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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 (ECE/TRANS/200, paragraph 120), the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2014-2015 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation.

II. Programme of work for 2014–2015

A. Introduction

2. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee's subprogramme on "Road Transport and Trans-European north-south motorway (TEM) project" for the biennium 2014–2015. The Working Party on Road Transport is invited to consider the programme for adoption at its current session. It will then be submitted to the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and the Economic Commission for Europe (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.

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 2014–2015. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

4. The grouping of 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:

<i>Cluster No.</i>	<i>Subprogramme: 02 Transport</i>
1.	Overall coordination (Inland Transport Committee and Bureau)
2.	Transport trends and economics (including Euro-Asian transport links)
3.	Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
4.	Rail transport and Trans-European network for Rail (TER) Project
5.	Inland waterway transport
6.	Intermodal transport
7.	Customs questions affecting Transport
8.	Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European programme (THE PEP)
9.	Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)
10.	Transport of dangerous goods (ECOSOC)
11.	Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (ECOSOC)
12.	Transport of perishable foodstuffs
13.	Transport statistics
14.	Road transport and Trans-European north-south Motorway (TEM) project
15.	Road traffic safety

6. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2014–2015. If 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”.

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 and 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 2012–2013 as adopted in 2013 by the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/2012/9/Rev.1).

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 the subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division.

C. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2014–2015 biennium

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 14

Road transport and Trans-European north-south Motorway (TEM) project¹

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
<p>The Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) promotes the development and facilitation of international transport by road — of goods and passengers — by harmonizing and simplifying the rules and requirements to which such transport is subject to. To meet this objective, SC.1 draws up, manages and updates international legal instruments. SC.1 occasionally acts as a parent body to technical expert groups such as those concerning the digital tachograph rules or transport of passengers by coach and bus. It also develops non-binding recommendations and best practices in international road transport such as Consolidated Resolution on the Facilitation of International Road Transport (R.E.4). Finally, SC.1 promotes the third party motor liability insurance law (Green card system). The participation in SC.1 is open to all countries across the world.</p> <p>Main Actions by the Transport Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To act as secretariat to the Working Party on Road Transport and assist in administering and updating the relevant legal instruments; • To collect and disseminate information in order to facilitate exchange of data between member countries on road transport policy and other developments; • To facilitate the liaison among governments and with other actors in the field of road transport (intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, regional economic integration organizations, private sector and 	<p>Enhanced implementation of the European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR).</p> <p>Increased capacity of ECE countries participating in the TEM project.</p>

¹ The 2013 Programme of work of the TEM project is presented in Annex I to this document for information.

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academia), as well as to coordinate cooperation to ensure the effective implementation of obligations contained in the relevant legal instruments.

Description of the main legal instruments administered by the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1):

European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR), of 15 November 1975 defines the "E" road network of routes of strategic importance for international traffic flows and sets the standards to which they should conform.

European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR), of 1 July 1970 aims at improving road safety and regulating drivers' hours' rules for working and rest times. It applies to international road transport done by vehicles used for the carriage of goods that exceed 3.5 tonnes and vehicles used for the carriage of passengers that can carry more than 9 persons, including the driver.

Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) of 19 May 1956 and its protocols standardize the contracts for the transport of goods by road by regulating the responsibilities and liabilities of the parties involved.

Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road (CVR), of 1 March 1973 standardizes the conditions governing the contract for the international carriage of passengers and luggage by road.

Convention on the Taxation of Road Vehicles for Private use in International Traffic, of 18 May 1956 exempts international road vehicles from taxes and duties.

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

14.1 Working Party on Road Transport (109th session in 2014, and 110th session in 2015)

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (2); other documents (8), including amendments to the AETR Agreement (2), proposals for a global agreement OmniBUS (2), activities of TEM project (2 additional) and reports of the President of the Council of the Bureau (2 additional). Other parliamentary documentation is to be determined in the course of the sessions.

- 14.2 Group of Experts on the implementation of the European Agreement concerning the work of crews of vehicles engaged in international road transport (AETR) (3 sessions in 2014; 2 sessions in 2015 (5 meetings))

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (5); other documents (6) including documents on the implementation of AETR (5), other documents, including Programme of Work of the Expert Group (1 additional), and additional to be determined by the experts.

