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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighty-seventh session*,**

To be held in-person at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Monday at 9:30 am,
25 September 2023, in Salle IX

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/184). Informal document No.1 contains a tentative timetable for the session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/184, Informal document No.1

2. Activities of interest to the Working Party

The secretariat of the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) will inform WP.1 about its work, the impact of its projects, a planned future strategy, and envisaged synergies with working parties, as well as dedicated future events to promote the UNRSF.

The secretariat to the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety will be invited to provide an update on the recent activities of the Special Envoy in promoting road safety and United Nations legal instruments.

Due to time constraints, neither interventions nor presentations are foreseen for this agenda item. National delegations and international organizations will have the opportunity to submit, in writing, information on national and international road safety activities and initiatives, including recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation as well as any information on the events going to take place prior to the next WP.1 session.

3. Inland Transport Committee (ITC) recommendations and decisions

(a) ITC Strategy

At its last session, the Committee invited working parties to continue implementing the ITC Strategy, and to discuss the opportunities, risks or issues related to their mandates (ECE/TRANS/2022/3). WP.1 has already adopted ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/2/Rev.1 as its input. At this session, WP.1 may wish to consider contributing further.

(b) ECE Road Safety Action Plan, 2023-2030

At the last session, the Committee also took note of the revised “ECE Road Safety Action Plan, 2023-2030” (ECE/TRANS/2023/7), and invited its relevant Working Parties to submit in the course of 2023 their first inputs to the ITC secretariat in the corresponding areas of the action plan that are relevant to their work and contributions. At the present session, WP.1 will be invited to begin addressing the ITC invitation to submit “first inputs” to improve ECE/TRANS/2023/7. The secretariat intends to prepare an informal document – on the basis of ECE/TRANS/2023/7 – to facilitate WP.1 contribution (Informal document No. 2).

(c) A strategy document for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in inland transport

The Committee also decided to strengthen its role and contribution on the critical matter of climate change, which is addressed horizontally by several of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies as well as the Committee itself (ECE/TRANS/2023/21). It therefore requested the secretariat, in close cooperation with the ITC Bureau and relevant subsidiary bodies, to develop an ambitious strategy document for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in inland transport, based on international United Nations legal instruments under the purview of the Committee, with priority actions for the ITC and its relevant subsidiary bodies and supported by a strong action plan with milestones (ECE/TRANS/328, para. 60). WP.1 will be invited to explore its possible contribution to this endeavour.

(d) Harmonization of elements in the Terms of Reference of Working Parties

For the working parties still working on their terms of reference and rules of procedure, the Committee, at the last session, recommended to take into consideration “Draft Recommendations for Harmonized Elements in the Terms of Reference of ITC Working Parties” (Annex II, ECE/TRANS/2023/4/Rev.1). WP.1 will be invited to discuss these recommendations under agenda item 9.

(e) Reviews by the parent sectoral committee

At the last session, the Committee further noted that the year 2023 marks the fourth cycle of reviews of Working Parties’ mandates by their parent sectoral committees. To this end, the Committee decided to proceed with the review process in 2023 and noted that it takes place in the context of a broader transformation following the endorsement of the revised ITC Terms of Reference by ECOSOC (E/RES/2022/2). WP.1 will therefore be invited to prepare a note related to the Working Party agenda, its main endeavours, the priority areas of current work and future expected results. This is to be done on the basis of Annexes I and II to the letter to the WP.1 Chair, which provides an overview of the recommended modalities of the review process (reproduced as Informal document No.3).

(f) Revision of the terms of Reference of the Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic (LIAV)

At the last session the Committee recommended that WP.1 re-visit the ToR of the LIAV Group of Experts. WP.1 will be invited to discuss this recommendation.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2022/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/2/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/2023/7, ECE/TRANS/2023/21, ECE/TRANS/328, ECE/TRANS/2023/4/Rev.1, E/RES/2022/2, Informal document No. 2, Informal document No. 3

4. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations

At the last session, WP.1 adopted ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.3 which contained a set of amendment proposals to Article 25 bis, Article 32, Annex 1, and Annex 5 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic. The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the amendment process and timelines as per Article 49 of the Convention.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.3

(b) Driving permits

At the last session, WP.1 began discussing ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/1 (a driving permit proposal which was submitted by ISO at WP.1 request). Denmark and The Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) provided comments (Informal document No. 13 (March 2023)). WP.1 will be invited to continue discussions.

