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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-seventh session<sup>1,2</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 February 2015

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

##### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/247 and Add.1

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<sup>1</sup> For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no formal documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website ([www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html)) or from the public UN Official Document System's (ODS) website (<http://documents.un.org/>). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

<sup>2</sup> Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website ([www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html)). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by e-mail (George.Georgiadis@unece.org or Anastasia.Barinova@unece.org) or by fax (41 22-917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 72761). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website [www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm).



## **I. Policy oriented segment**

### **2. Rethinking Sustainable Urban Transport and Mobility to Meet the Challenges of a New Era**

The Committee may wish to **take note** that the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee, at its June 2014 meeting, agreed that the morning session of the first day of the seventy-seventh session of the Committee should be devoted to a discussion on sustainable urban transport and mobility. The policy segment will focus on drawing lessons from real-world experience and rethinking sustainable urban transport and mobility to meet the challenges of a new era, with emphasis on economic, social and environmental sustainability.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/1

## **II. Fifth Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies**

### **3. Meeting for government delegates only with the participation of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies**

The Committee may wish to **recall** that the Chairs of the Administrative Committees of UN legal instruments on transport and of the Committee's subsidiary bodies, the members of the Bureau and Government delegates participating in the last three sessions of the Committee attended the meetings with the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies. The meetings – restricted to Government delegates only – allowed a focus on the review of the UNECE reform, the role of non-UNECE Contracting Parties to UN transport agreements administered by UNECE, as well as on issues related to strengthening cooperation, synergy and interdependence and sharing experiences.

All Government-level delegates are **invited to participate** in this meeting. The provisional agenda will be circulated as Informal document No. 1, along with any other related documents.

The Committee may wish to recall that at its last session, it had requested the secretariat to prepare a detailed official document on practices by the ITC, its Working Parties and the Administrative Committees of legal instruments. Document ECE/TRANS/2015/2 provides information on the current involvement of non-UNECE Contracting Parties to the ITC and its subsidiary bodies.

As the meeting is restricted to Government delegates only, the results of the discussions will be circulated in the form of Chair's conclusions among the meeting's participants and Working Party Chairs.

#### **Documentation**

Informal document No. 1, ECE/TRANS/2015/2

### III. Transport policy and regulatory issues that require decisions by the Committee

#### 4. Strategic questions of a horizontal policy nature

##### (a) UNECE analytical work on Transport

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about the analytical activities accomplished during 2014 (ECE/TRANS/2015/3). The Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) has the role of a think tank which leads policy discussions on subjects of a horizontal nature and that are relevant for UNECE member States and the subsidiary bodies of the Committee, as well as for the legal and regulatory framework of inland transport. The Committee may wish to note the importance of the publication ‘Sustainable Urban Mobility and Public Transport in the UNECE capitals’ (Informal document No. 2). Based on the findings of this publication, the Committee is invited to consider how best to make it a regular aspect of its work to address urban mobility and transport issues in the future.

The 2014–2015 theme will be on ‘Financing Transport Infrastructure and Innovative solutions’ as a follow-up to the Committee session in 2013 and to the joint WP.5, EATL, TEM & TER workshops throughout 2013 and 2014.

The Committee may recall the publication on “Transport for Sustainable Development” that was prepared as a forerunner awareness raising for the Rio-20 meeting and presented to the UNECE Commission in 2011. At the request of the Bureau the secretariat up-dated this successful paper and in cooperation with the other regional commissions and relevant non-governmental organisations, such as IRU, UIC it scaled it up to a global review of inland transport issues. The draft paper will be presented to the Committee (Informal Document No. 3). The Committee will be **invited to consider** how to make use of this paper in the course of the post-2015 SDG negotiations.

The Committee will also be **informed** about the results of the workshop on ‘Transport Trends and Economics in Mediterranean region: Sharing experiences among EuroMed and UNECE countries’.

The Committee may wish to **take note** that the publication “Review of the transport and logistics system of the republic of Belarus” is made available also in the Russian language (Informal document No. 4). The draft of this publication was presented to the Committee in February 2014, and the final version was published in May (in English only).

Members of the Committee are invited to **provide guidance** on future directions of the analytical work in the field of transport.

##### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/3, Informal document No. 2 (UNECE publication), ECE/TRANS/WP.5/56, Informal document No. 3 (UNECE publication), Informal document No. 4 (UNECE publication)

##### (b) Environment, climate change and transport

###### (i) *ITC follow-up to Rio+20*

The Committee will be **informed** about the follow-up activities to the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (“Rio+20”) and, in particular, the ongoing global negotiations on formulating the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the main developments concerning the position of sustainable transport within the framework

of the SDGs. The Committee may wish to **express its continued support** for the inclusion of transport priorities in a coherent and comprehensive way within the framework of the SDGs. The Committee is invited to **consider** the messages and outcome of the policy segment on sustainable urban transport and mobility at its seventy-seventh session. The Committee is also invited to **decide** how to best use the global study on Transport for Sustainable Development so that it brings value to Governments in their ongoing negotiations.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/4

(ii) *Mitigation of environmentally harmful effects of inland transport*

The Committee may wish to **take note** that discussion paper/publication “Diesel engine exhausts: Myths and realities” prepared by the secretariat and presented to the Committee in February 2014 as draft (Informal document No. 5), was published in May 2014 after no comments were received on its content. The Committee may wish to be **informed** about the impact of this publication.

