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**Economic Commission for Europe****Inland Transport Committee****Eighty-fourth session**

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Item 5(b) of the provisional agenda

**Governance issues and business critical decisions for  
the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies:****Results of the meetings of the Bureau  
of the Inland Transport Committee****Results of the meetings of the Bureau of the Inland Transport  
Committee in 2021****Note by the secretariat***Summary*

This document contains the results of the meetings held by the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee in 2021.

The Committee is invited to consider document ECE/TRANS/2022/7 and refer to the decisions of the Bureau under the relevant items of its agenda.

**Introduction**

1. In accordance with the decisions of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC or the Committee) (ECE/TRANS/125, paras. 14 and 15 and ECE/TRANS/274, para. 130), the Bureau of ITC met on 22 and 26 February (informal remote meeting), 8 June (informal remote meeting), and 25 and 26 November 2021 (hybrid meetings).

2. In accordance with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) plan of action, the Bureau fulfils the following functions related to the organization of the annual sessions of the Committee:

- (a) the preparation of a well-focused agenda with defined objectives and allocated times for the items;
- (b) the indication of main topics where decisions are needed;
- (c) the selection of themes of discussion for the session;
- (d) the monitoring and evaluation of the work since the previous session;
- (e) the monitoring and coordination of activities in order to avoid duplication with the work of other relevant organizations;



(f) and the proposal of priorities in the programme of work, listing, where possible, various options (E/ECE/1347, chapter III, A, 2 (b)).

3. The annexes present the results of the meetings of the Bureau for consideration by the Committee, in line with the mandate of its Bureau.

## Annex I

### Results of the fifth meeting of the 2020–2021 Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee (26 February 2021)

#### I. Attendance

1. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Kristof Schockaert (Belgium) and was attended by the following members: Ms. Marie-Pierre Meganck (France), Mr. Philipp Freiherr Von Carnap-Bornheim (Germany), Mr. Antonio Erario (Italy), Mr. Hans G. Scholten (the Netherlands), Mr. Jerzy Kleniewski (Poland), Mr. Robert Dobre (Romania), Mr. Sergey Andreev (Russian Federation), Mr. Jean-Claude Schneuwly (Switzerland), and Mr. Stefano Paci (European Commission). Mr. Roman Symonenko (Ukraine) was unable to attend.

#### II. Matters arising from the eighty-third session of the Inland Transport Committee

2. The Bureau expressed its satisfaction with the excellent organization of the eighty-third session, in particular given the extra challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and appreciated the excellent remote chairing of its Chair, Mr. Kristof Schockaert, and the in-room presence of its vice-Chair, Ms Marie-Pierre Meganck, which guaranteed the smooth running of the meeting under all scenarios.

3. In general, the Bureau was of the opinion that the event had been well organized and very successful, in terms of the level and duration of attendance and the decisions taken. It also expressed its satisfaction about the timely preparation, translation and dissemination before the annual session of the official documents and the draft list of decisions in all three UNECE official languages.

4. The Bureau concluded that the eighty-third annual session greatly contributed to raising the visibility of the Committee, given the high-level and geographical scope of attendance. In total, 440 registered participants from 83 countries, including 40 non-ECE ones, as well as representatives from other international organizations, UN regional commissions and numerous major transport stakeholders attended the meeting. The Bureau recognized that the hybrid format was organizationally more complex and limited the duration of formal sessions from 3-hour to 2-hour ones. On the other hand, it may have permitted the attendance of delegations that might not have been able to participate before. The Bureau also noted an increased participation at the regular sessions compared to previous years.

5. The Bureau welcomed the preparation of the draft list of decisions in advance of its November session and expressed the wish to continue this practice.

6. The Bureau proposed the following issues for consideration at its next session:

- The efficient discussion of items included in the document containing the draft list of decisions, as well as draft decisions submitted directly by member States.
- The opportunities and challenges of a hybrid format for the ITC in the future, including on facilitating under the time limitations participation, interactive discussions and requests for interventions.
- The eighty-fourth session of the ITC will mark its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which would warrant an appropriately oriented high-level segment and key outputs.

