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Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being 2012 (ECE/TRANS/200, paragraph 120), the Working Party is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2012–2013 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation.

II. Programme of work for 2012–2013

A. Introduction

2. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for 2012–2013 of the Inland Transport Committee's subprogramme relating to "Transport statistics and information". The Working Party on Transport Statistics is invited to consider this programme for subsequent adoption at its current session. It will then be submitted to the Inland Transport Committee and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) 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.

3. 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.

4. The grouping of programme activities into clusters is exactly the same as that used by the Inland Transport Committee for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance.

5. 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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6. 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 ECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities are clearly indicated as “additional”.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. The present document is based in substance on the programme of work for 2010–2014 as adopted in 2010 by the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/2010/8).

B. Objective and strategy

10. 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.

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

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

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 15: Transport Statistics

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
<p>Collection and compilation of transport statistics, including data on motor traffic, road traffic accidents and rail traffic. Development and maintenance of the online UNECE Transport Statistics Database in order to maintain good quality, relevant, user friendly and timely transport statistics.</p> <p>Development of appropriate and common methodologies and terminology for the harmonization of statistics, aiming also at the determination of indicators of sustainable transport. This includes: methodologies for the collection and compilation of statistics on road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline and combined transport as well as on road traffic accidents, in cooperation and coordination with other UNECE bodies, related international organizations, in order to promote the availability of comprehensive, timely and reliable statistics for sustainable transport planning and analysis and to improve international comparability of transport statistics.</p> <p>Main actions by the Transport Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as secretariat to the Working Party on Transport Statistics and its team of specialists • Maintain an online database on land transport statistics • Represent UNECE in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics • Coordinate the compilation and dissemination of data for the 2010 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses • Provide technical support for technical cooperation and capacity-building in transport statistics 	<p>Improved availability and scope of transport statistical data</p>

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

15.1 Working Party on Transport Statistics (sixty-third session, 2012)

Documentation:

Report of the annual session of the Working Party. Documents on methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics, on activities of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (Eurostat, International Transport Forum (ITF),

UNECE), on the 2010 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses and on implementation of the UNECE road map on collection and dissemination of transport statistics.

15.2 Working Party on Transport Statistics (sixty-fourth session, 2013)

Documentation:

Report of the annual session of the Working Party. Documents on methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics, on activities of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (Eurostat, ITF, UNECE), on the 2010 E-Road and E-Rail traffic censuses and on implementation of the UNECE road map on collection and dissemination of transport statistics.

(b) *Publications and other information material*

15.3 Online database on land transport statistics

15.4 Publication of UNECE Transport Statistics for Europe and North America

15.5 Publication of UNECE Road Traffic Accident Statistics in Europe and North America

15.6 Publication of maps and data of the 2010 E-Road traffic census

15.7 Publication of maps and data of the 2010 E-Rail traffic census

15.8 Publication of annual main transport indicators in the UNECE region (2 issues)

15.9 Publication of fifth edition of the Glossary of Transport Statistics in cooperation with Eurostat and ITF (or amendment to the fourth edition of the Glossary)

(c) *Technical cooperation*

15.10 Support for technical cooperation and capacity building to assist countries in the collection, organization and automation of transport statistics, including the convening of training workshops, drawing also on expertise of member Governments and international organizations.

III. Biennial evaluation

12. On the basis of decisions taken at its fifty-eighth session in June 2007 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/153, para. 9), the activities of the Working Party are measured, as part of the biennial evaluation, against one expected accomplishment, two indicators of accomplishment and corresponding performance measures. In February 2010, this approach was approved by the Inland Transport Committee as part of the performance planning for evaluation of the biennium 2010–2011 (ECE/TRANS/2010/7).

13. 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.

Biennial Assessment
Review of performance measures for 2010-2011 and establishment of targets for 2012-2013

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
15 Transport Statistics	Improved availability and scope of transport statistical data	<p>(a) Number of reliable statistical products available on the Internet</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>Target 2008-2009: Partial statistical database online</p> <p>Target 2010-2011: Complete statistical database online</p> <p>Target 2012-2013: Maintenance of online statistical database</p> <p>(b) Use of data as measured by website downloads</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 77,500 downloads</p> <p>Target 2010-2011: 82,000 downloads</p> <p>Target 2012-2013: 85,000 downloads</p>	<p>Partial statistical database online</p> <p>Complete statistical database online</p> <p>..... downloads¹</p> <p>..... downloads</p>

¹ For technical reasons, the number of website downloads for 2008-2011 will be provided later on.