

Item 9

WP.24 Rules of Procedure

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Background



ITC's invitation to WPs without own RoP:

- Align with ITC RoP, or
- Inform of reasons to use ECE RoP, or
- Develop own RoP

WP.24 does not have own RoP

For WP.24 consideration



- Applicability of ITC RoP to WP.24 sessions
 - Rule 1 (could potentially apply)
 - Rules 2-11 (adjustments regarding relevant bodies)
 - Rules 12-16 (elections of chair and up to 2 vice-chairs, limit to a number of terms)
 - Rules 17-18 are not applicable (no Bureau)
 - Rules 19-21 (subsidiary bodies) could be simplified

For WP.24 consideration



- Applicability of ITC RoP to WP.24 sessions
 - Rules 22-24 (secretariat) applicable
 - Rules 25-34 (what should be the quorum)
 - Rules 35-40 applicable (what about mechanical means of voting)
 - Rules 41-43 (languages) applicable
 - Rule 43 (records) applicable

For WP.24 consideration



- Applicability of ITC RoP to WP.24 sessions
 - Rule 44 (public or private meetings?)
 - Rule 45 (reports) applicable (adjustment reporting to ITC)
 - Rule 46 (amendments) applicable (adjustment to ITC and EXCOM)

ITC RoP with indication of potential modifications



Draft Rules of Procedures for Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics

Rules of Procedure of the Inland Transport Committee Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics

Chapter I Participation

Rule 1

- (a) ECE member States participate at the ITC sessions of Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) as full members with voting rights.
- (b) Non-ECE Member States have the right to participate as full members to the segments of the ITCWP.24 session that deal with legal instruments¹ to which they are contracting parties and remain in a consultative capacity in other parts.
- (c) States that do not fall under subparagraphs (a) and (b) may participate in the ITCWP.24 sessions in a consultative capacity.
- (d) Specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, may, in accordance with paragraphs 12² and 13² of the Terms of Reference of the Economic Commission for Europe ("ECE" or "the Commission") Rule 1(d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC), participate in a consultative capacity in the Committee WP.24 session in discussions that the Committee WP.24 may hold on any matter of particular concern to those agencies or organizations.
- (e) Non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may, subject to the approval of the Committee-WP.24 and respecting the principles set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, parts I and II, participate with consultative status in discussions that the Committee-WP.24 may hold on any matter of interest to these organizations.
- (f) Consultations with specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).
- (g) Consultations with non-governmental organizations shall be conducted in accordance with Rules 52 and 53 of the Rules of Procedure of ECE. Non-governmental organizations with consultative status under paragraph (d) shall be treated as non-

Chapter II Sessions

Rule 2

Sessions of the Committee WP.24 shall be held on dates fixed by the Committee WP.24, after consultation with the secretariat, at previous meetings.

Rule 3

Sessions shall ordinarily be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).
The Committee-WP.24 may, with the concurrence of the Commission or the Executive
Committee if the Commission is not in sessionITC, decide to hold a particular session
elsewhere. In that case, the relevant United Nations rules and regulations shall apply.

Rule 4

The secretariat shall, at least forty-two days before the commencement of a session of the Committee WP.24, distribute a notice of the opening date of the session, together with a copy of the provisional agenda. The basic documents relating to each item appearing on the provisional agenda of a session shall be transmitted not less than forty-two days before the opening of the session, provided that in exceptional cases the secretariat may, for reasons to be stated in writing, transmit such documents not less than twenty-one days before the opening of the session.

Chapter III Agenda

Rule 5

The provisional agenda for each session shall be drawn up by the secretariat in consultation with the Chair and the Bureau.

Rule 6

The provisional agenda for any session shall include:

(a) Items arising from previous sessions of the Committee WP.24;



- Align with ITC RoP

=> possible
(interpretation of
some rules)

- Inform of reasons to use ECE RoP, or => no compelling

=> no compelling reasons

Develop own RoP

=> alignment by adjusting ITC RoP