#### III. Other Matters

7. The Bureau bid farewell to Mr. Hans Scholten and thanked him for his pleasant cooperation. Mr. Scholten, in turn, also thanked the Bureau for the successful collaboration over the years. The

Bureau noted that Ms. Hannie Meesters would succeed Mr. Scholten as the National Focal Point to the Inland Transport Committee for the Netherlands from 1 March 2021 and congratulated her on her new assignments.

#### **IV. Date of next meeting**

8. The Bureau agreed to hold its next meeting on Tuesday, 8 June 2021, provisionally without interpretation services.

## Annex II

[Original: English, French and Russian]

### Results of the sixth remote informal meeting of the 2020–2021 Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee (8 June 2021)

#### Items decided under silence procedure<sup>1</sup>

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	<b>Agenda Item 1. Adoption of the agenda</b>
	[TRANS/BUR.2021/3]
No. 1	The Bureau <b>adopted</b> the provisional agenda
	<b>Agenda Item 2. Adoption of the report of the previous Bureau meeting</b>
	[TRANS/BUR.2021/2]
No. 2	No comments were received, so the February 2021 Bureau Report is <b>adopted</b>
	<b>Agenda Item 3. Meeting of the ITC Chair with the Executive Committee</b>
	[ <i>No decisions</i> ]
	<b>Agenda Item 4. Taking stock of the eighty-third session of the Committee</b>
	[Informal Document No 1]
No. 3	The Bureau <b>expressed its strong appreciation</b> to the secretariat and satisfaction about the changes introduced to the agenda of the 83 <sup>rd</sup> ITC session, noting that they supported the planning and implementation of the programme of work of the transport subprogramme, despite the difficult conditions due to the pandemic and liquidity crisis.
No. 4	The Bureau <b>reached agreement</b> on the basis of Informal Document No 1, on continuing the implementation of the adjustments to the Committee's decision-making process adopted at its July 2020 session, including the early start of the decision-making cycle with the preparation of a preliminary pre-draft of Decisions for the November meeting of the Bureau and noting the importance to foresee enough time for substantive discussion on the different agenda items during the meeting.
No. 5	The Bureau <b>took note</b> of the advantages and disadvantages of hybrid meetings, as outlined in Informal Document No 1, and <b>reached consensus</b> on the basis of on the following principles of the hybrid organization of the annual session, subject to the epidemiological situation and response measures by the host country, UNOG and UNECE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noting that a physical meeting would be more appropriate for the Committee's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that a hybrid component would increase the geographical reach of the Committee, especially if</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Documentation referenced in the draft decisions is available under the dedicated Bureau website.

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epidemiological recovery is unevenly distributed around the world by the time of the 75th anniversary, **the Bureau expressed its preference for a hybrid meeting** with a strong physical component **and requested the secretariat** to monitor carefully the situation and provide a detailed report with options to the Bureau at its November session.

- Furthermore, to facilitate remote participations, the Bureau **supported** the broadcast by UN relevant channels of the opening and high-level segment of the annual session.

**Agenda Item 5. Preparing for the 84th ITC session that will mark its 75th anniversary**

[Informal Documents No 2, 3 and 4]

**5A. Preparations for the 75th Anniversary of the Inland Transport Committee**

[Informal Document No 2]