FIA will be invited to provide an updated list of agencies authorized to issue IDPs on the basis of Informal document No.2 (March 2023) and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/1/Rev.1.

The informal group of experts (European Driving Schools Association (EFA), American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) and FIA) – will provide an update on the “digital mobile permits” initiative.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/1/Rev.1, Informal document No. 2 (March 2023), Informal document No. 13 (March 2023)

(c) Remote activities related to driving

At the last session, WP.1 discussed Informal document No.1/Rev. 2 (September 2021) and held a dedicated panel with invited speakers. The topic generated interest and WP.1 decided to continue discussing the topic.

Documentation

Informal document No.1/Rev. 2 (September 2021)

5. Key issues for future road traffic

(a) Human factors and automated driving

At the last session, WP.1 continued working on this topic in the framework of Informal document No. 11 (September 2021) i.e., by aiming to develop key principles on automated vehicle safety and human centered needs. At this session, WP.1 will continue discussing the topic. Canada was invited to prepare and submit Informal document No. 11/Rev.1 (September 2021).

Documentation

Informal document No. 11 (September 2021), Informal document No. 11/Rev.1 (September 2021)

(b) Optical and/or audible signals in DAS and ADS vehicles

At the last session, the Netherlands introduced Informal document No. 3 (March 2023), on recognizability of ADS from the perspective of enforcement, which aims at promoting constructive discussions leading towards tangible results. A dedicated panel was held and an insightful discussion ensued. At this session, WP.1 will be invited to continue discussing and elaborating the topic of optical and/or audible signals in DAS and ADS vehicles to indicate their status and to communicate their intended actions on the roads.

Documentation

Informal document No. 3 (March 2023)

(c) Road Traffic of the future: Urban challenges and perspectives

At the last session, WP.1 considered global trends which would be shaping road traffic in the future. At this session, further views and inputs will be gathered to elaborate how the road traffic environment would change with mobility technological advancements, new-urbanism, and new global socio-demographic trends.

6. Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic (LIAV)

The Chair of the Group of Experts and/or the secretariat will be invited to provide WP.1 information on the on-going discussions, outcomes, and on the Group's general progress to-date. In particular, with reference to the ITC recommendations (ECE/TRANS/ECE/TRANS/328), the Chair of the Group of Experts and/or the secretariat will be invited to explain how the indicated assessment approach has been undertaken.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/ECE/TRANS/328

7. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

At the last session, WP.1 agreed that further work on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4/Rev.1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/5/Rev.1 is needed (mostly to ensure internal consistency and to switch to a new sign code). To this end, Belgium (as Chair of the Informal Intergovernmental Group of Experts) will inform WP.1 about the progress made in preparing three formal documents (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/4) which consolidate amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, the European Agreement Supplementing the 1968 Convention, and the Protocol on Road Markings (additional to the European Agreement).

The Chair of the Informal Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals will update WP.1 about the work done by the Group, focusing on recommended new signs to be included in the 1968 Convention.

The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the current status of e-CORRS.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/5/Rev.1,
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/4

8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)**(a) A Safe System Approach**

At the last session, WP.1 discussed ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/5/Rev.1 focusing on the interpretations of the terms: accident, collision, and crash. As a result of discussion, WP.1 invited Sweden to revise the document using its preferred terminology and to re-submit at the present session (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/5/Rev.2).

WP.1 participants will be invited to continue to share best practices and lessons learned with a view to developing a guide on Multi-Disciplinary Collision Investigation (MDCI) for WP.1 review.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/5/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/5/Rev.2

(b) Contribution to Agenda 2030 - targets 3.6 and 11.2

(i) At the last session, WP.1 considered what perspective it should take towards the long-term burden of “minor and moderate” road traffic injuries (in addition to severe and more life-threatening injuries) as well as how to complement this approach with dedicated policies on the basis of Informal document No.6 (submitted by Italy and Sweden). At this session, WP.1 will be invited to further elaborate how enhance the analysis on long-term burden of “minor” road traffic injuries (in addition to severe and life-changing injuries) as well as how to complement this approach with policy measures.

