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**Matters relating to the Inland Transport Committee: decisions
on matters relating to the Inland Transport Committee**

Decisions on matters relating to the Inland Transport Committee

Background

1. The Inland Transport Committee (ITC) held its eighty-sixth session on 20–23 February 2024. The report of the session is contained in document ECE/TRANS/344.
2. As part of its deliberations, ITC adopted the programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for 2024, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/2024/12.
3. ITC endorsed the establishment for three years of a new Group of Experts on Passenger Information in Stations and Hubs to build on the successful work carried out by the Group of Experts on International Railway Passenger Hubs and adopted its terms of reference, as contained in annex V of ECE/TRANS/2024/10.
4. Further, ITC endorsed the extension of the mandates of the following Groups of Experts on the basis of their existing terms of reference, as contained in documents ECE/TRANS/2024/L.1 and ECE/TRANS/2024/L.1/Add.1:
 - (a) The Group of Experts on Drafting a New Legal Instrument on the Use of Automated Vehicles in Traffic (LIAV) until June 2025, as per ECE/TRANS/WP.1/185, paragraphs 29 and 30;
 - (b) The Group of Experts on the Operationalization of eCMR (SC.1/GE.22) for up to three sessions, taking into account budget constraints, per year comprised of up to three days per session, to complete its tasks and report to SC.1 at its 120th session in October 2025.
5. Furthermore, the Committee adopted:
 - (a) The updated terms of reference and rules of procedure for the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5), as contained in annex I to ECE/TRANS/2024/10;
 - (b) The updated terms of reference and new rules of procedure for the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6), as contained in annex II to ECE/TRANS/2024/10;



(c) The updated terms of reference for the Working Party on Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), as contained in annex III to ECE/TRANS/2024/10;

(d) The updated terms of reference and rules of procedure for the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), as contained in annex IV to ECE/TRANS/2024/10. WP.30 decided to change its name to “Global Forum on Customs Questions affecting Transport including Border Crossing Facilitation.”

6. The Committee further discussed the request for hybrid meetings enabling remote participation, which was raised by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and the Revisions Committee to the Model Rules on the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock (SC.2/RC.1), as well as the ITC Bureau, over the past year.

Draft Decisions

7. The Executive Committee hereby approves:

(a) The programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for 2024, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/2024/12;

(b) The establishment of a new Group of Experts on Passenger Information in Stations and Hubs and its terms of reference, as contained in annex V of ECE/TRANS/2024/10, for the period 2024 to 2026;

(c) 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), as per ECE/TRANS/WP.1/185, paragraphs 29 and 30, and as contained in document ECE/TRANS/2024/L.1/Add.1, until June 2025;

(d) The extension of the mandate of the Group of Experts on the Operationalization of eCMR (SC.1/GE.22), as contained in document ECE/TRANS/2024/L.1, until October 2025, for up to three sessions per year comprised of up to three days per session, to complete its tasks and report to SC.1 at its 120th session, and subject to absorption within ECE deliverables;

(e) The updated terms of reference for the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5), as contained in annex I to ECE/TRANS/2024/10;

(f) The updated terms of reference for the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6), as contained in annex II to ECE/TRANS/2024/10;

(g) The updated terms of reference for the Working Party on Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), as contained in annex III to ECE/TRANS/2024/10;

(h) The updated terms of reference for the Global Forum on Customs Questions affecting Transport including Border Crossing Facilitation (WP.30), as contained in annex IV to ECE/TRANS/2024/10.

8. Further, the Executive Committee takes note of the update provided on requests made by the Inland Transport Committee and some of its subsidiary bodies regarding hybrid meeting servicing. In this regard, it requests the ECE secretariat to continue its dialogue with relevant Secretariat entities at United Nations Headquarters.