- No. 6 The Bureau **reached consensus** on the basis of Informal Document No 2, on the following plans for the anniversary session:
- at the end of the High-level Segment (HLS), the debates are to be followed by the adoption and signing of a ministerial resolution,
  - in terms of the modalities of the ministerial resolution, it should follow a three-phased approach, as proposed in Inf 2, and **requested** the secretariat to develop the pre-zero draft for further consultations by Bureau members during the summer months
  - the draft should then be forwarded to all UN Member States, to raise awareness to those who are not yet contracting parties
- No. 7 **Welcomed** the development of high-level deliverables, subject to availability of resources, including the anniversary publication. For the proposed brochures, the Bureau noted that they should cover as extensively as possible the work of the Division, including with special attention to digitalisation, sustainable transport, urban mobility, climate change and resilience, all subject to availability of resources and existing outreach materials.
- No. 8 With regard to the side events, the Bureau:
- **welcomed** the organization of the side events, noting that they are not part of the official parts of the annual session.
  - in relation to the proposed side event on Connectivity indicators, **noted** the information from the secretariat that full documentation will be provided on SITCIN and on the Observatory at the upcoming session of WP.5, and agreed to revisit the issue at the November meeting of the Bureau.
  - **welcomed** the possibility of the organization of a side event on automated vehicles (GRVA ADAS-devices).
- No. 9 Furthermore, noting that these high-level deliverables would require additional resources beyond the reduced regular budget, **thanked** Bureau members that committed to support the anniversary session with in kind and monetary contributions and **encouraged** the rest to consider favourably possibilities of supporting financially the anniversary session, in consultation with the secretariat.

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**5B. Draft provisional agenda for the 84th session of the Committee**

[Informal Document No 3]

No. 10 The Bureau **considered** Informal document No. 3 and **approved** the provisional agenda.

No. 11 The Bureau **approved** the proposal for the ITC roundtable on the 4 platforms of the Committee's strategy which will be on "On the road to sustained and full recovery: post-Covid-19 initiatives for inland transport and the role of the Committee".

**5C. Proposed themes for the high-level segment of the anniversary session**

[Informal Document No 4]

No. 12 The Bureau **approved** the proposed theme for the High-level Segment of the anniversary session with the following modifications and considerations:

- The topic of the anniversary session should be modified to include "...fostering/driving sustainable mobility".
- Subject to practical constraints, it would be preferable to organize the annual session around 3 core themes covering:
  - Connectivity (as covered in Informal document No. 4)
  - Road Safety (as covered in Informal document No. 4)
  - Sustainable mobility, covering topics on climate change, zero emissions, and digitalisation
- The panels should deliberate, among others, on:
  - the future role of the Committee and its core asset - its regulatory work – in the future of sustainable mobility.
  - Inland transport within the global transport system, alongside civil aviation and maritime transport
- The Bureau **agreed** to further deliberate in written form on the content of the anniversary session, in the month of June, to allow time for planning and organization purposes

**Agenda Item 6. Implementation of ITC Strategy until 2030**

[Informal Document No 5]

No. 13 The Bureau **took note** of the work done since the 83rd session of ITC and reiterated the importance of keeping it regularly informed on progress with the implementation of the ITC strategy.

**Agenda Item 7. Challenges and solutions for the delivery of the Committee's programme of work, as well as existing and acquired mandates**

[Informal Document No 6]

**7A. Continued impacts of COVID-19 on the transport programme of work**

[Informal Document No 6]

No. 14 The Bureau **recognized** that the transport subprogramme would not achieve all its planned activities due to the impact of the COVID-19 and **expressed**