(ii) The Imola Living Lab which strives for replicable, safe, sustainable, and inclusive mobility policies will be invited to update WP.1 about its recent initiatives.

(iii) At the last session, WP.1 held a panel of experts on “drug and alcohol impaired driving as a road safety factor” in the context of SDG target 3.6. At this session, given the increase of fatalities around the world, WP.1 will be invited to continue this subject.

(c) Personal mobility devices and other devices facilitating sustainable and inclusive mobility

Lithuania has regularly provided updates of legislative information about personal mobility devices such as e-scooters. Should there be any further revisions, Lithuania will be invited to provide an update at this session of Informal document No. 4/Rev.1 (March 2022).

At the last session, WP.1 participants exchanged views during a dedicated panel on the road safety potentialities, risks and challenges associated with personal mobility devices. As a follow up to Informal document No. 5 (March 2021) and to a recent panel discussion, WP.1 delegates will be invited to exchange their views, with a special focus on the road safety risks and challenges associated with personal mobility devices.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4/Rev.1 (March 2022), Informal document No. 5 (March 2021)

9. Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1

At the last session, WP.1 continued discussing its rules of procedure, in particular Rules 21, 22, 27 and 28 (Informal document No. 7). The Group made some changes and invited participants to consider the proposed changes to Rules 27 and 28. The WP.1 Chair invited all delegates to research the question of quorum in the context of decision making and voting.

Documentation

Informal document No. 7 (March 2023)

10. Global dialogue and contribution to road safety capacity building: Focus on low and middle-income countries

At the last session, WP.1 discussed and revised ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/6 which recommends policies and guidance to consider when trying to address the road safety challenges related to nonregulated transport modes. The revised document (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/6/Rev.1 tabled at this session) is to be considered for final endorsement as a foundation for future work in this area.

In addition, WP.1 will be invited to discuss how best contribute to the need for road safety capacity building program in the regions where road traffic injuries are still very high. To this end, the Birmingham University (United Kingdom) and Cattolica University (Italy), will share their analysis and approach to policies focusing on road safety challenges in LMICs.

The EUROMED Transport Support Project participating countries will provide information on recent road safety policy actions and strategic priorities in their respective countries, in particular, about how to focus on improving the collection of quality road safety data.

At the last session, WP.1 took note of Canada's proposal to invite International Traffic Safety Data and Analysis Group (IRTAD) to attend WP.1. IRTAD will be invited to contribute to this topic.

IRTE (Institute of Road Traffic Education) will provide information on the Euro-Asian Road Safety Forum, which will take place in New Delhi, India, on 4-6 December to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the special WP.1 session that took place in New Delhi in 2013. The event will focus on road safety policies improving mobility in LMICs.

In the context of Agenda 2030 and safe mobility as an enabler for improving the lives of everyone across the world, a representative from the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will be invited to share regional insights on mobility best practices, which aim at promoting sustainable development, inclusiveness, equitable long-term economic growth in the Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/6, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2022/6/Rev.1

11. Other Business

The WP.29 secretariat and/or the GRVA Chair will be invited to provide an update on matters of mutual interest to WP.1 and WP.29.

In the context of continuous knowledge and expertise exchange, the WP.1 Chair will continue to propose to explore a possibility of holding a joint WP.1-GRVA-WP.29 event aiming to showcase the accomplishments of the two working parties. WP.1 will be invited to discuss the Chair's proposal.

The Informal Group of Experts on Automated Driving (IGEAD) Chair will be invited to provide an update on the Group's recent work.

Laser International will be invited to provide information about the forthcoming International Film Festival on Urban Mobility, scheduled for 18-19 October 2023 in Carcassonne, France.

WP.1 will be informed about a dedicated event to be held in November 2023, in Rome, Italy, led by Azienda Nazionale Autonoma delle Strade Statali (ANAS), and co-organized by Ministero Infrastrutture Trasporti, PIARC-Italy, and Euro-Med Transport Support Project. The event will promote road safety best practices, including global principles embedded in the road safety legal instruments managed by WP.1. It will also engage the Mediterranean countries and other regions to promote safe, sustainable and inclusive mobility as tool for progress and growth.

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

12. Date of next session

The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 18-22 March 2024 in Geneva. The deadline for submitting working documents is 15 December 2023.

13. Adoption of the report of the eighty-seventh session

The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its eighty-seventh session.