Concerning activities to support governments in mitigating the negative impacts of transport on the environment, the Committee will be **informed** about the progress in the application of the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) tool.<sup>3</sup> ForFITS is a monitoring and assessment tool for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in inland transport including a transport policy converter to facilitate climate change mitigation.

In particular, the Committee will be **informed** about the application of this tool as part of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme’s (THE PEP) annual workshop “Improvement of Sustainable Urban Mobility for Better Health and Environment” (24–25 September 2014, Kaunas, Lithuania) (Informal document No. 6).

The Committee will also be **informed** about the recent cooperation between the UNECE Environment and Transport Divisions in the area of the Environmental Performance Reviews. As part of the third Environmental Performance Review of Georgia, a chapter on Transport and Environment is in preparation by Transport Division staff. The analysis also includes the results of the ForFITS runs (Informal document No. 7).

The Committee will be **informed** about future plans for the use and further development of ForFITS and may wish to **provide guidance** (ECE/TRANS/2015/5). The Committee may wish to **request** the preparation of a publication on ForFITS case studies, reflecting progress in the development and application of the tool at regional, sub-regional, national and city levels, and highlighting its main findings and achievements.

In light of the timeliness and relevance of the tool for sustainable development and the scope and utility of proposed enhancements to the tool, the Committee may wish to **consider** how it wishes to benefit from and contribute to the use and development of the ForFITS tool.

#### **Documentation**

Informal document No. 5 (UNECE publication), Informal document No. 6, Informal document No. 7, ECE/TRANS/2015/5

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<sup>3</sup> Originally developed by UNECE with United Nations Development Account funding.

(iii) *Impacts of climate change on international transport networks and adaptation requirements*

The Committee may wish to **recall** that the Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation to International Transport Networks completed its work in 2013 and submitted a full report of its accomplishments. The Committee may wish to **note** that the final report of the Group was published as a UNECE publication and it is meant to raise awareness on the importance of climate change adaptation (Informal document No. 8).

The Committee may wish to **note** that WP.5 at its last session (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/56 paras. 40-43) considered the continuation of the work of the Group of Experts since this topical issue should be addressed in more details. The next phase of the Group would analyse: (i) the need for establishing inventories of transport networks in the ECE region that are vulnerable to climate change impacts and (ii) the usage or development of models, methodologies, tools and good practices to address potential hazards of an extreme nature (e.g. high temperatures, floods) in selected inland transport infrastructure in the ECE region.

The Committee may wish to **decide** in support of the continuation for two more years of the above Group of Experts under WP.5 according to the UNECE Rules and Procedures, subject to EXCOM approval, and on the Terms of Reference (ToR) contained in document ECE/TRANS/2015/6 of the session. The Committee may also wish to **approve** the change of the name of the Group from “Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for International Transport Networks” to “Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Transport Networks and Nodes”.

The Committee will be **informed** about the twenty-first United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) that will be held in Paris, France from 30 November to 11 December 2015 with the objective to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate and its potential importance for the work of the Committee.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/6, Informal document No. 8 (UNECE publication)

(c) **Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme**

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the report of THE PEP Steering Committee on its twelfth session (19–20 November 2014) (ECE/AC.21/SC/2014/6). The Committee may wish to **welcome** the election by the Steering Committee of a representative of the transport sector, Mr Matthias Rinderknecht of the Federal Office of Transport of Switzerland, as its chair for 2014–2015.

The Committee may also wish to **take note** that, as part of its initiative to engage the three sectors and following the Fourth High-level Meeting and the adoption of the Paris Declaration, which included a new goal: “To integrate transport, health and environmental objectives into urban and spatial planning policies”, the Steering Committee organized a symposium on “Green and healthy urban mobility: The role of urban and spatial planning” (19 November 2014, Geneva) in line with the Paris Declaration.

The Committee is invited to **consider** taking actions towards strengthening the presence of the transport sector in this multi-sectoral cooperation. The Committee may also **assess** its interest in contributing to the fifth High level meeting that will be in Vienna in 2019.

**Documentation**

ECE/AC.21/SC/2014/6

(d) **Intelligent transport systems**

The Committee will be **informed** about the outcome of the Joint Belgium-UNECE Workshop on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) “Towards a new transportation culture: Technology innovations for safe and sustainable mobility” (17-18 November 2014, Brussels).

The Committee will also be **informed** about the status of implementation of the ITS Road Map that was launched at its seventy-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/2015/7).

The Committee may wish to **take note** that the twenty-second ITS World Congress will take place in Bordeaux, France on 5–9 October 2015.