(b) *Publications and other information material*

- 14.3 Map of the e-road network (1); Publication on the Liberalization of the Road Transport Sector (additional).

(c) *Technical cooperation*

- 14.4 TEM workshops and seminars (2)

- 14.5 TEMstat meetings (2)

III. Biennial Evaluation

12. At its seventy-fourth session in February 2012, the Inland Transport Committee adopted an updated logical framework for biennial performance evaluation for 2012-2013 of the UNECE Subprogramme 2 Transport (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 93, and ECE/TRANS/2012/9/Rev.1). Applying a results-based approach, it comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and 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.

13. The Working Party may wish to review these parameters as well as the actual performance measures for 2012–2013 as provided below with a view to either maintaining them or establishing new ones for the biennium 2014–2015.

Biennial Assessment

Review of performance measures for 2012–2013 and establishment of targets for 2014–2015

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishment</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
5. Road Transport	Enhanced implementation of the European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)	1. Number of problem areas identified and of proposals to address them	Target 2012–2013: 4 Actual 2012–2013: 4 <u>Problem areas identified:</u> 1. The question of the prevailing legal instrument in view of parallel/coinciding legislative framework within the EU. 2. The question of the applicable law on combined routes passing through the territories of both non-contracting parties and EU and non-EU contracting parties in view of the reservations entered by EU States upon ratification of the Agreement, considering that

the EU is not a contracting party to the AETR.

3. The question of article 22bis and the decision-making centre for amendments on technical parameters as contained in Annex 1b.

4. The difficulties of some AETR Contracting Parties in implementing the digital tachograph and in particular the issuance of the digital tachograph cards.

Proposals to address them and progress made in 2012-2013:

1. The question of prevailing legal instrument is still under discussion.

2. The question of the applicable law on combined routes is still under discussion. As at the date of this document, nine Contracting Parties had responded to a questionnaire by the International Road Transport Union (IRU) on this matter. IRU is expected to deliver a presentation at the sixth session of the Group of Experts (31 October 2013) in order to facilitate a conclusion and agreement by the Group of the prevailing legal instrument in the different transport scenarios.

3. The question of amending article 22bis has been extensively discussed at the meetings of AETR Group of Experts. As at the date of this document, the Group had not been able to agree on the wording of a revised text of Article 22bis.

4. In 2012-2013, further progress had been made in implementing the digital tachograph in non-EU AETR Contracting Parties. Virtually all countries had fully implemented the measures necessary for the use of the digital

tachograph. Only one country had yet to commence it.

Target 2014-2015: 3 (Resolution of the outstanding three proposals to the problem areas 1, 2 and 3 identified above)

2. Number of seminars and workshops

Target 2012–2013: 4
Actual 2012–2013: 6

1st session of AETR Group of Experts: 2 March 2012
2nd session: 6 June 2012
3rd session: 24 October 2012
4th session: 25 February 2013
5th session: 24 June 2013
6th session: 31 October 2013

Target 2014-2015: 3 (24 February 2014, 23 June 2014, 30 October 2014)

3. Number of participants per seminar and workshop

Target 2012–2013: 40
Actual 2012–2013: 118 (excluding participants from the sixth session)

Target 2014-2015: 65

Annex

Trans-European north-south motorway (TEM) project programme of work for the year 2013

<i>Objective</i>		<i>Activity</i>		<i>Action</i>		<i>Implemented by</i>		<i>2013</i>			
<i>No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Description</i>					<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>
1.	Updating of TEM network, acceleration of its construction and review of TEM priorities	1.1.	Follow-up of the Revision of the TEM Master Plan	1.1.1	Implementation of the TEM Master Plan	PCO		*	*	*	*
					Revision Follow-up monitoring system	Governments					
						Consultants					
				1.1.2.	Implementation of the TEM Master Plan	PCO		*	*	*	*
					Revision Follow-up Programme of Work	Governments					
						Consultants					
			1.1.3.	Regular meetings of the Joint TEM and TER Master Plan Revision Follow-up Expert Group	UNECE			*		*	
					PCO						
					Governments						
					Consultants						
		1.2.	TEM Integration in the new European Transport Environment	1.2.1.	Strengthening TEM as monitoring and management instrument of Pan-European Corridors' development	UNECE		*	*	*	*
						PCO					
						Governments					

