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Biennial evaluation, programme of work and terms of reference of the Working Party

Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2012–2013

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being 2012 (ECE/TRANS/200, para. 120), the Working Party will be invited to review and adopt its programme of work for 2012–2013 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation.
2. The draft programme of work for 2012–2013 and expected accomplishment are contained in the present document.

II. Draft programme of work for 2012–2013

A. Introduction

3. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for 2012–2013 of ITCs subprogramme relating to “Intermodal Transport and Logistics”. The Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) is invited to consider this programme for adoption at its current session. It will then be submitted to ITC and the UNECE Executive Committee for formal approval. The Working Party and the Inland Transport Committee will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium, to be reflected in a separate document.
4. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities

proposed to be carried out in 2012–2013. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

5. The grouping of programme activities into clusters is the same as that used by the ITC for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance.

6. The following clusters of activities make up the UNECE's subprogramme on transport:

Cluster No. Subprogramme: 02 Transport

1. Overall coordination (Inland Transport Committee and Bureau)
 2. Transport trends and economics, land-locked countries and transit facilitation
 3. Road transport (Trans-European network for motorways (TEM) Project)
 4. Road traffic safety
 5. Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
 6. Rail transport (Trans-European network for rail (TER) Project)
 7. Inland waterway transport
 8. Intermodal transport and logistics
 9. Customs questions affecting Transport
 10. Transport, Health and Environment pan-European programme (THE PEP)
 11. Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)
 12. Transport of dangerous goods (ECOSOC)
 13. Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (ECOSOC)
 14. Transport of perishable foodstuffs
 15. Transport statistics
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7. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2012–2013. As necessary, they are complemented by additional items to reflect more recent developments and needs of UNECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities are clearly indicated as "additional".

8. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

9. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in section II of this document.

10. The present document is based in substance on the WP.24 programme of work for 2010–2014 and the main expected accomplishment and indicators of achievement for 2010–2011, as adopted by the fifty-second session of the Working Party in October 2009 (ECE/TRANS/WP24/2009/7 and ECE/TRANS/WP.24/125, paras. 38–39) and approved by ITC at its seventy-second session on 23–25 February 2010 (ECE/TRANS/2010/8 and Corr.1 and ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106).

B. Objective and strategy

11. The objective of the UNECE subprogramme of transport is to facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable transport.

12. The responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division.

C. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2012–2013 biennium

13. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2012–2013 biennium are as follows:

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 8: Intermodal Transport and Logistics

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
1. Monitoring, review and updating of the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) and the Protocol on Inland Waterways.	Better understanding of sustainable intermodal transport and logistics operations and policies in the region and enhanced cooperation of UNECE member countries in addressing these issues through the exchange of experiences and good practices. This includes infrastructure and border crossing questions as well as the monitoring and updating of relevant legal instruments (AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on Inland Waterways).
2. Consideration of measures to promote efficiency of intermodal transport as part of a sustainable transport system, including bottlenecks in intermodal transport services at the pan-European level.	
3. Monitoring enforcement and review of the ECMT Consolidated Resolution on Combined Transport adopted by ECMT in Bucharest in 2002 (CEMT/CM (2002)3/Final).	
6. Monitoring and exchange of best practices on new concepts, design, weights and dimensions of loading units used in intermodal transport in accordance with ITC Resolution No. 241 adopted on 5 February 1993.	
7. Analysis of technical and organizational measures to optimize terminal, transshipment and logistical procedures allowing for cost-effective handling procedures of loading units.	
8. Consideration of possibilities for reconciliation and harmonization of liability regimes governing intermodal transport operations in a pan-European context.	
9. Analysis of modern transport chains and logistics.	
10. Review and update of the IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for Packing of Cargo in Intermodal Transport Units.	

Main actions by the Transport Division:

- Act as secretariat to the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics and its groups of experts.
- Maintain the on-line monitoring tool on the application of the AGC and AGTC infrastructure standards.

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support for technical cooperation and capacity-building in intermodal transport and logistics. • Represent UNECE in relevant meetings of inter- and non-governmental organizations. 	

2. Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

8.1 Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (fifty-fifth session, November 2012)

Documentation:

Agenda and report of the annual session of the Working Party. Documents and research papers on the annual theme for substantive discussion, national policy measures to promote intermodal transport, civil liability regimes in intermodal transport and on weight and dimensions of loading units in intermodal transport and logistics. Technical document on the revision of the IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for Packing of Cargo in Intermodal Transport Units. Legal documents relating to the administration and updating of the AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on Inland Waterways.

8.2 Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (fifty-sixth session, November 2013)

Documentation:

Agenda and report of the annual session of the Working Party. Documents and research papers on the annual theme for substantive discussion, national policy measures to promote intermodal transport and on weight and dimensions of loading units in intermodal transport and logistics. Technical document on the revision of the IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for Packing of Cargo in Intermodal Transport Units. Legal documents relating to the administration and updating of the AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on Inland Waterways.

(b) Publications and other information material

8.1 On-line monitoring tool on the application of the AGC and AGTC infrastructure standards.

8.2 Revised IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for Packing of Cargo in Intermodal Transport Units (joint publication with IMO and ILO).

III. Biennial evaluation

14. On the basis of decisions taken at its fifty-second session in October 2009 (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/125, para. 38), the activities of the Working Party are measured, as part of the biennial evaluation, against one expected accomplishment, three indicators of accomplishment and corresponding performance measures. In February 2010, this approach has been approved by ITC as part of the performance planning for evaluation of the biennium 2010–2011 (ECE/TRANS/2010/7).

15. The Working Party may wish to review these parameters as well as the actual performance measures for 2010–2011 as provided below with a view to either maintaining them or establishing new ones for the biennium 2012–2013.

<i>Biennial Assessment</i>			
<i>Review of performance measures for 2010–2011 and establishment of targets for 2012–2013</i>			
<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
8. Intermodal Transport and Logistics	Better understanding of sustainable intermodal transport and logistics operations and policies in the region and enhanced cooperation of UNECE member countries in addressing these issues through the exchange of experiences and good practices. This includes infrastructure and border crossing questions as well as the monitoring and updating of relevant legal instruments (AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on Inland Waterways).	<p>(a) Number of countries, intergovernmental organizations (IGO) and non-Governmental organizations (NGO) participating in the annual meetings of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24).</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2008–2009 39 Target 2010–2011: 35 18 (2010) ... (2011) Target 2012–2013: 25</p> <p>(b) Number of amendments as well as updated and amended lines in the AGTC Agreement and its Protocol¹</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2008–2009 1 Target 2010–2011: 2 0 (2010) ... (2011) Target 2012–2013: 1</p> <p>(c) Number of new Contracting Parties to the AGTC Agreement and its Protocol</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2008–2009 2 Target 2010–2011: 3 0 (2010) ... (2011) Target 2012–2013: 2</p>	

IV. Status and characteristics of the Working Party

16. In accordance with the guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within UNECE, the mandate and extension of these Working Parties should be reviewed every 5 years (ECE/EX/1, para. 1 (c)).

17. As the first 5-year cycle will end as of 2012 and on the basis of a comprehensive review of its activities, the Working Party may wish to propose to the Inland Transport Committee to renew the mandate and status of the Working Party for another cycle of 5 years as of 2013 (ECE/EX/1, para. 3 (d)).

¹ As adopted by Contracting Parties at the sessions of the Working Party.