The Committee is invited to **consider** the status of ITS in its own work and that of its subsidiary bodies, to **encourage** ITS activities linked to infrastructure and all transport modes and to **consider** ways to address ITS issues in an integrated approach. The Committee is also invited to **encourage** actions for regulating automated vehicles, as fostering regulatory actions would ensure the benefits that ITS could provide in terms of road safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and traffic management.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/7

(e) **Assistance to countries with economies in transition**

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the activities in the field of technical assistance and capacity-building, including the Special Programme of Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossings (PWG-TBC) serviced jointly with UNESCAP.

The Committee will be **informed** about UNDA-funded projects, ongoing and in the pipeline (ECE/TRANS/2014/8).

The Committee will be invited to **provide guidance** on the main directions for future technical assistance, capacity-building activities and policy dialogue by the UNECE Transport Subprogramme (ECE/TRANS/2015/8).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/8

(f) **The 10-year review of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action and the new Vienna Programme of Action**

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the comprehensive 10-year review of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (3–5 November 2014, Vienna), including the adoption of the new Vienna Programme of Action for 2014–2024. The Committee will be **informed** about future United Nations actions in landlocked developing countries and the expected role of regional commissions in this process for the coming decade.

The Committee is invited to **take note** of the result of the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, **express its support** for the new Vienna Programme of Action and consider how to **contribute** to its implementation. The Committee may wish to **invite** landlocked developing countries in the UNECE region which have not yet acceded to the relevant UN transport legal instruments to consider becoming Contracting Parties.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/9

**(g) Inland transport security**

The Committee may wish to be **informed** about the participation of the secretariat at the eleventh session of the International Working Group on Land Transport Security (IWGLTS) (May 14–16, 2014, The Hague, the Netherlands). The IWGLTS was established by G8 on the cooperation and working of G8 countries on shared projects and deliverables, and for sharing policies on land transport security. The theme of the eleventh session was ‘Security threats in the future’.

The Committee will be **informed** about the UNECE Inland Transport Security Forum the next session of which will be held in spring 2015.

**(h) Status of accession to international UNECE transport agreements and conventions**

The Committee may wish to take **note** of ECE/TRANS/2015/10 on the status of signatures, ratifications and accessions to UN legal instruments on inland transport administered by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies as of 31 December 2014. This document also includes the accessions registered since the last session of the Committee. The Committee may wish to **invite** countries, which have not yet done so, to accede to the UN conventions and other legal instruments in inland transport administered by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/10

**5. Strategic questions of a modal and thematic nature****(a) Project related activities****(i) *Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects***

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about the recent developments in the Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects, including the current state of affairs vis-à-vis the management of the TEM and the TER Projects as well as the location of the TER Project Office.

The Committee may wish to **support** the activities carried out in the two projects and express its opinion on the future directions (Informal document No. 9).

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 9

**(ii) *Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Project***

The Committee will be **informed** about recent activities in the field of the Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Project as well as the ongoing discussions on funding the project activities. The Committee may wish to **give its support** to the EATL activities, **encourage** Governments to participate more actively in the activities of the EATL Group of Experts, and **invite** Governments and other donors to contribute to the EATL budget preferably on a project basis.

The Committee may also wish to **express its support** to strengthening the cooperation and increasing synergies between activities of the EATL Group of Experts and the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/11

#### **(b) Harmonization of vehicle regulations**

The Committee will be **informed** about the most recent developments in the work carried out by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its six subsidiary Working Parties (GRB, GRE, GRPE, GRRF, GRSG and GRSP), the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement, the Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement. The Committee will also be **informed** about the activities of the World Forum and its Working Parties as reflected in its programme of work (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2014/1/Rev.2). The Committee may wish to **note** that around 40 informal groups worked during 2014 in parallel to the World Forum and to its subsidiary bodies to assist them in developing new vehicle regulations and updating the 134 existing UN Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement, 15 UN Global Technical Regulations associated to the 1998 Agreement and 2 UN Rules annexed to the 1997 Agreement.

The Committee may wish to **note** the number of Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement (51), to the 1998 Agreement (34), and to the 1997 Agreement (12).

The Committee may wish to **note** that the UN Regulations on Retrofit Emission Control devices (REC) and on reusability, recyclability and recoverability of vehicles entered into force on 17 June 2014. It may also wish to note that, in November 2014, the World Forum adopted new UN Regulations on Hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles (HFCV) and on Pole Side Impact (PSI). The new UN Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement are expected to enter into force by mid-2015.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement established new Global Technical Regulations (GTRs) on Worldwide harmonized Light vehicle Test Procedures (WLTP) in March 2014 and on tyres in November 2014.

