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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-first session^{1,2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday,
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² All delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email (roadsafety@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 72401). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>

6. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968).
7. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic:
 - (a) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI);
 - (b) Mutual recognition of international technical inspections certificates.
8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals.
9. Other business.
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/130

2. Adoption of the report of the sixtieth session

The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its sixtieth session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/129

3. Information about activities of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about recent road safety related developments. This will include information about the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Conference on Improving Road Safety in the BSEC region (Ioannina, Greece 18–19 November 2010) where BSEC countries adopted a “Ioannina Declaration” reaffirming the importance of addressing road safety in the BSEC region (see http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/events/BSEC/Ioannina-Declaration_e.pdf). The Working Party will be informed about amendments to the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) which will introduce new procedures related to road safety impact assessments, audits, inspections and the management of road network safety (based on EC Directive 2008/96/EC).

National delegations and international organizations may wish to provide up-to-date information about other road safety developments. The national delegations are encouraged to present short updates of recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation. National delegations are requested to transmit this information in advance for inclusion in the UNECE web-based summary.

4. Decade of Action for Road Safety, 2011–2020

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about developments related to the United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/255 of 2 March 2010 which proclaimed the period 2011–2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety. Information will be provided about a plan of action of the Decade (www.who.int/roadsafety/Decade_of_action.pdf); about plans of the UN Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) for the Decade's global launch on 11 May 2011; about a high-level Inter-Parliamentary meeting — to be organized under the auspices of the UNECE — on road safety planned by the Parliament of Ukraine for April 2011 in Kiev; and about a planned high-level UNECE — Government of Serbia conference to celebrate the launch of the Road Safety Decade in May 2011. Finally, the secretariat will inform WP.1 about road safety “readiness assessment” technique to be considered for implementation.

National delegations may wish to present national road traffic casualty reduction targets to be achieved by 2020.

5. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and vehicle technical regulations

An informal group of experts (France, Germany, Russian Federation and Spain) may wish to present an update of its work on amendment proposals related to Driver's Assistance Systems. Separately, a representative of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) will be invited to present other amendment proposals (focusing on lighting) which are to be submitted for endorsement to WP.29 in a near future (the proposals are now available in Informal document No. WP.29–152–10).

The Working Party may wish to discuss the impact of noiseless electric vehicles on road traffic safety.

Documentation

Informal document No. WP.29–152–10

6. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

Proposal on Variable Message Signs

The Working Party may wish to discuss progress made by the informal expert group on Variable Message Signs. It may be recalled that the Working Party at its 129th session reiterated its request to the informal expert group to focus on drafting a proposal to amend the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968) to include variable message signs.

The government delegations are encouraged to present and share national experiences concerning the variable message signs designs and implementation.

The informal group of experts will be invited to deliver a presentation about recent developments in the European Union in this area.

7. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic

(a) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI)

The MDCI appears to enhance road safety, but the establishment of a MDCI mechanism is complex as it requires cooperation and coordination among national ministries, agencies and other relevant entities. The subject of MDCI was considered at the sixtieth session of WP.1 in September 2010, but did not reach consensus how to proceed. The national delegations are encouraged to contribute information on the existing national practices in this area with a view of preparing an informal document about possible follow-up options, including the creation of an informal expert group.

(b) Mutual recognition of international technical inspections certificates

The delegation of the Russian Federation will be invited to lead the discussion about its proposal to introduce best practices on the mutual recognition of international technical inspections certificates into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1).

8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals

The Working Party will continue discussing the design of a new sign for charging points for electric vehicles to be used in conjunction with the sign for fuelling stations. The national delegations are invited to communicate proposals to the secretariat. The secretariat will provide information about the existing International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standardized signs in the area of electric recharging points and electric plugs.

9. Other business

Despite many measures taken to indicate level-crossings in order to make them safe, too many road users and pedestrians are killed or injured at such crossings. The Working Party may wish to consider creating a multidisciplinary group of experts including experts from road traffic safety (WP.1), railways (SC.2), road and railway infrastructure organizations (SC.1) and other stakeholders to seek ways to improve safety at level-crossings.

Training, in particular training of professional drivers, is believed to have a substantial effect on road safety. The Working Party may wish to discuss the role of training in enhancing road safety.

The Working party will be invited to consider the candidacy of Mr. Arastun Majidon (Azerbaijan) for the position of the Vice-Chair.

10. Date of next session

The sixty-second session is scheduled to take place from 26 to 29 September 2011 in Geneva. Participants who wish to submit proposals to be considered at this session are requested to do so prior to 18 July 2011 to make it possible for the secretariat to process the documents for translation.

11. Adoption of decisions

The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its sixty-first session.