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ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY

Participation of non-UNECE member countries in UNECE transport related meetings

1. In light of decisions made by the ITC in resolution No. 253 (ECE/TRANS/156, Annex 2), orientations given by the Bureau at its June 2004 meeting and the new coordination role given by General Assembly Resolution 58/289, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) proposed at its forty-fifth session (27-30 September 2004), to extend participation in the Working Party to States outside the UNECE region which are Contracting Parties to the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals.^{1/} It also proposed to accord voting rights in the Working Party on issues regarding the Vienna Conventions to those same States (TRANS/WP.1/96, paras. 50 and 51).
2. The UNECE Transport Division consulted the UN Office of Legal Affairs in New York on the subject of extension of membership and according voting rights and was informed that these issues required the prior approval of the Economic Commission for Europe.
3. The ITC is requested to approve this extension and give a more general scope to this request in order to allow the same possibility in the future for other of its subsidiary bodies which administer legal instruments with Contracting Parties outside the UNECE region.
4. If approved by the ITC, a request will be sent for the approval of the Economic Commission for Europe at its sixtieth session.

^{1/} The 24 States concerned are: Bahamas (RT only), Bahrain, Brazil (RT only), Central African Republic, Chile (RSS only), Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guyana (RT only), India (RSS only), Iran, Iraq (RSS only), Kuwait, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger (RT only), Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa (RT only), Tunisia, Uruguay (RT only), Zimbabwe (RT only).