The Committee may wish to be **informed** about the progress made by the World Forum on draft Revision 3 to the 1958 Agreement which incorporates the concept of the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval (IWVTA) system and on increasing the attractiveness of the Agreement for further accessions of emerging economies by allowing the application of previous versions of UN Regulations (ECE/TRANS/2015/12, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2015/40 and ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2015/41).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2014/1/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/2015/12, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2015/40, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2015/41

#### **(c) Road safety**

The Committee may **recall** that it adopted the UNECE Plan for the Implementation of the UN Decade of Action (ECE/TRANS/2012/4 and Corrs. 1 and 2) in 2012. The UNECE Plan is directly aligned with the United Nations Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety and it aims to achieve the overall road safety goals of UNECE by addressing priority areas of work, as well as implementing continuous and future actions for each goal in and beyond its geographical area. The secretariat will provide the Committee with a progress report on the implementation of the road safety goals of UNECE across its priority areas of

work from 2011 to 2014 (ECE/TRANS/2015/13). The Committee **may wish to request** the preparation of a publication on road safety, including challenges and achievements in implementing the UN Decade of Action on Road Safety goals and promote the achievement of these goals. The Committee may wish to **consider** how it wishes to contribute to the mid-term review of the UN Decade of Action on Road Safety that will take place in the global high level conference in Brasilia, Brazil in mid-November 2015, as well as develop its views on positioning itself and the UNECE road safety activities in the global theatre.

The Committee will be **invited to exchange information** on the national plans for the third UN Global Road Safety Week on 4–10 May 2015.

The Committee will also be **informed** about two amendment proposals on driver assistance systems and registration plates to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic. The secretariat will also review the apparent incompatibility of driving permit categories between Annexes 6 and 7 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic (related to domestic and international driving permits) and the European Union's Directive on Driving Licences (2006/126/EC). The Committee will be **informed** about a WP.1 agreement on the "correspondence links" which will enable the issuance of international driving permits.

The secretariat will brief the Committee about the work and achievements of two Groups of Experts: Road Signs and Signals, and Improving Safety at Level Crossings. To raise awareness on safety at level crossings, the Committee will be **invited to view** a short film produced by the UNECE Transport Division in partnership with the Federal Office of Transport of the Swiss Confederation and the International Union of Railways. The film highlights dangers and suggests possible solutions.

At the seventy-sixth ITC session, the Committee requested that a "Road Safety Treaty Day" be organized by the UNECE Transport Division, the UN Office of Legal Affairs, the Regional Commissions New York Office and International Road Transport Union. The secretariat will **inform** the ITC about the event that was on 5 June 2014 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

The Committee will be **informed** about a regional road safety capacity-building workshop organized with the Government Serbia (Ministry of Construction, Traffic and Infrastructure and Road Traffic Safety Agency) and Regional Cooperation Council. The event – co-financed by Global Road Safety Facility – took place on 15–16 October 2014 in Belgrade.

The Committee will be **informed** about a two-day capacity-building workshop focused on increasing the awareness of government officials in Africa on existing UN road safety legal instruments and effective approaches to preventing drink driving. The workshop was organized with the International Center for Alcohol Policies (ICAP) and kindly hosted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (12–13 November 2014, Addis Ababa). The event was part of the cooperation between ICAP and UNECE in addressing alcohol-related road traffic accidents involving vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists.

The Committee will be **informed** about the SafeFITS project.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the UNDA project proposal on "Strengthening the national road safety management capacities of selected developing countries and countries with economies in transition" is currently under consideration.

The secretariat will **inform** the Committee – in response to the latter's request made at its last session – that there are no "old conventions that are still not in force" under WP.1 responsibility.

The Committee is invited to **encourage** Governments and other stakeholders to expand their participation in the activities of UNECE in order to contribute to the achievement of

the goals of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety. The Committee may wish to **invite** Governments and other donors to contribute to the implementation of the UNECE Road Safety Action Plan.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/13, ECE/TRANS/2012/4 and Corrs. 1 and 2

#### **(d) Road transport**

The Committee will be **informed** about the latest developments of the Expert Group of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). In particular, the Committee will be informed about adoption by the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) (28-29 October 2014) of the report of the AETR Group of Experts on its work and accomplishments (ECE/TRANS/2015/14). The Committee will also be **informed** about the recommendation of SC.1 to extend the mandate of the AETR Group of Experts until June 2017. As per ECE/EX/2/Rev.1, the Committee will be requested to **evaluate** ECE/TRANS/2015/14 and **decide** whether the AETR Group of Experts should be recommended for extension in order to continue its work.

The Committee will be **informed** about the request of SC.1 to hold a special session (scheduled for 27 April 2015) on extending the Memorandum of Understanding between the UNECE and European Commission services which recognizes the Joint Research Centre (JRC) as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties.

The Committee will be **informed** about amendment proposals – adopted by SC.1 in October 2014 – which incorporate selected “e-mobility” issues into the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR). The ITC will also be informed about an SC.1 proposal to amend Article 14 of the AETR Agreement to allow accession by Algeria, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia. The Committee may be reminded that only an AETR Contracting Party may formally propose this amendment.

The Committee will be **informed** about recent developments in a proposal by the Government of Switzerland to work on a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBus). In particular, the Committee **will be invited** to call on all interested Governments to attend a special SC.1 session (28–29 April 2015, Geneva) to further discuss and, if possible, finalize the draft OmniBus Agreement.

