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Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs

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**EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE SIXTIETH SESSION**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 2 November 2004

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (TRANS/WP.11/209).

Explanatory notes to the provisional agenda are in TRANS/WP.11/2004/11.

2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Working Party may wish to elect a Chairman and a Vice-chairman.

3. **ACTIVITIES OF ECE BODIES OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY**

(a) Inland Transport Committee

At its sixty-sixth session (17-19 February 2004), the Inland Transport Committee adopted the report of the Working Party on its fifty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/156, paras. 116 and 117).

The Working Party may wish to consider the Strategic Objectives of the Inland Transport Committee (TRANS/2004/18 et TRANS/2004/19).

The Working Party is asked to review the table which is reproduced in the document TRANS/2004/19, identify those issues which might be added to its programme of work, and agree on the written formulation of the programme element to be inserted (ECE/TRANS/156, para.14).

(b) Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (WP.7)

The Working Party will be informed about the activities of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (WP.7).

4. ACTIVITIES OF THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

(a) International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR)

The Working Party may wish to consider a proposal submitted by the IIR (TRANS/WP.11/2004/10).

(b) Transfrigoroute International

The Working Party will be informed of recent activities of Transfrigoroute International.

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP)

(a) Information on the status of application of the Agreement

To date the following States have become Parties to the Agreement: Austria; Azerbaijan; Belarus; Belgium; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Croatia; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Georgia; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Ireland; Italy; Kazakhstan; Latvia, Lithuania; Luxembourg; Monaco, Morocco; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Russian Federation; Serbia and Montenegro; Slovakia; Slovenia, Spain; Sweden; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uzbekistan.

Switzerland signed the Agreement without ratification.

(b) Test stations officially designated by the competent authorities of countries Parties to ATP and whose test reports might be used for the issue of the ATP certificates

The Working Party may wish to take note of the address of testing stations (TRANS/WP.11/2003/2/Rev.1 and TRANS/WP.11/2003/2/Rev.1/Add.1).

The Working Party may wish to invite the Governments of Contracting Parties to transmit additional information concerning the competent authorities issuing certificates of conformity, the officially recognized testing stations and the addresses of bodies to contact in the event of any problems with a view to updating the address of testing stations.

(c) Exchange of information among Parties under Article 6 of ATP

The Working Party may wish to consider a document transmitted by the United Kingdom (TRANS/WP.11/2004/6).

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP) WHICH HAVE ENTERED INTO FORCE

The Working Party will be informed of the amendments to ATP which have entered into force since the last session.

The Working Party may wish to note that the proposal of amendments to Appendix 2, Annex 1 to ATP adopted during the last session (TRANS/WP.11/208, para. 37 and Annex 2) was circulated by the Depositary (see C.N.1535.2003.TREATIES-7).

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP)

(a) Articles of ATP

No proposal under this agenda item.

(b) Annex 1, Appendix 1 to ATP

Annex 1, Appendix 1, paragraph 4

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal submitted by Denmark (TRANS/WP.11/2004/5).

Annex 1, Appendix 1, paragraph 2 (c)

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal submitted by France (TRANS/WP.11/2004/8).

(c) Annex 1, Appendix 2 to ATP

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposals submitted by France (TRANS/WP.11/2004/8), Germany (TRANS/WP.11/2004/9) and Spain (TRANS/WP.11/2004/1).

(d) Annex 2 to ATP

The Working Party may wish to consider the document submitted by the United Kingdom (TRANS/WP.11/2004/7).

8. PROCEDURES FOR THE APPROVAL OF MULTI-COMPARTMENT MULTI-TEMPERATURE VEHICLES

The Working Party will be informed of the draft of procedures for the approval of multi-compartment multi-temperature vehicles.

9. REVISION OF THE ANNEXES TO ATP

The Working Party may wish to take note of the new version of the revised Annexe 1 to ATP (TRANS/WP.11/2004/4).

10. ATP HANDBOOK

The Working Party may also wish to consider the proposal from the IIR relating to the inclusion of a glossary in the ATP Handbook (TRANS/WP.11/2004/10).

11. FACILITATION OF TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS

The Working Party will be informed on the decisions taken by the Administrative Committee of the “International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods”, relating to the draft annex on facilitation of international transport of perishable foodstuffs.

12. SCOPE OF ATP

The Working Party decided to keep this item on the agenda.

13. KIT BODIES

The Working Party may wish to consider a proposal submitted by CLCCR relating to kit bodies (TRANS/WP.11/2004/2).

14. REFRIGERANTS AND BLOWING AGENTS

The Working Party decided to keep this item on the agenda of the present session.

15. COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN ATP AND COMMUNITY LEGISLATION

The Working Party decided to introduce this item on the agenda for the present session.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

The Working Party may wish to consider the document submitted by the Russian Federation (TRANS/WP.11/2004/3).

17. PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2004-2008

The programme of work for 2004-2008 of the Working Party was adopted by the Inland Transport Committee (see ECE/TRANS/156/Add.1).

Date of the next session

The sixty-first session of the Working Party has provisionally been scheduled for 31 October -3 November 2005.

18. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report on its sixtieth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