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- its appreciation** for the secretariat's efforts to complete the programme of work as much as possible.
- No. 15 The Bureau **stressed** the importance of UNOG services guaranteeing full servicing of ECE meetings on legal instruments.
- 7B. Continued impacts of UN budget developments**
- No. 16 The Bureau, noting the continued adverse impact of UN regular budgetary constraints on the Sustainable Transport Division and its services to the intergovernmental bodies:
- **Stressed** the importance of synergies to be found within the Division through internal reorganization to improve coordination and cooperation in related areas of work, which could also help to temporarily overcome shortfalls in the workforce.
  - Concerning the long-term unfilled P.4 post for the GRSG under WP.29, **recommended** that the Division's other areas relating to the work of WP.29 could help address the ongoing shortfall.
  - **Stressed** that chance alone in relation to vacancy in the Sustainable Transport Division (e.g. through retirements) should not determine the reserve of vacant posts at ECE level and priority and balance between the various subprogrammes should be considered.
  - In this regard, **requested** the secretariat to look into the possibility of identifying such pragmatic solutions.
- No. 17 The Bureau **welcomed** the good news about the granting of a German JPO post to the Sustainable Transport Division and **expressed its appreciation** to Germany for the important support, especially under the ongoing circumstances due to the liquidity situation.
- 7C. Enhancing the Committee's capabilities to attract resources for the implementation of existing and acquired mandates**
- No. 18 In light of the ongoing situation with worsening and persistent freeze in the recruitment of vacant positions in the Sustainable Transport Division and with a view to ensuring the uninterrupted delivery of the transport programme of work and the full implementation of the ITC Strategy, the Bureau:
- **noted** the options for enhancing the capabilities of the transport subprogramme to attract staff-related resources for existing and acquired mandates, and
  - **requested** the secretariat to include the topic as an agenda item for its next meeting.
- No. 19 The Bureau **noted** the call of the Director of the Sustainable Transport Division for providing more JPOs and NRL experts (secondments) by governments.
- Agenda Item 8. Other topics of strategic nature**  
[Informal Document No 8]
- 8A. Update on ECOSOC considerations of ITC Terms of Reference**
- No. 20 The Bureau:
- **took note** of ongoing developments with ECOSOC's considerations of the revised ITC Term of Reference,



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- **reiterated its conviction** that a positive consideration by ECOSOC would provide enhanced opportunities to non-ECE contracting parties to participate in an inclusive way in the decision-making aspects of the Committee
- **Invited** its members to support directly and through diplomatic channels efforts to increase understanding on the importance of the revised ToRs for non-UNECE Member States that are Contracting Parties to legal instruments under the purview of the Inland Transport Committee
- **expressed its appreciation** to the secretariat for its continued efforts to support substantively and institutionally the ongoing process.
- **In particular thanked** the Secretary of the Commission for her efforts and for updating the Bureau on ongoing deliberations and diplomatic efforts.

No. 21 Furthermore, the Bureau **encouraged** its members to liaise with their diplomatic channels in ECOSOC in order to support the process and a favourable outcome of the ongoing deliberations.

No. 22 The Bureau **welcomed** the offers of its Chair and members from Germany and Poland to participate in a technical meeting with the ECOSOC members at the expert level together with the secretariat.

#### **8B. Revised Bureau Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure**

[Informal Document No 7]

No. 23 The Bureau **took note** of information provided by the secretariat, in line with its earlier deliberations, as well as information and options presented in Informal document No. 7.

No. 24 **Furthermore, the Bureau is invited to discuss at its next meeting** the possibility of establishing an implementation body – a “Standing Committee” – responsible for ensuring the effective implementation of the decisions by the Inland Transport Committee in connection with the Programme of Work of the transport subprogramme.

#### **Agenda Item 9. Other business**

##### **Agenda Item 9A. Division-related matters of interest**

No. 25 The Bureau **took note with appreciation** of the updated information about the latest developments with regard to the Division provided by the Director of the Sustainable Transport Division.

No. 26 The Bureau **welcomed** the temporary assignment of the GRVA secretary as acting secretary of the newly established Group of Experts tasked with drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in road traffic, and **recognized** its advantages of enriching the expertise of the Group with a mix of traffic law and new technologies of vehicles.

##### **Agenda Item 9B. Retirement of Mr Jean-Claude Schneuwly**

No. 27 The Bureau **expressed its sadness** for the retirement from the Bureau of Mr Jean-Claude Schneuwly, and **its profound gratitude and appreciation** for his decisive contributions during the 30 years he served representing Switzerland to the ITC.

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**Agenda Item 9C. Next meeting of the Bureau**

No. 28      The next meeting of the Bureau will be held on Thursday and Friday, 25-26  
November 2021.

