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Inland Transport Committee

Seventy-fourth session

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Item 20 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the list of main decisions of the seventy-fourth session

List of main decisions

Note by the secretariat

At its seventy-fourth session, the Inland Transport Committee:

1. **Adopted** the provisional agenda;
2. **Called upon** its members to pay appropriate attention to transport issues in the context of preparation of the forthcoming UN Conference on Sustainable Development, including by considering the possibility of inclusion of a Sustainable Development Goal on transport;
3. **Supported** the activities developed by the secretariat in cooperation with other regional and subregional organizations and programmes aimed at assisting countries with economies in transition; and **encouraged** UNECE member States to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for Assistance of Countries in Transition (TFACT);
4. **Welcomed** and **encouraged** the forthcoming organization of an international Experts Meeting for Future Inland Transport Systems (forFITS) that may contribute towards reduction of CO₂ emissions;
5. **Endorsed** the outcome of the policy-oriented segment, round table discussion on «Intelligent Mobility – thinking about tomorrow’s transport» and **agreed** that a short report of the round table, in the form of Chairman’s conclusions, be annexed to the full report of the session; and **requested** its subsidiary bodies to take on board the outcomes of the round table;
6. **Welcomed** the organization of the second meeting of the Chairs of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies dedicated on the review of UNECE reform and strengthening

cooperation; and **reiterated** its recommendation that such meetings should become a regular feature of the Committee's sessions;

7. **Reiterated** its support for the Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) projects; and **encouraged** Governments of countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia that are not yet members of the TEM and TER projects to consider full participation;

8. **Welcomed** the progress made by the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) on completing the EATL Phase II; **supported** the draft report of the group and **requested** the secretariat, in consultation with the national focal points of EATL member countries, to finalize it and proceed with its publication; **supported** the requests of the EATL Group of Experts and of the WP.5 and **decided** to ask EXCOM to approve the extension of the mandate of the EATL Group of Experts for two more years with possibility of further extension in order to allow the group to continue its work; **approved** the organization of a meeting of Ministers of Transport and **invited** the secretariat to organize it in autumn 2012; **thanked** the Government of the Russian Federation for funding the EATL work; also **thanked** OSCE secretariat for its political support and for co-funding some activities of the project; **invited** the Steering Committees of TEM and TER Projects and UNECE secretariat to explore practical ways of ensuring operational interaction of the TEM and TER Projects with EATL; also **invited** governments, international governmental and non-governmental organizations, IFIs, businesses and donors to consider co-funding future project activities and UNESCAP secretariat to take an active role in future work of the Expert Group in close cooperation with UNECE secretariat;

9. **Reiterated** the importance of AETR Agreement for ensuring safety in international road transport; and **invited** the stakeholders to provide mutual support aimed at efficient functioning of the system of digital tachograph in all its aspects;

10. **Reiterated** its support to the Expert Group on unified railway law, mandated for two-year period, and stressed the importance of the work that is underway;

11. **Approved** the UNECE Plan to implement the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011–2020 (ECE/TRANS/2012/4 and Corrs. 1 and 2); **welcomed** various activities undertaken by the secretariat in support of the Decade; and **requested** WP.1 to coordinate and monitor its implementation in close cooperation with the other road safety related subsidiary bodies of the Committee (WP.29, WP.15, SC.1, WP.6) and report regularly to it;

12. **Requested** the secretariat to continue its consultations with all stakeholders, particularly the European Commission, aimed at further exploring ways UNECE could assist in the establishment and operation of the European Hull Database that could include all European inland navigation vessels;

13. **Endorsed** the outcome of recent activities of the secretariat, Contracting Parties and WP.30 in strengthening the TIR Convention; and **supported** the continuation of the eTIR project and the prolongation of the mandate of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (WP.30/GE.1) to the year 2012; **encouraged** all Contracting Parties to actively participate in eTIR activities;

14. In view of the expected, long delays in the entry into force of new regulations and their amendments administered by WP.29 due to the legal rules requiring that new regulations or amendments thereto be notified simultaneously in the authentic languages defined in the Agreement itself (English, French and Russian, in the case of the vehicle agreements) **agreed** to request EXCOM's support through reinforcing the secretariat;

