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# Annotated Provisional Agenda for the eighty-seventh Session

### Addendum

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 11 February 2025.

# 1. Adoption of the agenda

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/355 and Add.1

# I. High-level segment

# 2. Successes and Challenges for Inland Transport on the Road to 2030

Building on recommendations by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and Bureau debates, the general theme of the policy segment will be on "Successes and Challenges for Inland Transport on the Road to 2030" (ECE/TRANS/2025/1). As the eighty-seventh session marks the mid-point of the implementation of the ITC Strategy until 2030, this theme will provide an opportunity to take stock of the status of the implementation, as well as ambitions, successes and challenges of ITC members on the path to achieving the objectives set in the ITC Strategy until 2030 vis-à-vis the three core clusters of work of ITC: connectivity/transport facilitation; safety, especially road safety; and climate action and environmental performance.

The high-level policy segment will consist of 2 parts with two panels each:

- (a) Part 1 on promoting sustainable regional and interregional inland transport connectivity;
  - (b) Part 2 on promoting climate action for inland transport.

To underscore concrete commitments and initiatives of support by ITC members for the implementation of actions under the three ITC clusters of work attending ministers and heads of delegation who so wish will be invited to present their high-level pledges and initiatives during the High-level Segment or during the restricted session of ITC (ECE/TRANS/2025/2).

Pledges and initiatives will be included in the official outcomes of the eighty-seventh plenary session of ITC.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2025/1, ECE/TRANS/2025/2

# II. Fifteenth Meeting for Government Delegates only with the Participation of the Chairs of the Committee's Subsidiary Bodies

# 3. Meeting on the implementation of the Committee's revised Terms of Reference and Strategies for Government Delegates only with the Participation of the Chairs of the Committee's Subsidiary Bodies

As the eighty-seventh session marks the mid-point of the implementation of the ITC Strategy until 2030, the Committee will be **invited to consider** a more in-depth, strategic review of the ITC Strategy until 2030 (ECE/TRANS/2025/3 and Informal document No. 1) assessing progress made, identifying areas where improvements are needed, and providing recommendations to align the Strategy with the 2030 objectives.

Member States who did not have the opportunity during the High-level policy segment to announce their pledges and initiatives of support for the implementation of actions under the three ITC clusters of work, will be given the opportunity to do so during this part of the agenda. Pledges and initiatives will be included in the official outcomes of the eighty-seventh plenary session of ITC.

Following the request by the Committee at its eighty-sixth session to the secretariat to prepare a review and analysis of the working party submissions for the fourth cycle of reviews of working parties' mandates by their parent sectoral committees (ECE/TRANS/2024/9), the Committee will be **invited** to review the analysis prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/2025/4).

Following the approval of the Committee's revised Terms of Reference (ToR) and the entry into force of the Rules of Procedure (RoP) in 2022, the Committee will receive an update on the status of the alignment of the RoP of its subsidiary bodies. The Committee will further be **invited** to review the Guidance Note on the Working Methods of the ITC Bureau (ECE/TRANS/2025/5).

The Committee will further be **invited** to consider the draft Strategic Resource Mobilization Framework for the Inland Transport Committee to meet the regional and global demands for sustainable inland transport (ECE/TRANS/2025/6).

The Committee is monitoring annually the progress of implementation of the ITC Strategy until 2030 and will have the opportunity to review progress since its previous session (ECE/TRANS/2025/7).

The Committee will be informed that the 2024 transport subprogramme's evaluation ("Implementation of the Inland Transport Committee Strategy until 2030") has been postponed to 2025, because of the liquidity restrictions.

The Committee will also be **invited** to review a Draft Code of Conduct for elected officers (ECE/TRANS/2025/8), following a request by the ITC Bureau at its November 2024 meeting.

# Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2025/3, ECE/TRANS/2025/4, ECE/TRANS/2025/5, ECE/TRANS/2025/6, ECE/TRANS/2025/7, ECE/TRANS/2025/8, Informal document No. 1

# III. Governance and Programmatic issues requiring decisions by the Committee

# 4. Governance issues and other matters arising from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies and Conferences

The Committee **will be informed** by the secretariat about recent matters arising from the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies and conferences of interest to the Committee.

The Committee **will be briefed** about ITC contributions to the upcoming seventy-first session of the Commission and will be invited to **consider and adopt** possible draft decisions on transport, to be submitted for consideration at the Commission session (ECE/TRANS/2025/9).

