 decided that the significant issue of “drug and alcohol impaired driving as a road safety factor” will remain on the agenda. This topic is to be elaborated at the present session and WP.1 may consider including distracted driving.

(c) Road Traffic: Urban challenges and perspectives

Lithuania has regularly provided updates of legislative information about personal mobility devices such as e-scooters. Should there be any further revisions, Lithuania will be invited to provide an update at this session of Informal document No. 4/Rev.1 (March 2022).

During a previous session, WP.1 participants exchanged views during a dedicated panel on the road safety potentialities, risks and challenges associated with personal mobility devices. As a follow up, WP.1 delegates will be invited to exchange their views, with a special focus on delivery agents who represent a new challenge to be taken into account when promoting safe sustainable and inclusive mobility.

At the last session, WP.1 considered global trends which would be shaping road traffic in the future. At this session, further views and inputs will be gathered to elaborate how the road traffic environment would change with mobility technological advancements, new-urbanism, and new global socio-demographic trends.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4/Rev.1 (March 2022)

8. Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1

WP.1 will be invited to resume discussing its rules of procedure on the basis of Informal document No. 4 (September 2023).

Documentation

Informal document No. 4 (September 2023)

9. Global dialogue and contribution to road safety capacity building: Focus on low and middle-income countries

IRTE (Institute of Road Traffic Education) will provide information on the launching event and working session of the “Global Road Safety Initiative”, organized in partnership with the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India, and in association with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). The event addressed the criticalities and needs of some regions to implement the appropriate road safety policies to save lives. It was held on 4-6 December 2023 in New Delhi and gathered representatives from South-East Asian countries, the industry, academia, as well as many delegates from the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety. WP.1 will be invited to consider the outcomes of the “Initiative” (Informal document No. 3) to offer further comments and guidelines facilitating the shift towards a safe, inclusive, sustainable mobility as per Agenda 2030.

In the context of Agenda 2030, and safe mobility as an enabler for improving the lives of everyone across the world, WP.1 will continue to gather knowledge and insights from other UN Regions on mobility best practices, which aim at promoting sustainable development, inclusiveness, equitable long- term economic growth. To this end, Cattolica University (Milan) will present the outcomes of its academic project related to “Analysis of challenges of urban mobility across Africa”.

Documentation

Informal document No. 3

10. Other Business

The WP.29 secretariat and/or the GRVA Chair will be invited to provide an update on matters of mutual interest to WP.1 and WP.29.

In the context of continuous knowledge and expertise exchange, the WP.1 Chair will continue to propose to explore a possibility of holding a joint WP.1-GRVA-WP.29 event aiming to showcase the accomplishments of the two working parties. WP.1 will be invited to discuss the Chair’s proposal.

In addition, the GRVA Chair will be invited to inform WP.1 about “Proposal to WP.29 regarding the structuring of activities supporting the coordination between WP.1 and WP.29” (WP.29-190-07).

The Informal Group of Experts on Automated Driving (IGEAD) Chair will be invited to provide an update on the Group’s recent work.

Laser International will be invited to provide information about the forthcoming Global Road Safety Film Festival (Alcobaça, Portugal) and other advocacy initiatives.

WP.1 will be informed about a dedicated event, rescheduled for May 2024, to be co-organized by the Azienda Nazionale Autonoma delle Strade Statali (ANAS), the Ministero Infrastrutture Trasporti of Italy, PIARC-Italy, and Euro-Med Transport Support Project. The event will aim to promote road safety best practices, including global principles embedded in the road safety legal instruments managed by WP.1 with special attention to the Mediterranean countries to promote safe, sustainable and inclusive mobility as tool for progress and growth.

The Imola Living Lab which strives for replicable, safe, sustainable, and inclusive mobility policies will be invited to update WP.1 about its recent initiatives.

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

Documentation

Informal document WP.29-190-07

11. Date of next session

The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 23-27 September 2024 in Geneva. The deadline for submitting working documents is 1 July 2024.

12. Adoption of the report of the eighty-eighth session

The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its eighty-eighth session.
