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###### Nineteenth session

Geneva, 15-16 October 2018

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the Agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the nineteenth session\*\*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Room VIII, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 15 October 2018 and ending at 12.30 on Tuesday, 16 October 2018.

#### I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Programme of Work:

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- (a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis;
  - (b) Appendix 1C;
  - (c) Dedicated short range communication (DSRC);
  - (d) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”;
- 3. Amendment of Article 14.
  - 4. TACHOnet.
  - 5. The Memorandum of Understanding which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties.
  - 6. Reconciliation of “AETR regimes” in the EU and non-EU contracting parties after 15 June 2019
  - 7. Other Business.
  - 8. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
  - 9. 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.21/44

### 2. Programme of Work

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

At the last session, the Russian Federation and the European Commission reiterated their earlier positions (indicated in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.3). At this session, the Group of 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 submitted by the Government of Slovakia and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.3 (prepared by the secretariat as per para. 9, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/40).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.3

#### **(b) Appendix 1C**

At the last session, the Group of Experts began its review of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1. The Group will be expected to continue reviewing the document as of point “(p) cumulative break time” on page 13 in the English version. The European Commission will be invited to inform the Group of Experts about the amendments

of Regulation (EU) 2016/799 presented as Informal document No. 1 (in English and French) and their possible impact on the Group's discussion of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1.

Also, at the last session, Turkey submitted and introduced Informal document No. 6 (June 2018) concerning issues related to procurement of smart tachograph cards. The Chair will encourage Turkey and the European Commission to continue discussing these issues at the current session.

The secretariat was requested to make Informal document No.1 (June 2018) available in French and Russian. The Group of Experts may wish to take note of the availability of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/3

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/3, Informal document No.1, Informal document No.1 (June 2018), Informal document No. 6 (June 2018)

#### **(c) Dedicated short range communication (DSRC)**

At the last session, Turkey requested that the Group resume discussion of Informal document No. 2 (June 2018) which proposed to include V2X technologies for the remote communication function of smart tachographs.

Also, at the last session, the Chair requested the European Commission provide further information on the position of the antennae of the DSRC transmitter (i.e. whether it is inside or outside of the vehicle). The EC will be invited to elaborate.

#### **Documentation**

Informal document No. 2 (June 2018)

#### **(d) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the "AETR area"**

At the last session, the Group of Experts did not further discuss the application of Regulation Nos. 561/2006 and 165/2014 nor did it attempt to harmonize the two regimes for driving times and rest periods. However, at the request of Ukraine, the Group had agreed to keep this item on the agenda so that it can be revisited at future sessions if there is desire to do so.

In addition, the Group of Experts learned at the last session that the European legislators were considering changes to Regulation No. 561/2006. The European Commission will be invited to provide information on these changes at the current session.

### **3. Amendment of Article 14**

At the last session, Turkey indicated its willingness to be a proponent of the proposal to amend Article 14 in order to make Lebanon eligible to accede. Turkey will be invited to inform the Group of Experts of any new developments in this area.

### **4. TACHOnet**

At the last session, the European Commission submitted Informal document No. 5 (June 2018) and made a presentation on the proposed provisional rules for the connection of AETR contracting parties to the TACHOnet. The European Commission advised that it would be more appropriate to include the proposed provisional rules as an integral annex to the AETR agreement, rather than as an MOU. In order to discuss this item in depth at the current session, the Group was encouraged to review the European Commission's presentation while the

European Commission was requested to submit a formal proposal. The European Commission will be invited to provide an update.

**Documentation**

Informal Document No. 5 (June 2018)

**5. The Memorandum of Understanding which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties**

At the last session, the European Commission prepared the first draft of a new Supplement to extend the MOU between UNECE and the European Commission Services which recognizes the JRC as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-European Union AETR contracting parties (Informal document No. 3 (June 2018)). The draft document, upon receiving an internal approval within the European Commission, was to be distributed for signatures. The European Commission will be invited to provide an update on the status of the draft.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 3 (June 2018)

**6. Reconciliation of “AETR regimes” in the EU and non-EU contracting parties after 15 June 2019**

At the last session, there was insufficient time to fully discuss the new agenda item concerning the reconciliation of the differences in “AETR regimes” in European Union and non-European Union contracting parties that will result after the compulsory adoption of the smart tachograph by European Union AETR contracting parties after 15 June 2019. The Group will be invited to begin discussion of this topic at this next session

**7. Other Business**

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

**8. Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 18 February 2019 in Palais des Nations in Geneva.

**9. Adoption of the Report**

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

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