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2.	Promotion of TEM	2.1.	Development of new contacts and relationships with neighbouring countries aiming at their joining the Project	2.1.1.	UNECE	*	*	*	*
					PCO				
				2.1.2.	PCO	*	*	*	*
					Governments				
					Bilateral and multilateral contacts between neighbouring countries encouraged and supported by PCO				
		2.2.	Providing information on TEM: UNECE weekly, press releases, international events, mass media information, etc.	2.2.1.	UNECE	*	*	*	*
	PCO								
				2.2.2.	Governments	*	*	*	*
			Disseminating all information about the Project within the countries						
				2.2.3.	UNECE	*	*	*	*
			Permanent updating of TEM Project						

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Description</i>			<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>
				webpage within the UNECE website	PCO				
		2.2.4.	Feedback members with TEM news		PCO	*	*	*	*
		2.2.5.	Presence in European Transport fora		PCO Governments	*	*	*	*
		2.2.6.	Organisation/participation in regional and national events to present the Project		PCO Governments	*	*	*	*
		2.2.7.	Strengthening TER PCO by securing more human resources		PCO Governments	*	*	*	*
3.	Ensuring safe and homogeneous driving conditions on TEM by assisting in TEM design, maintenance, operation and management	3.1.	TEM information systems	3.1.1.	UNECE PCO Governments			*	
				TEM Seminar on road infrastructure safety					
				3.1.2.	PCO	*		*	
				Data processing of TEMSTAT databases					
				3.1.3.	PCO		*		

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				TEMSTAT 2013 Data Collection and Mapping Meeting	Governments				
				3.1.4. Elaboration of TEMSTAT 2013 maps	PCO				*
				3.1.5. Uploading the TEMSTAT 2013 maps on the UNECE website	UNECE PCO	*			
				3.1.6. Performing HEEP Area V regular activities	PCO Governments		*	*	
				3.1.7. Promotion of TEM Standards and Recommended Practice	UNECE PCO	*	*	*	*
				3.1.8. Examination of possibilities of extension of TEMSTAT system to the non-TEM Master Plan countries	UNECE PCO	*	*	*	*
4.	TEM integration into Pan European transport environment	4.1.	Co-operation with respective EC bodies and other EU states' organisations and institutions	4.1.1. Institutional co-operation with EC DG MOVE	UNECE PCO	*	*	*	*
				4.1.2. Cooperation with CEI (Central European	UNECE	*	*	*	*

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			Initiative) and OSCE in transport related activities of common interest	PCO Respective Governments				
		4.1.3.	Further strengthening of regular dialogue and co-operation with non-Governmental organizations, Universities and Research Institutions	UNECE PCO Governments Related organizations	*	*	*	*
	4.2	Co-operation with non-TEM member countries of the region	4.2.1 TEM involvement in Eastern European and Caucasus region	UNECE PCO	*	*	*	*
	4.3.	TEM involvement in the development of Euro-Asian Transport Linkages	4.3.1. Effective involvement of TEM in the development of the Euro-Asia Transport Linkages	UNECE PCO	*	*	*	*
	4.4.	Co-operation with other countries and fora	4.4.1. Development of close co-operation with other related initiatives and projects	UNECE PCO	*	*	*	*
			4.4.2. Connection of TEM plans to other components of the network (rail, sea ports, inland ports, airports)	UNECE PCO Governments		*	*	

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				4.4.3.	UNECE		*	*	*
			Identification and facilitating the connections of TEM network to the transport networks of neighbouring regions		PCO				
5.	Project management	5.1.	Steering Committee activities	5.1.1.	UNECE		*		*
				Regular sessions	PCO				
					Governments				
		5.2.	Project Management	5.2.1	UNECE				*
				Election of the Project Manager for period 2014 – 2015	Governments				
		5.3.	Cooperation with UNECE	5.3.1.	UNECE	*	*	*	*
				Further strengthening of cooperation with UNECE ITC and its subsidiary bodies	PCO				
					Governments				
		5.4.	Cooperation among TEM countries in all matters concerning road transport	5.4.1.	PCO	*	*	*	*
				Contacting the Governments with respect to their needs	Governments				