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Thirty-third session

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Item 1 of the provisional

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-third session*,**

Revision

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9:30 am on Monday 16 October 2023, Salle IX

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the thirty-first session (20 February 2023).
3. Programme of Work:
 - (a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis;
 - (b) Appendix 1C;
 - (c) Amendment proposal to Article 4, paragraph 2;
 - (d) Application of Regulation (European Commission) No. 561/2006 in the "AETR area".
4. TACHOnet.
5. Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between European Commission Services and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
6. Other Business

* Delegates are requested to register online at: <https://indico.un.org/event/1002237/>.

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7. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
8. 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.21/71/Rev.1).

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/71/Rev.1

2. Adoption of the report of the thirty-first session (20 February 2023).

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the report of the 20 February 2023 session (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/70).

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/70

3. Programme of Work

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

At the last session, the Group of Experts was informed that no bilateral meetings between the Russian Federation and European Commission have been held. As a result, no compromise solution was found related to ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/2. The Russian Federation reiterated that its position remains unchanged as per ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/3. The Group will be invited to continue discussing this topic.

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

(b) Appendix 1C

The Group will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1/Rev.1 (Portugal's proposals to modify Annex IC in order to adapt the European Union specifications on the smart tachograph to the AETR legal framework (as Appendix 1C)) together with ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/3 (comments submitted by the Russian Federation at the last and after the last session).

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1/Rev.1,
ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/3

(c) Amendment proposal to Article 4, paragraph 2

The Group will be invited to discuss a revised amendment proposal – submitted by Belarus and the Russian Federation - concerning Article 4, paragraph 2 for applications of the AETR Agreement in the “force majeure” situations (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/2/Rev.1) and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/4 (submitted by the Russian Federation).

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/2/Rev.1,
ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/4

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

At previous sessions, the Group of Experts discussed this subject and invited national experts to exchange information on best practices related to treatment of vehicles from “non-AETR area” entering the territory of the European Union or a non-EU AETR Contracting Party. The Group will be invited to continue exchanging information on this subject at this session.

4. TACHOnet

At the last session, the European Union 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). The Group will be invited to discuss the revised document (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.4) if submitted.

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

5. Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between European Commission Services and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

At the 117th session, SC.1 decided to authorize the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) secretariat to sign the Administrative Agreement between the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the European Commission services for the continuation of the activities provided for in the 2009 Memorandum of Understanding between the European Commission services and the UNECE, for the period of 1 January 2023. until 31 December 2024. The secretariat and the European Commission held meetings to discuss possible solutions to the legal barriers preventing the secretariat from signing the Administrative Agreement. Additional meetings are proposed for further discussion. The group will consider the results of the meetings and get acquainted with the list of issues that were considered. The secretariat will provide the group with a comprehensive list of legal barriers preventing the secretariat from signing the Administrative Agreement for detailed study and will provide an update on the matter and possibly also recommendations in Informal Document No. 1.

Documentation: Informal Document Nr. 1.

6. Other Business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

7. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 19 February 2024 at Palais des Nations in Geneva. The deadline for the submission of formal documents is 24 November 2023.

8. Adoption of the Report

The Group of Experts will adopt the list of decisions taken at this session.
