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##### Group of Experts on European Agreement Concerning Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)

###### Twenty-ninth session

Geneva, 13 June 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the Agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session\*,\*\*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9:30 am on Monday, 13 June 2022, Salle IX. There will be two parts from 9:30 to 11:30 and from 14:00 to 16:00.

The twenty-ninth 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;

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\* 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](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc1/sc1.html)). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail ([roadtransport@unece.org](mailto: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=r3SCq1>. 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](http://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.21/65).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/65

### **2. Programme of Work**

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

At the last session, the Chair invited once again the Russian Federation and European Commission to continue discussions to find a compromise solution related to 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). He also invited all relevant experts to participate in the Group’s sessions so highly technical issues can be discussed (e.g., definitions of “control devices” and “recording equipment”). 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. 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”**

At the last session, the EC gave a presentation on new rules arising from amendments to Regulation No.561/2006 and No. 165/2014. In particular, the EC clarified that drivers of non-EU registered vehicles are not required to record border crossing in the EU area. The Group agreed that it is necessary for EU legislation and the AETR Agreement be harmonized. At this session, the Group will be invited to continue its discussions on this subject.

### **3. TACHOnet**

At the last session, the European Commission did not submit a revised version of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.3 (a proposal to introduce a new Appendix 4 on exchange of information). Nevertheless, the Russian Federation reiterated its comments contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/3 again requesting they be incorporated in the next draft. At this session, the Group will be invited to discuss the revised document (if available) (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 secretariat will inform (Informal document No.1) the Group about the current status of the questionnaire on the application of paragraph 1 of Article 12 related to enforcement measures (as per paragraph 5 of Article 12). As decided at the last session, the secretariat extended the deadline for replying to 1 June 2022.

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

#### **Documentation**

Informal document No.1

### **6. Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 17 October 2022 at Palais des Nations in Geneva. The deadline for the submission of formal documents is 22 July 2022.

### **7. Adoption of the Report**

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

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