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Twenty-eighth session

Geneva, 21 February 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty- eighth session*,**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9:30 am on Monday, 21 February 2022, Salle XXIV. There will be two sessions from 9.30 to 11.30 and from 14.00 to 16.00.

The twenty-eighth session of the Group of Experts on European Agreement Concerning Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport will be held in a dual format due to the COVID-19 situation. Participants can attend in-person or can connect via an Internet platform with simultaneous interpretation in three official languages.

I. Provisional Agenda

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

* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the ECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/sc1/sc1.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (roadtransport@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

** Delegates are requested to register online at https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting_registration?id=z5NBdu. 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.75716 or 75964). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm.

- (c) Application of Regulation (European Commission) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”.
- 3. TACHOnet.
- 4. Election of Deputy Chair.
- 5. Other Business.
- 6. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
- 7. Adoption of the Report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session’s agenda (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/63).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/63

2. Programme of Work

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

At the last session, the Group continued discussing ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/2 (Portugal’s proposal to amend AETR Articles 10, 13, 14 and 22 to respectively facilitate the inclusion of a new Appendix 1C, to determine the relevant implementation dates, to introduce the possibility of accession by regional economic integration organizations, and to change the amendment mechanisms for appendices) and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/3 (Russia’s comments on the above proposals). As there was no substantive agreement - as both parties retained their initial positions - the Group agreed to continue informal consultations in order to find a compromise approach and to begin using ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/2 as a starting point – without prejudice - for future discussions. At this session, the Group will be invited to continue discussions to find a compromise solution.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/3

(b) Appendix 1C

At the last session, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1/Rev.1 (Portugal’s proposals to modify Annex 1C in order to adapt the European Union specifications on the smart tachograph to the AETR legal framework (as Appendix 1C)) was not available in French and Russian. Given this, the Chair invited all experts to continue getting acquainted with the document to facilitate discussions once French and Russian versions become available. At this session, the Group will be invited to discuss the document (if available in three languages).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1/Rev.1

(c) Application of Regulation (European Commission) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”

The Group will be invited to continue its discussions on this subject. In addition, the EC will be invited to give a presentation on new rules arising from amendments to Regulation No. 561/2006 (Mobility package 1).

3. TACHOnet

At the last session, the European Commission introduced (on behalf of Portugal) ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.3 (a proposal to introduce a new Appendix 4 on exchange of information). The Russian Federation reiterated the comments contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/3 requesting they be incorporated in the next draft. At this session, the Group will be invited to discuss the revised document (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.4).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.4

4. Election of Deputy Chair

At the last session, the Group did not elect the Deputy Chair postponing the election until a future session. At this session, the Group will be invited to elect the Deputy Chair.

5. Other Business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

6. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 13 June 2022 at Palais des Nations in Geneva. The deadline for the submission of formal documents is 28 March 2022.

7. Adoption of the Report

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