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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday,
26 September 2011

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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.1/132

2. Adoption of the report of the sixty-first session

The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its sixty-first session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/131

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 WP.29 developments, Intelligent Transport System (ITS) roadmap, World Road Association (PIARC) conference, Mexico City, 26–30 September 2011, the Inter-Parliamentary meeting on road safety, the World Scouts Jamboree, awareness raising and advocacy initiatives at the EuroBasket 2011, plans to commemorate the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 39001 road traffic safety management standard, and studies about establishing road safety lead agencies as well as road safety and cultural differences.

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.

At its seventy-third session held in Geneva from 1-3 March 2011, the Inland Transport Committee noted that, according to paragraph 1.9.5.3.7 of Annex A of the European Agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road (ADR), restrictions to the passage of vehicles carrying dangerous goods through road tunnels applied by Contracting Parties to ADR must be published officially and made publicly available. Contracting Parties must notify the UNECE secretariat of such restrictions so that the UNECE secretariat may make this information publicly available on its website. The failure of many Contracting Parties to do so posed numerous logistical problems. As the authorities responsible for road safety are not necessarily the same as those competent for ADR, the Committee requested the appropriate administrations of the Contracting Parties to ADR to transmit to the secretariat information concerning restrictions on the passage of vehicles carrying dangerous goods through road tunnels in order to allow the secretariat to make this information public pursuant to paragraph 1.9.5.3.7 of ADR (see ECE/TRANS/221, para. 86). The Working Party may wish to remind administrations responsible for restrictions and their signalling of this obligation for Contracting Parties to ADR.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/221

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. This will include information about a regional launch conference organized by the UNECE and the Government of Serbia in Belgrade, the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development on 1-14 May 2011, UNECE road safety poster campaign and road safety film prepared by the UNECE.

National delegations and international organizations may wish to provide information about road safety developments in the context of the Decade of Action for Road Safety.

5. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

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

WP.1 will consider amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic related to lighting and light–signalling (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4) with a view to maintaining consistency between the Convention and other international legal instruments, in particular those developed by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations.

At its sixty-first session, WP.1 decided to continue considering draft amendment proposals concerning the definition of “Driver Assistance Systems” (DAS). In this context, 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 DAS (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/5).

WP.1 will discuss: (a) divergences/inconsistencies between the "EU Driver Licence Directive" of December 2006 and the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and (b) a possible application of ISO standards in the area of domestic/international driving permits. The European Union is encouraged to lead discussions on this topic.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/5

6. Driver fatigue round table

On 27 September 2011, a special one-day round table concerning driver's fatigue will be held. The tentative program is available in Informal document No. 1.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

7. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

Proposal on Variable Message Signs

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made by an informal expert group on Variable Message Signs (VMS). In particular, the informal VMS expert group will brief WP.1 about its meeting of 5 April 2011. The informal expert group was to focus on drafting a proposal amending 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.

8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic

(a) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI)

WP.1 will consider how to promote a multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI) mechanism with a view of enhancing road safety. To this end, Norway and Sweden will present an informal document outlining the "way forward" proposals and directions in this area.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2

(b) Mutual recognition of international technical inspections certificates

The delegation of the Russian Federation will be again invited to lead discussions 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).

Documentation

Informal document No. 11 (sixty-first session March 2011)

9. 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 Government of Belgium will table an amendment proposal concerning a secure parking area road sign ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/3.

Following the entry into force on 1 January 2011 of new provisions in ADR (Annex A, paragraphs 3.4.13 to 3.4.15), requiring the marking of certain vehicles carrying dangerous goods packed in limited quantities, and the adoption by the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of an amendment to section 1.9.5 of Annex A of ADR that would prohibit, as from 1 July 2013, the passage of such vehicles through road tunnels of Category E, WP.15 adopted, at its ninetieth session (Geneva, 3-5 May 2011) a proposal of consequential amendment to R:E.2 and requested the secretariat to submit it to WP.1 on its behalf (see ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/8 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/210, paras. 51-52 and annex III).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/8 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/210

10. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings

The Working Party may wish to discuss draft terms of reference for “Safety at level crossings” multidisciplinary group of experts (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/6).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/6

11. Programme of work, 2012–2016 and biennial evaluation

The Working Party may wish to consider and approve its programme of work for the biennium 2012–2013 and 2012–2016 as requested by the ECE Executive Committee and the ITC Bureau and evaluate its accomplishments and indicators of achievement for 2010–2011.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/7 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/9

12. Other business

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

13. Date of next session

The sixty-third session is scheduled to take place from 19 to 21 March 2012 in Geneva.

14. Adoption of decisions

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