Finally, the Committee will be **informed** about “old conventions that are still not in force”, namely the “Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road (CVR) of 5 July 1978” and “General Agreement on Economic Regulations for International Road Transport of 17 March 1954”.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/14

#### **(e) Rail transport**

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the sixty-eighth session of the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/222). The Committee may wish to note the importance of the master plan on high speed trains and the cooperation with the TER project and the activities, in cooperation with WP. 30, for the development of implementation monitoring mechanisms for Annex 9 of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1982). Furthermore, the Committee may wish to be **informed** about important amendment proposals to AGC agreement prepared in

cooperation with the European Railway Agency, the development of a web platform which will operate as a rail security observatory, and the progress of the Informal Group of Experts on the initiative for a new convention on the facilitation of crossing of frontiers for passengers and baggage carried by rail. The Committee is invited to **give guidance** on these activities.

The Committee may wish also to be **informed** about the results of the workshop on ‘How to increase railways competitiveness’ held during the last session of SC.2.

Concerning the development of unified railway law, the Committee will be **informed** about the results of the Group of Experts on preparing a legal framework for rail transport. The framework is to be applied first in Euro-Asian international transport. The Committee may wish to **note** the results of the analysis of existing international modal transport conventions (rail, road, air, inland water and maritime transport) and related agreements, as well as the progress in drafting provisions for the new instrument. The draft provisions satisfy and cover the needs of the stakeholders who participated in the Expert Group. What remains to do is fine-tuning of the wording both substantively and linguistically in three languages (English, French and Russian) and reaching a decision on an appropriate management system for the unified railway law.

The Committee may wish to **consider** document (ECE/TRANS/2015/15) prepared by the secretariat that includes all the relevant, negotiated and so far agreed legal provisions to be included into a new international legal railway regime.

At its session in November 2014, the Bureau considered the extension of the mandate of the Group of Experts on Unified Railway Law which was set to expire at the end of 2014. Given the need to organize meetings between the end of the mandate of the Group of Experts and the upcoming seventy-seventh session of the Committee, the Bureau decided, on an exceptional basis, to approve the extension of the mandate of the Group of Experts for one more year in order to avoid losing the momentum that was created and to submit this request to EXCOM at its December 2014 meeting. The Committee may wish to **take note** of this development vis-à-vis the extension of the mandate of the Group of Experts. The Committee may also wish to **review** the draft and **consider further steps** according to the state of affairs at the time of the session as well as **give guidance** to the Group of Experts in order to facilitate and expedite the final accomplishment of its tasks.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/222, ECE/TRANS/2015/15

#### **(f) Intermodal transport and logistics**

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the fifty-seventh session of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/135). The Committee may wish to **note** the importance of the amendment proposals to AGTC agreement prepared in cooperation with the European Railway Agency. The Committee may wish to **express its views** about the work on (i) Intermodal Transport Terminals; (ii) Preparing National Master Plans on freight transport and logistics and (iii) climate change and intermodal transport. As the geographical location of many logistics centers are limited to agglomerations, the Committee may wish to **give guidance** to the Working Parties on the nexus of freight logistics and cities.

The Committee may wish also to be **informed** about the results of the workshop held on “Role of freight forwarders and logistics in intermodal transport chains”. The workshop was hosted by the Federal Public Service (FPS) – Mobility and Transport of Belgium and was held on 12 and 13 June 2014 in Brussels. It was attended by experts from the Governments of Belgium and Turkey as well as representatives of the European Union and

many non-governmental organisations and industry groups. The workshop discussed the current situation of freight forwarders in the different countries, their direct or indirect involvement in the development of intermodal transport and logistics and the pros and cons for international provisions determining admission to the freight forwarding profession.

The Committee will be informed that, following the endorsement of the CTU Code by the Committee at its seventy-sixth session, IMO and ILO endorsed the Code in July 2014 and November 2014, respectively. The text of the English and French versions of the CTU Code are available in Informal documents Nos. 9 and 10. UNECE hosts a website on the CTU Code (see [www2.unece.org/wiki/display/TransportSustainableCTUCode/CTU+Code](http://www2.unece.org/wiki/display/TransportSustainableCTUCode/CTU+Code)) (ECE/TRANS/2015/16).

The Committee may wish to **support** the wide dissemination and application of the new non-mandatory CTU Code, and express the hope that it would soon be extensively used and referred to by key stakeholders, including Governments and the transport industry. The Code may become an important element in transport and cargo insurance contracts. The Committee may also wish to **underline** the opinion of WP.24 that the new CTU Code would enhance the safety of workers and the general public during handling and transportation of containers at sea and on land.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.24/135, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2014/3, Informal Document No. 10, Informal Document No. 11, ECE/TRANS/2015/16

#### **(g) Inland water transport**

The Committee will be **informed** about the latest activities of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/197). In particular, the Committee may wish to note that the amendments to the main text of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) entered into force on 7 November 2014.