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## Annex III

### Results of the seventh hybrid meeting of the 2020–2021 Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee (25 and 26 November 2021)

#### Items decided under silence procedure<sup>2</sup>

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	<p><b>Agenda Item 1. Adoption of the agenda</b> [TRANS/BUR.2021/4]</p>
No. 1	The Bureau <b>adopted</b> the provisional agenda
	<p><b>Agenda Item 2. Adoption of the report of the previous Bureau meeting</b></p>
No. 2	The Bureau <b>took note</b> that due to the organization of its sixth remote informal meeting on 8 June 2021 under silence procedures, no report will be issued for the meeting and decisions adopted under silence procedures by the Bureau will be reflected accordingly in the official ITC document containing the results of the Bureau meetings in 2021.
	<p><b>Agenda Item 3. Consideration of the agenda of the 84th session of the Inland Transport Committee that will mark its 75th anniversary and related organizational matters</b> [ECE.TRANS/315 and Add.1]</p>
No. 3	The Bureau <b>considered and approved</b> the provisional agenda of the eighty-fourth session of the Committee and reviewed the draft annotated Agenda. The Bureau <b>requested</b> the secretariat to proceed with the organization of the eighty-fourth session of the Committee and its related events accordingly, with the following comments:  Para “The Committee <b>may wish to note...</b> ” should be relocated from agenda item 5(b) to agenda item 13
	<p><b>3A. Ministerial segment</b> [Informal documents No. 1, 2 and Add.1, and 3]</p>
No. 4	The Bureau: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Confirmed</b> the proposed panels and allocation of time; acknowledging the challenges and concerns proposed by member States, requested that panels reflect the global role of the Committee;</li> <li>• <b>Noted</b> the challenges posed by the concurrent informal EU Council of Ministers of Transport, invited its members and the secretariat to explore creatively opportunities and options availed by the hybrid format of the ITC Anniversary</li> <li>• <b>Confirmed</b> the final title of ministerial segment</li> <li>• <b>Thanked</b> Switzerland for the generous support for the interpretation of the ministerial meeting in the non-ECE UN official languages (A, C, S) and a Ministerial Reception</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> Documentation referenced in the draft decisions is available under the dedicated Bureau website.

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- **Thanked the secretariat** for its efforts to secure adequate conference meeting facilities in the Palais des Nations to host the 84th ITC session and its ministerial segment, **expressed its strong concern** for the delays in the allocation of such facilities and the potential reputational risks that continued delays could entail for ITC and UNECE **and requested the secretariat to transmit** these concerns to the conference management authorities at the highest possible level
  - **Agreed** to limit its February pre-ITC meeting to the morning of 21 February, in order to allow its members to participate in the planned side events and **requested the secretariat** to explore the possibility of granting the room facilities and interpretation services originally planned for the Bureau for the afternoon session of 21 February to the corresponding side event.
  - **Noted** that that the proposed dates of side events 3 and 4 (Informal document No. 1) would be swapped.
- No. 5 The Bureau **expressed** its satisfaction for the timely and wide distribution of the Zero Draft to all UN Member States, in line with its decisions, and **welcomed** early endorsements received by the secretariat. The Bureau **took note** of comments received from Member States in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America.
- No. 6 The Bureau, **recalling** that the Ministerial segment of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ITC will be supported with simultaneous interpretation in the six UN official languages and **noting** that one of the key outcomes of the meeting, the Ministerial Resolution “Ushering in a decade of delivery for sustainable inland transport and sustainable development” is planned to be issued only in the three UNECE languages, **expressed its support** for the translation of the Resolution in A/C/S.
- No. 7 The Bureau **requested** the secretariat to proceed with the circulation of Draft 1 of the Ministerial Resolution in early December and facilitate consultations for the finalization of the document by mid-January, in close cooperation and with possible guidance on content by the Bureau.
- No. 8 The Bureau **expressed** its satisfaction for the progress in the preparation of the Anniversary publication.
- No. 9 The Bureau **took note** that at the current stage the anniversary publication is planned to be issued in English only, **expressed its support** for the translation of the publication in all UNECE languages with Regular Budget resources and **encouraged** the secretariat to seek avenues to achieve that within existing resources, mindful that the publication is not included in the planned publications for 2021.
- No. 10 The Bureau **expressed** its satisfaction for the development of the dedicated website for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the related communication campaign and invited its members and the secretariat to coordinate the social media campaign, to maximize its impact
- 3B. Business critical items for ITC consideration and/or approval**  
[Informal Documents No 4-7]
- No. 11 The Bureau **took note** of the two programmatic documents (PoW 2022 and PPB 2023) of the transport subprogramme
- No. 12 The Bureau **reviewed** the publications programme for 2023 and **requested the secretariat to relocate** the planned publication of

