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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-fourth session***

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday,
21 March 2017

I. Provisional agenda

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 - (a) A Safe System Approach;
 - (b) Multi-Disciplinary Crash Investigation (MDCI);
 - (c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving;
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 - (e) Amendment proposals on Vulnerable Road Users.
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 10. Date of next session.
 11. Adoption of the report of the seventy-fourth session.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/156

2. Activities of interest to the Working Party

Due to time constraints, neither interventions nor presentations are foreseen for this agenda item. National delegations and international organizations will have the opportunity to submit in writing, information on national and international road safety activities and initiatives, including recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation as well as any information on the events going to take place prior to the next WP.1 session.

The Chair and/or secretariat will provide information about the relevant outcomes of the February 2017 ITC session.

World Health Organization will be invited to present a draft document entitled: "Developing voluntary global targets for road safety risk factors and service delivery

mechanisms” (the “zero draft” of the document is available at http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_traffic/road-safety-targets/en/).

3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations

At the last session, WP.1 began (up to paragraph 25.2) considering ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.3 submitted by France, Italy and Laser Europe. WP.1 will continue discussing the document at this session. The discussion is expected to be assisted by ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1 presenting the complete, consolidated text of the relevant parts of the Convention which contain the already adopted and still to be adopted amendment proposals (to be prepared by France, Italy and Laser Europe for this session).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1

(b) Driving permits

The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the status of official translation of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1 into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish.

At the last session, WP.1 considered ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/2 prepared by International Organization for Standardization (ISO), France and Luxembourg on the basis of Informal document No. 5 (March 2016). The document contained amendment proposals related to domestic and international driving permits. At this session, WP.1 will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/2/Rev.1 and Informal document No.1 describing two options for consideration:

- An amendment proposal to the 1949 and 1968 Conventions to introduce a standard for the Domestic Driving Permit that would be accepted for international travel with support of a translation booklet in the six United Nations languages and thus removing the International Driving Permit provisions from both Conventions (Option 1)

- An amendment proposal to the 1949 and 1968 Conventions stipulating the standard of the Domestic Driving Permit for both domestic and international travel supported with a translation booklet, while giving an option to Contracting Parties to choose to use a simplified standard for the Domestic Driving Permit intended for domestic use only (Option 2).

The United Arab Emirates and/or FIA may wish to provide WP.1 with information on any new developments in a pilot project to introduce security features into International Driving Permits issued in the United Arab Emirates.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/2,
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/2/Rev.1, Informal document No. 1

(c) Automated driving

The Chair of Informal Group of Experts on Automated Driving (IGEAD) will be invited to provide information on the Group’s progress (Informal document No. 2) and, in particular, on the Group’s work whether the “remote parking function” is consistent with the Convention, i.e. can a driver exercise the control over the vehicle from outside of it, and whether a driver could engage in other activities when vehicle is driven by systems (as

requested by WP.1 at the last session, paras. 17-20, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/155). The IGEAD Chair may also present other related information such as the Group's work on automated systems to be used during traffic congestion and on automated functions to be used on motorways (with and without lane changes). WP.1 will be invited to take note of IGEAD assessment and to discuss in detail "draft common interpretation on what is and what is not allowed by the Convention" (para. 20, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/155). In doing so, WP.1 will seek consensus on the common interpretation of the recent amendment to Article 8, 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.

In addition, WP.1 will be invited to initiate substantive discussion on a potential process to create an ancillary legal instrument dedicated to highly automated and/or driverless vehicles which would serve the Contracting Parties to 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic.

The WP.1 Chair will provide information (Informal document No. 3) on the workshop on "Governance of the Safety of Autonomous Vehicles", co-organized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), UNECE WP.1 and the Center for Automotive Research (CARS) that took place on 20 October 2016 in Stanford, California. Information will also be given on a technical visit to Google X facilities in Mountain View, California on 21 October 2016.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2, Informal document No. 3

(d) Loading of vehicles

At the last session, WP.1 postponed its discussion of this subject at the request of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and Laser Europe. At this session, WP.1 will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5/Rev.2 to be submitted by the International Road Union (IRU) and Laser Europe. IRU may wish to update WP.1 as to whether a Contracting Party to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic has been identified to partner with IRU and Laser Europe to propose these amendments.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5/Rev.2

4. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

The Chair of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals will be invited to provide an update on progress and most recent developments in the Group. The secretariat will update WP.1 on the progress of establishing a trust fund to facilitate a full e-CoRSS (electronic version of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals) development.

5. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

(a) A Safe System Approach

WP.1 will continue to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6 which incorporates Sweden's amendment proposals to include a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1). At the last session, WP.1 reviewed the amendment proposals up to section 2.2.1 (Context) of 2.2 (Awareness-raising and communication).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6

(b) Multi-Disciplinary Crash Investigation (MDCI)

WP.1 will continue considering ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.3 submitted by Finland and Sweden. At the last session, WP.1 reviewed the amendment proposals up to Annex VIII.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.3

(c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving

At the last session, WP.1 discussed distracted driving in the context of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/1. It decided that regulatory actions as well as education and training should be complemented by technological solutions that keep the driver focused on driving or technically limit the use of mobile phones and/or infotainment devices. To this end, WP.1 will be invited – as agreed at the last session - to explore the availability of technological solutions.

At the last session, WP.1 also agreed that the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic be amended to cover areas other than the use of mobile phones by drivers. At this session, WP.1 will be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2 submitted by France, Italy and the Russian Federation which proposes to amend section 1.5 (Use of mobile phones) of RE.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2

(d) Amendment proposals on policies for Powered Two Wheelers (PTW)

The Chair will provide an update (on the follow-up of the seventieth session Round Table's conclusions (Annex I, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/149)). In particular, the Chair will provide information on the Powered Two-Wheeler Conference that took place on 28-30 November 2016 in New Delhi, and was held in consultation with WP.1. The Chair and a representative from the Institute of Road Traffic Education, host of the Conference, will also present ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/3 which contains a position paper on policies for Powered Two Wheelers for South-East Asian countries and other low and middle income countries.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/3

(e) Amendment proposals on Vulnerable Road Users (VRU)

In the context of strengthening the role of road transport strategies in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and with reference to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/260 (paragraphs 12 and 15), WP.1 will be invited to take note of a proposal to address Vulnerable Road Users' policies and guidelines, with special focus on low and middle income countries, in particular in South-East Asia. The details of the proposal, developed and adopted at the Powered Two-Wheeler Conference that took place on 28-30 November 2016 in New Delhi, will be provided by the WP.1 Chair (Informal document No. 4).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/149 (Annex I), Informal document No. 4

6. Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings

The Chair and/or Deputy Chair of the Group of Experts will be invited to present to WP.1 the Group's final report, including its recommendations, adopted on 12 December 2016 at the last session (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/4). WP.1 will be invited to endorse the report and suggest ways forward.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/4

7. Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1

At the last session, WP.1 began discussing TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.2 submitted by an informal group of experts established to make proposals on how to revise WP.1 Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1). As agreed, the informal group of experts will be invited to make a proposal on WP.1 status participation options (i.e. full versus consultative status) for consideration at the next session at the current session.

Documentation

TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.2

9. Change of WP.1 name

WP.1 has agreed to propose to ITC to change its name from Working Party on Road Traffic Safety to Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety. The Chair will provide an update on any new developments in this area.

10. Other Business

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

11. Date of next session

The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 19-22 September 2017 in Geneva.

12. Adoption of the report of the seventy-third session

The Working Party will adopt the report of its seventy-fourth session.