The Committee may also wish to **note** that the International Expert Group on Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation (IEG) (ECE/TRANS/236, para. 30), met and agreed, for reasons of efficiency, not to establish a formal group but to continue working on this issue with an informal group of experts.

The Committee may also wish to **note** that, in accordance with its request to consider the preparation and organization of a high-level global conference on inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/236, para. 31), SC.3 discussed the key topics of such a conference at its fifty-eighth session.

The Committee may wish to **note** the finalization of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI, revision 5). This revision constitutes the framework and the core set of standard regulations for rules of the road and signalization on European inland waterways. The Committee may also wish to **support** the activities of SC.3 towards harmonization of pan-European River Information Services (RIS), such as UNECE Resolution No. 48 on Electronic Chart Display and Information System (Inland ECDIS).

Finally, the Committee will be **informed** about "old conventions that are still not in force", namely the "Protocol to the Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels (CLN), of 5 July 1978", "Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterways (CVN), of 5 July 1978", "Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway (CVN), of 6 February 1976" and "Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels (CLN), of 1 March 1973".

## Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/197

### (h) **Strengthening border crossing facilitation (Harmonization Convention, TIR Convention, eTIR Project and other Customs transit facilitation measures)**

The Committee may wish to **take note and support** the outcome of recent activities of the secretariat, Contracting Parties and the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), with a view, in particular, to strengthen the Harmonization Convention, 1982 and the TIR Convention, 1975 (ECE/TRANS/2015/17).

In this respect, the Committee may wish to **welcome** progress made in further elaboration of the new provisions of the Annex 9, Part 3 of the TIR Convention aimed at strengthening the accountability and transparency of TIR operations carried out by the international organisation authorized to take on responsibility for the effective organization and functioning of an international guarantee system and to print and distribute TIR Carnets.

Furthermore, the Committee may also wish to **take note** of the contribution of TIR Contracting Parties aimed at further improving and amending the provisions of the TIR Convention and the establishment of an informal group of countries interested in discussing in detail the various aspects of an increased number of members and a wider geographical representation of the TIRExB membership.

With regard to the TIR Convention, the year 2014 continued to be dominated by the so-called 'TIR crisis', which began in 2013 when the Federal Customs Service (FCS) of the Russian Federation decided that an increasing number of customs offices would no longer accept TIR guarantees issued by foreign authorized national associations and to require, instead, that operators obtain a national guarantee. The Committee will be **informed** about the most recent developments in the crisis as well as about activities undertaken by the secretariat, TIR bodies and other stakeholders in seeking a solution. The Committee will also be informed about response measures taken by Ukraine (ECE/TRANS/2015/17). The Committee may wish to **provide** guidance to the Working Party as well as the secretariat on how to re-establish the full and unrestricted functioning of the TIR system.

The Committee may wish to **reiterate its call** for full respect of the provisions of the TIR Convention, including the obligation of Contracting Parties, in accordance with its Article 42 bis, to communicate any planned measure that may have an impact on the implementation of the TIR Convention in a timely manner to the TIR Executive Board or the Administrative Committee.

The Committee will be **informed** about progress in the eTIR Project as well as about the related United Nations Development Account project: 'Strengthening the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to facilitate legitimate border crossing, regional cooperation and integration'. In the context of the computerization of the TIR procedure, the Committee is invited to **support** the continuation of the eTIR Project, including the various currently conducted pilot projects and to prolong the mandate of the WP.30 Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) to the year 2015. In addition, the Committee is invited to **support**, tentatively and subject to endorsement by the Executive Committee (EXCOM), the establishment of a Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of the Computerization of the TIR Procedure, whose main task will be to provide a specialized and dedicated international platform with the objective of developing the eTIR legal framework.

The secretariat will further **inform** the Committee about the recent interest of countries to join the TIR Convention, in particular by China and Pakistan. To further facilitate the

promotion of the TIR Convention, the Committee is invited to **support** that, pursuant to ECOSOC Resolution 1984/79, the United Nations secretariat continues to ensure that the TIR Handbook be made available in the six official United Nations languages.

In order to further promote the accession to and implementation of the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles, 1954, the Committee is **invited to request** the secretariat to ensure the translation of the Convention in the Arabic language.

The Committee may wish to **welcome** the entry into force of the Harmonization Convention in three new countries (Iran Islamic Republic of, Morocco and Tajikistan). Furthermore, the Committee may wish to **support** the decision of the Administrative Committee of the Convention, following up on the suggestions of the WP.30, to consider the possibility of developing new annexes to the Convention (or new provisions for its text) on border crossing procedures at seaports as well as on benchmarking and performance indicators for implementation. The Committee may also wish to **encourage** Contracting Parties to systematically pursue surveys of the implementation of Annex 8 and Annex 9 of the Convention in order to facilitate monitoring of the implementation of the two most important Annexes.