15. **Approved** the “UNECE Road Map for promoting ITS-20 global actions 2012-2020”; and **requested** the secretariat to reproduce the consolidated text of the Road Map as an annex to the report;
16. **Urged** Contracting Parties to the ADR that have not done so to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol of 1993 amending article 1 (a), articles 14 (1) and article 14 (3) (b) of ADR to come into force; **reminded** ADN Contracting Parties that have not done so to submit the various notifications required by ADN, including details of competent authorities, without delay; **strongly encouraged** SMGS countries, in particular those which are not members of the European Union or which are not RID Contracting States to be represented in the sessions of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting;
17. **Invited** UNECE member Governments, in compliance with ITC Resolutions No. 259 and No. 260 adopted at its seventy-first session, to submit the results of the censuses conforming to the deadlines fixed by the ITC Resolutions;
18. **Approved** as a whole all the reports and related activities of its subsidiary bodies and **requested** the secretariat to incorporate related references into the complete ITC report on the basis of the annotated agenda;
19. **Approved** the 2010-2011 biennium evaluation of the Committee’s work (ECE/TRANS/2012/7);
20. **Invited** countries, which have not yet done so, to become Contracting Parties to UN Agreements and Conventions in the field of transport as soon as possible;
21. **Approved** the new terms of references and the rules of procedures for SC.2 (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2011/3), SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191/Add.2), WP.5 (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2011/2, WP.6 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/161), WP.24 (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/9), the amended ones for SC.1 (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/377/Add.1/Rev.1) and the terms of reference of WP.30 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2011/10); and **agreed** to renew the current Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of WP.1 (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1), WP.11 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/122/Add.1), WP.15 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1) and WP.29 and its subsidiary bodies (GRB, GRE, GRPE, GRRF, GRSG and GRSP) (TRANS/WP.29/690 and Amend.1);
22. **Adopted** the proposals on the review of the UNECE reform in the field of transport and on the renewed (5-year) mandates of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies as contained in Informal document No. 13; **reviewed** and **strongly supported** the Briefing note for the ECE reform, Template “Information requested by EXCOM for the ECE review” with annexes 1 and 2, communicated by the secretariat; **agreed** that these documents, incorporating any comments to be received from member countries by 9 March 2012, be used for reporting to the EXCOM; and **requested** its Chair and the Director of the Transport Division to report to EXCOM at its next meeting, accordingly;
23. **Adopted** its programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013 (ECE/TRANS/2012/9) and the biennial evaluation plan 2012-2013 (ECE/TRANS/2012/10); and **approved** the draft strategic framework for the 2014-2015 biennium for transport subprogramme (ECE/TRANS/2012/11);
24. **Adopted** its work plan for the period 2012-2016 (ECE/TRANS/2012/12);
25. **Adopted** its schedule of meetings in 2012 and from January to March 2013 (ECE/TRANS/2012/13);
26. In view of increased responsibilities of the ITC and its subsidiary bodies to address a growing number of new and emerging issues facing the transport sector in a globalized economy and trade, **decided** to enlarge the number of the ITC Vice-Chairs to three, and the

composition of its Bureau upto one fourth of the ECE member States, including the Chair and the Vice-Chairs;

27. **Elected** Mr. Jerzy Kleniewski (Poland) as Chair, as well as Mr. Jean-Paul Gailly (Belgium), Mrs. Isabelle Paillet (France) and Mr. Sergey Andreev (Russian Federation) as Vice-Chairs for its sessions in 2013 and 2014, and the following Bureau members for a two-year period (2012 and 2013):

Mr. Zdenko Antesic	(Croatia)
Mr. Gogita Gvenetadze	(Georgia)
Mr. Björn Oriwohl	(Germany)
Mr. Antonio Erario	(Italy)
Mr. Bob Oudshoorn	(Netherlands)
Mr. Claudiu Octavian Dumitrescu	(Romania)
Mr. Björn Stafbom	(Sweden)
Mr. Jean-Claude Schneuwly	(Switzerland)
Mr. Seref Tabak	(Turkey)
Mr. Abdusamat Muminov	(Uzbekistan);

28. **Expressed** its warm thanks to Mr. Erdem Direkler for having guided successfully, as Chairman, its discussions in the course of the past two years;

29. **Adopted** the list of main decisions of its seventy-fourth session.