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Ninth session

Geneva, 2-5 December 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth session*

To be held in-person at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 2 December 2024 in salle VIII. **

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* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website (<https://unece.org/transport/road-traffic-safety>).

** Delegates are requested to register online at: <https://indico.un.org/event/1007296>. Communication on details related to the meeting arrangements will be sent to duly registered delegates. Delegates will receive their digital badge by email once they have been accredited. The digital badges can be downloaded and used via a mobile device or as a printed version. More information is provided in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtItcHpaYE>. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 75964). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website: <https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates>.

10. Adoption of the list of decisions of the ninth session.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda for this session.

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2024/4

2. Highlights from the September 2024 session of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)

The Group of Experts will be informed about relevant activities of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) at its eighty-ninth session.

The Group of Experts may wish to be informed on the outcome of the discussion at WP.1 regarding the revision of the Group's Terms of Reference in light of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) decisions at its February 2023 session.

3. Activities performed since the May 2024 session

The Group of Experts will be briefed on the outcome of the activity regarding the line-by-line review of the existing international legal instruments on road traffic (the 1949 and 1968 Conventions, and for 2018 and 2022 Resolutions)

Documentation: Presentation by Sweden and the United Kingdom (August 2024)

4. Substantive activities

The Group of Experts may wish to resume the discussion related to (1) the term "Driver", (2) "Human roles when the ADS performs the DDT", (3) "Traffic rules set as driver/road user requirements", and (4) more generally road safety and automated driving: In doing so, the Group of Experts may wish to take into account the outcome of the line-by-line review of the Geneva and Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic, including the presentation drafted during the informal meeting in August 2024.

Documentation: Presentation by the secretariat title "Status of the discussion on 29 August 2024)"

The Group of Experts is inviting presentations from national experts, academics and industry that could provide input for the substantive activities of the Group.

The Group of Experts will discuss the next steps until April 2025.

5. Exchange of views and information on national and regional activities

The Group of Experts may wish to exchange views and information on national and regional activities related to automated vehicles.

6. Reporting to the parent body

The Group of Experts may wish to resume consideration of the reporting to the parent body, based on the annex to the session reports.

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2024/3

7. Other business

The Group may wish to consider the proposal of the expert from Sweden for a serial approach instead of a parallel one for the Group of Experts.

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2024/6

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss and choose its own modus operandi, in between the formal sessions.

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss any other business.

8. Election of officers

According to ECE/EX/2/Rev.1 (Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of teams of specialists within ECE) and on the basis of TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1 (Terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)) the Group of Experts will be invited to elect its officers, a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who shall take office at the start of the first session of the year following their election.

9. Next session

The next session of the Group of Experts is scheduled to take place from 28-30 April 2025.

10. Adoption of the list of decisions of the ninth session

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the list of decisions prepared during the session.