Finally, pursuant to the Committee's decision at its last session to request its subsidiary bodies to analyse the relevance of old conventions that are still not in force, the secretariat will provide information on the Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail under Cover of SMGS Consignment Notes, signed in Geneva on 9 February 2006.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/17

#### **(i) Transport of dangerous goods**

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the Economic and Social Council met from 23 June to 2 July 2014 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/90 and Add.1) and from 1 to 9 December 2014 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/92). The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals met from 2 to 4 July 2014 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/54) and from 10 to 12 December 2014 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/56).

The Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals itself held its seventh session on 12 December 2014, to consider the work of both sub-committees over the 2013–2014 biennium (see report ST/SG/AC.10/42). It adopted recommendations (ST/SG/AC.10/42/Add.1–3) that will be reflected in publications to be prepared by the secretariat in 2015 (nineteenth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations; sixth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria; and sixth revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals).

The Committee may wish to **note** that the number of Contracting Parties to the ADR remains 48. The Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of the ADR, adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties on 28 October 1993, has not yet entered into force as not all Contracting Parties to the ADR have become Parties to it. Thirty-three Contracting Parties have done so to date, and the Committee may wish to urge the remaining Contracting Parties (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Serbia, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav

Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine) to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol to come into force.

The Committee may also wish to **note** that Belgium acceded to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) in June 2014 bringing the number of Contracting Parties to eighteen.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the draft amendments to Annexes A and B of the ADR adopted in 2012, 2013 and May 2014 for an intended entry into force on 1 January 2015, as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/222 and Corrs.1 and 2 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/222/Add.1 and Corr.1 have been transmitted to the Secretary-General by the Government of Portugal, and thereafter by the Secretary-General to Contracting Parties for acceptance. They were deemed accepted on 1 October 2014 and will enter into force on 1 January 2015. The secretariat has published accordingly a new “2015” consolidated edition of ADR (ECE/TRANS/242, Vols. I and II).

Similarly, draft amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN adopted in 2012, 2013 and January 2014, as reproduced in ECE/ADN/27, were deemed accepted on 1 October 2014 for entry into force on 1 January 2015. Other amendments adopted in August 2014, reproduced in ECE/ADN/27/Corr.1 and ECE/ADN/27/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, have also been circulated for acceptance and entry into force on 1 January 2013. The secretariat is publishing accordingly a new “2015” consolidated edition of ADN (ECE/TRANS/243, Vols. I and II).

The Committee may wish to **note** that other draft amendments to ADR, RID and ADN have been adopted by the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, by the Working Party itself and by the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN, which are intended to enter into force on 1 January 2017.

The Committee may wish to **recall** that the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods has launched a pilot project for a safety database related to the mandatory reporting of occurrences during inland transport of dangerous goods and to risk evaluation. It has been agreed that the secretariat could host the database and allow member States to access it through the UNECE website. ITC has encouraged Contracting Parties to RID, ADR and ADN to participate actively in this project with the aim of archiving all relevant data that are essential for decision-making in the development of regulatory measures on the basis of risk analysis and assessment (ECE/TRANS/240, para 79). A new version of the database module was made available on the UNECE website for carrying out of the pilot project with data inputs from 8 volunteer member States. The Committee may wish to note that, at its spring 2015 session, the Joint Meeting will consider the different possible ways of entering data in the database and of extracting information. Three possible options are presented in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2014/52. The Committee may wish to **invite** member States to consider these options before the session so that a decision may be taken on the way forward, and to encourage those which have not yet volunteered to provide inputs.

The Committee may wish to **note** that the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN (ADN Safety Committee) (WP.15/AC.2) and the ADN Administrative Committee will hold their twenty-sixth and fourteenth sessions, respectively, from 26 to 30 January 2015 and 30 January 2015.

Finally, the secretariat will inform the Committee — in response to the request made at its last session — about “old conventions that are still not in force”, about the status of the Convention on Civil Liability for Damage caused during Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels (CRTD). CRTD was adopted by ITC on 10 October 1989 and opened for signature on 1 February 1990 but is not yet in force.

**Documentation**

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/90 and Add.1, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/92 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/54,  
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/56

ST/SG/AC.10/42 and Add.1–3

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/222 and Corrs.1 and 2 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/224, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/226

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/134 and Adds.1 and 2

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/136 and Corr.1

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2014/52

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/52 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/53 and Add.1

ECE/ADN/27 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, ECE/ADN/29, ECE/ADN/30 and  
Add.1

ECE/TRANS/242; ECE/TRANS/243

**(j) Transport of perishable foodstuffs**

The Committee will be **informed** about the status of proposed amendments to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) adopted at the sixty-ninth session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) in 2013 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228, Annex I). Following acceptance of the amendments, the secretariat intends to prepare a new consolidated text of ATP.

The Committee may wish to **note** that at its seventieth session (7–10 October 2014), WP.11 adopted comprehensive new testing provisions for equipment that can be used for both cooling and heating and agreed to ban the use of insulated equipment with non-rigid walls (curtain-sided bodies) for ATP transport after an adequate transitional period (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/231, Annex I).