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Transport Trends and Economics to the recurrent publications section of the document

No. 13 The Bureau **took note** of the draft ITC Decisions (Informal document No. 7) and provided feedback to the secretariat, stressing the importance of the role of the Committee in both following up on decisions taken by the ITC Working Parties and also providing a platform that facilitates discussions under situations when agreement is difficult to reach at the working party level, as well as providing guidance and solutions under those situations, when and as appropriate.

**3C. Other items of the agenda for the consideration of the Bureau**

[Informal Documents No 8 and 9]

No. 14 The Bureau **took note** of the current status of the implementation of the ITC Strategy until 2030, as contained in Informal document No. 8 and **requested** the secretariat to present it during the restricted session of the 84<sup>th</sup> ITC session, **noting in particular** its support for section 5.4 of informal document No. 8 on the review and recommendations of existing legal instruments, with a view of ensuring their relevance and impact.

No. 15 The Bureau **took note** of the concept note of the ITC roundtable.

**3D. Organization of work during the annual session under hybrid format**

[Informal Document No 10]

No. 16 The Bureau **took note** of organizational aspects of the 84<sup>th</sup> annual session, in light of the fact that it will be organized for the second time under a hybrid format (Informal document No. 10), and **emphasized** the importance of ensuring that official segments are organized as 3-hour sessions.

**Agenda Item 4. Topics of strategic nature**

**4A. Organization of work during the annual session under hybrid format**

[Informal Document No 11]

No. 17 The Bureau, **noting** information included in Informal document No. 11 on the expected impacts of COVID-19 and the liquidity crisis on the delivery of the transport programme of work, **recognized** that the transport subprogramme would not achieve all its planned activities due to the impact of the COVID-19; **expressed its strong concern** for the use of transport staff for functions not included in the approved budget, namely technical moderation of meetings, as a condition to enable their delivery; **stressed the importance** of UNOG services guaranteeing full servicing of ECE meetings on legal instruments; **requested** EXCOM to support solutions that would ensure the proper deployment of ECE staff and allow the unimpeded delivery of the transport subprogramme's Programme of Work; and **expressed its appreciation** for the Sustainable Transport Division's professionalism and efforts to accommodate the extra workload under these unprecedented circumstances, in order to deliver the complete programme of work as much as possible.

