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**ISSUES THAT NEED CONSIDERATION AND
REQUIRE DECISIONS BY THE COMMITTEE**

Activities related to road transport and road traffic safety (Turkey)

Note by the secretariat

I. MANDATE

1. At its seventy-first session, the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) recognized that transit was an important issue to be considered and requested the secretariat to monitor in an analytical way the developments related to the transit issue, as well as the opportunities to further facilitate international transport and to regularly inform the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) and ITC accordingly (ECE/TRANS/206, paras 47-50). This document contains information provided by the Government of Turkey.

II. TURKEY

The Republic of Turkey is a country that seeks to fully liberalize bilateral and transit road transport operations on the basis of reciprocity. Turkey has already liberalized bilateral and/or transit transport operations with 22 out of the 56 countries with which it has signed bilateral road transport agreements. These countries are Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Republic of Moldova, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Yemen. In 2009 bilateral and transit transport with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was liberalized. Based on a protocol with Ukraine, bilateral and transit transport was also liberalized for vehicles using Euro III and above motors. In addition, transit road transport operations with the Russian Federation are no longer subject to quota.