The Committee may also wish to **note** that WP.11 discussed its decision-making procedures and established an informal working group under the leadership of Belgium to discuss the issue in detail and report back to WP.11. WP.11 also discussed various options for extending the scope of ATP to fresh fruit and vegetables, including adding an annex that recommended rather than prescribed temperature conditions for the carriage of fruit and vegetables or the conclusion of multilateral agreements in accordance with article 7 of the Agreement.

At its last session in 2014, the Committee adopted its Work Plan for 2014–2018 as contained in ECE/TRANS/2014/26. Programme activity 02.11 on the transport of perishable foodstuffs was approved pending adoption by WP.11 at its seventieth session. The Committee may wish to **take note** of the text adopted by WP.11 in this regard, as it appears in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/231, annex III.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/224, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/226, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/231

**(k) Transport statistics and data**

The Committee will be **informed** of the transport statistics activities and the status of the 2015 E-Road and E-Rail Traffic Census Programmes in accordance with Resolutions No. 261 and 262 adopted at its seventy-sixth session in 2014 (Informal document No. 12).

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 12

**6. Matters arising from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and other United Nations bodies and Conferences**

The Committee will be **informed** by the secretariat about recent matters arising from the UNECE, ECOSOC and other United Nations bodies and Conferences of interest to the Committee.

**7. Draft Annual Report of activities undertaken by the Committee's subsidiary bodies in 2014**

The Committee will be **presented** with a comprehensive report of activities undertaken by the Committee's subsidiary bodies during 2014 in administering the 58 United Nations conventions, agreements and other types of legal instrument which shape the international legal framework for road, rail, inland waterway and intermodal transport, as well as dangerous goods transport and vehicle construction (ECE/TRANS/2015/18). These activities took the form of policy dialogue and regulatory work, analytical activities, as well as capacity-building and technical assistance. The draft Annual Report presents concise information to the ITC delegates in a form suitable for broader publicity. The Committee will also be **presented** with the expected challenges for ITC and its subsidiary bodies in 2015 (ECE/TRANS/2015/19).

The Committee is invited to **discuss** the Annual Report as well as to **provide guidance** on improving the visibility of the results and on the future use of the Annual Report.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/18, ECE/TRANS/2015/19

**IV. Other questions relating to the work of the Committee's subsidiary bodies****8. Issues for approval by the Committee and of an informative character: approval of the reports of the Committee's subsidiary bodies**

The Committee may wish to **approve** as a whole the reports and related activities of its subsidiary bodies and **request** the secretariat to incorporate related references in the complete ITC report on the basis of the respective annotations contained in this document.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/147

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/56

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/167

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/231

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/224, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/226, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/134 and Add.1 and 2, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/136 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/52 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/54

WP.24 ECE/TRANS/WP.24/135

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1108, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1110, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1112

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/272, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/274, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/276

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/117 and Corr.1 and 2, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/119, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/121 and Corr.1

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/20

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/S/394

SC.2 ECE/TRANS/SC.2/222

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/197

## **9. Results of the meetings of the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee**

The Committee will **consider** document ECE/TRANS/2015/20, containing the results of the meetings held by the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee in 2014. The Committee may wish to refer to the decisions of the Bureau under the relevant items of its agenda.

The Committee may further wish to **note** that the adoption of the report of the seventy-seventh session will be limited to a list of main decisions, while the complete report of the Committee will be circulated at a later stage.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/20

## **10. Activities of the Commission and report of the Committee to the Executive Committee**

The Committee will be **informed** of the preparations for the sixty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Europe, which will be held in Geneva from 14–16 April 2015.

The Committee may wish to **give guidance to** its Chair on the key messages in the report — to be prepared in consultation with the secretariat — to the UNECE Executive Committee at one of its future sessions.

## **11. List of publications for the period 2016–2017**

A list of planned publications for the biennium 2016–2017 will be **presented** to the Committee.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2015/21

## 12. Schedule of meetings in 2015

A preliminary list of meetings has been circulated for **consideration** and **adoption** by the Committee, based on proposals made by the Committee's subsidiary bodies.

### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2015/22

## V. Partnerships and activities of other organizations of interest to the Committee

### 13. Transport developments in the European Union

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, about the most important legislative and policy initiatives in the field of transport undertaken by the European Union in 2014.

### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2015/23

### 14. Developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the International Transport Forum about the latest developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum.

### 15. Activities of other organizations of interest to the Committee

The Committee may wish to be **informed** by representatives from other organizations about their recent activities of interest to the Committee.

## VI. Miscellaneous

### 16. Any other business. Date of next session

The Committee may **note** that its seventy-eighth session is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva from 23 to 25 February 2016.

## VII. List of decisions

### 17. Adoption of the list of main decisions of the seventy-seventh session

The Committee will **adopt** the list of main decisions of the seventy-seventh session.

### VIII. Tentative timetable

Tuesday, 24 February	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Items 1,2
	3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Items 3, 4
Wednesday, 25 February	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Items 4 (cont'd), 5
	3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Items 5(cont'd), 6–12
Thursday, 26 February	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Items 13–17

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