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- 4B. Progress with the Global Plan for the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety**
- No. 18 The Bureau **welcomed** the finalization and launch of the Global Plan for the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety, that was developed as mandated by UN General Assembly Resolution 74/299, with the direct involvement of ECE, alongside the other regional commissions and WHO and **expressed its satisfaction** about the inclusion in the Global Plan of strategic aspects of the work undertaken by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, in line with the ITC Strategy, notably the UN Road Safety Conventions and the ITC Recommendations in the Global Plan.
- 4C. Climate change mitigation in inland transport at an inflection point**
- [Informal Document No 12]
- No. 19 The Bureau, **took note** of information included in Informal document No. 12 on increased demand and opportunities for inland transport, the main contributor of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, to support mitigation policies and measures to limit global warming; **expressed its full support** for strengthening the role and contribution of the Committee on this critical matter that is addressed horizontally by several of the Committee's subsidiaries, as well as the Committee itself; and **requested** the secretariat to introduce this Bureau document during the corresponding discussions of the ITC of this top -priority agenda item and the related draft ITC decisions.
- 4D. Enhancing the Committee's capabilities to attract resources for the implementation of existing and acquired mandates**
- [Informal Document No 13]
- No. 20 The Bureau **noted** information about the development of an "E-learning platform for sustainable mobility and smart connectivity" which is intended to leverage the Division's capacity to provide learning modules for core constituents, among other things, on legal instruments under the Committee's purview.
- 4E. Management update on UN budget-related developments of relevance**
- No. 21 The Bureau **took note** of information provided by the secretariat, inter alia, on the improved overall situation on liquidity and its expected impacts on the work of the secretariat in 2022.
- 4F. Update on ECOSOC considerations of ITC Terms of Reference**
- No. 22 The Bureau **took note** of information provided by the secretariat developments related to the ongoing considerations of the ITC Terms of Reference by the Economic and Social Council.
- No. 23 The Bureau **expressed** its appreciation to its members and the secretariat for their continued efforts to support substantively and institutionally the ongoing process.
- No. 24 The Bureau **requested** its members to liaise with their missions to reach out to members of the ECOSOC Asia-Pacific Group, in support of the ongoing consideration of the ITC TOR by ECOSOC.

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No. 25 In particular **thanked** the Chair of the Commission and the Secretary of the Commission for their efforts and for updating the Bureau on ongoing deliberations and diplomatic efforts.

**4G. Enhancing the capabilities to attract staff-related resources for transport**

[Informal Document No 14]

No. 26 The Bureau **deliberated** on options to enhance the capabilities of the secretariat to attract staff-related resources and **requested** the secretariat to introduce a consolidated agenda item on financial matters and discuss this issue under that agenda item at its June 2022 session.

No. 27 The Bureau **took note** of information about ongoing preparations for the seventieth session of the Economic Commission for Europe, based on the inputs transmitted from the Bureau in response to the invitation by the Executive Secretary of ECE (Informal document No. 14).

**Agenda Item 5. Other business**

**5A. Participation in high-level international conferences and activities**

No. 28 The Bureau **welcomed information** about ECE participation in high-level international conferences and activities and expressed its satisfaction for the continued and increasing visibility and recognition of the role and functions of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies in these fora, in particular the participation in the conference organized by ICAO.

**5B. Division-related matters of interest**

No. 29 The Bureau **welcomed** the good news about the granting of a second German Junior Professional Officer (JPO) post to the Sustainable Transport Division and expressed its appreciation to Germany for the continued support, especially under the ongoing circumstances (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/jpo/>). The Bureau noted the further need of the Division and the opportunity to train more professionals for ITC through JPO, and encouraged other countries to also provide JPOs to the Division.

No. 30 The Bureau **noted** the filling of the vacant P4 and G6 posts in the Division and the request of the Director for encouraging female professionals to apply for the newly vacant P3 position.

No. 31 The Bureau **took note** of the proposed changes to the structure of the Division, by creating (a) Vehicle Regulations, Road Traffic Safety and Transport Innovations Section and (b) Dangerous Goods Section, that would replace the existing (a) Vehicle Regulations and Transport Innovations Section and (b) Road Safety Management and Dangerous Goods Section.

No. 32 The Bureau **requested** the Director to share the new organizational chart with the Bureau members, once the above changes are finalized.

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**5C. Date of next meetings**

No. 33      The Bureau **decided to hold** its next meeting on Monday, 21 February 2022, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. only, and to cancel the afternoon segment or use it to support the organization of one of the Committee's side events on that day. The Bureau **noted** that its meeting following the eighty-fourth session of the Committee will be held on 25 February 2022, from 3 to 6 p.m. The Bureau **expressed its satisfaction** about the increased normalization in the provision of interpretation services for its meetings

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