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Fifteenth session

Geneva, 12 June 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifteenth session***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 12 June 2017

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Programme of Work:
 - (a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis;

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- (b) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”;
 - (c) Memorandum of understanding between the UNECE and the European Commission Services which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties.
3. Other business.
 4. Date and place of next meeting.
 5. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session’s agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/36

2. Programme of Work

(a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis

Experts will be invited to continue discussing how to amend Article 22, Article 22bis, Article 10 as well as Article 14 (to make regional economic integration organizations eligible to accede) based on ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2.

At the last session, the Russian Federation presented again a number of issues which it believed make the EU Regulations 165/2014 and 2016/799 incompatible with the AETR Agreement. At this session, the Group of Experts may wish to discuss these issues to find possible ways forward.

The secretariat will inform the Group of Experts about the availability and distribution (to non-EU AETR Contracting Parties) of the Russian translation of EU Regulation 2016/799.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/3

(b) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”

The Group of Experts will be invited to continue discussing the application of the Regulation 561/2006 given that the objective of amending the AETR Agreement in 2006 was to harmonize the two regimes for driving times and rest periods. The European Union will be invited to provide a further update on the steps undertaken since the last session with respect to revising Regulation 561/2006.

(c) Memorandum of understanding between the UNECE and the European Commission Services which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties

Experts will be informed about the status of the supplement to this memorandum (which extends its validity until 31 December 2018).

3. Other Business

The secretariat will inform experts about the relevant decisions made at the most recent session of the Inland Transport Committee, including the extension of the Group's mandate until 30 June 2019.

The Group of Experts will be informed about interest of the Government of Lebanon – through the EU-funded EUROMED Transport Project – to seek amendment of Article 14 with a view of making the country eligible to accede to the AETR Agreement.

The secretariat will invite experts to consider changing the name of the AETR Agreement by deleting the term “European” from the title.

The secretariat will invite the Group of Experts to elect a new deputy chair (or two deputy chairs) given that the original deputies from the Netherlands and Russian Federation do not attend the Group's sessions.

The Group will be briefed on the status quo regarding the translations of the AETR Road Map into French and Russian.

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/3

4. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 16 October 2017 in Palais des Nations in Geneva. The Group's session will be followed on 17-18 October 2017 by a session of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1).

5. Adoption of the Report

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of this session.