The Committee **will be informed** by the secretariat about progress in developing the Implementation Plan for the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport, to be prepared by United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) in collaboration with the Regional Commissions (ECE/TRANS/2025/10 and Informal document No. 2). Member States will be invited to provide their inputs and comments on the concept note and highlight what main areas they would expect to see addressed in the Implementation Plan.

The Committee will also be informed about the progress report on implementation of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030 (Global Plan) (ECE/TRANS/2025/11) and the revised ECE Road Safety Action Plan 2023-2030 (ECE/TRANS/2025/12).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2025/9, ECE/TRANS/2025/10, ECE/TRANS/2025/11, ECE/TRANS/2025/12, Informal document No. 2

# 5. Governance issues and business critical decisions for the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

# (a) Decisions on subsidiary bodies and on the structure of the Committee

The Committee is invited to **endorse** the establishment of a new International Labour Organization (ILO) – International Maritime Organization (IMO) – Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Group of Experts for finalisation of modifications and restructuring to the CTU Code, as recommended by the Working Party on Intermodal Transport (WP.24) (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/157) and to **adopt** its ToR. The ToR of the new group of experts, as accepted by WP.24 at its sixty-seventh session (16-18 October 2024), are contained in annex I of ECE/TRANS/2025/13.

The Committee is invited **to endorse** the establishment of a new Group of Experts on the computerization of the carnet de passage en douane for two years, as recommended by the Global Forum on Customs questions affecting transport including border crossings facilitation (WP.30) (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/334) and to **adopt** its ToR. The ToR of the new group of experts, as finalized by WP.30 at its 167<sup>th</sup> session (9 October 2024), are contained in annex II of ECE/TRANS/2025/13.

The Committee is invited to consider extending the mandate of the Group of Experts on drafting a new Legal Instrument on the use of Automated Vehicles in traffic (LIAV) until June 2027, as requested by the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) (see ECE/TRANS/WP.1/189, paragraphs 27 to 29).

The Committee is invited to consider extending the mandate of the Group of Experts on the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) until 30 June 2027.

ECE/TRANS/2025/13

# (b) Results of the meetings of the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee

The Committee will **consider** document ECE/TRANS/2025/14 containing the results of the meetings held by the ITC Bureau in 2024. The Committee may wish to refer to the decisions of the Bureau under the relevant items of its agenda.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2025/14

# 6. Programmatic issues

# (a) Programme of Work for 2025

The draft programme of work for 2025 is based on the programme plan of the subprogramme for 2025, which was adopted by the seventy-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly in December 2024 as part of the ECE proposed programme budget for 2025. The Committee is **invited to consider and adopt** the draft programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for 2025 (ECE/TRANS/2025/15) and **recommend** it to the Executive Committee for approval.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2025/15, Informal document No. 3

#### (b) Programme Plan for 2026

The Committee is invited to review and comment on the draft programme plan for 2026 for the Transport subprogramme (ECE/TRANS/2025/16), as necessary.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2025/16

### (c) Recommendations on key components of the Programme of Work for 2027

The Committee is also **invited to consider** the "Outline of key components of the programme of work for 2027" (Informal document No. 3) and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those recommendations agreed by the Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the Transport subprogramme for 2027.

In this regard, the Committee **may wish to note that** a draft decision on "Sequential review procedure of the programme of work" will be presented to the seventy-first session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe for adoption. This document foresees that ECE Sectoral Committees no longer adopt Programme of Work already formally adopted by the General Assembly, but instead focus their review and formally adopt the "Outline of key components of the programme of work of the "Year+2". If adopted, this decision will be implemented at the eighty-eighth ITC session in 2026.

# (d) List of Publications for 2026

The secretariat will **inform** the Committee about the publications programme for 2026. The Committee is invited to **consider**, **support and endorse** the list of publications contained in ECE/TRANS/2025/17.

The Committee may wish to **recommend** that the relevant working parties take part in the preparation of these publications, if appropriate.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2025/17

## (e) Schedule of meetings in 2025

A preliminary list of meetings has been circulated for consideration and adoption by the Committee, based on proposals from the Committee's subsidiary bodies (ECE/TRANS/2025/18).

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2025/18

# IV. Strategic Transport Policy and Regulatory Issues of horizontal and cross-sectoral nature

# 7. Strategic questions of a horizontal and cross-sectoral policy or regulatory nature

# (a) Status of accession to and implementation of the international United Nations inland transport conventions and agreements (statements by delegates)

The Committee, in performing its role as the United Nations platform for sustainable inland transport, may wish to **discuss ways to strengthen** the regulatory governance of inland transport internationally, in light of its strategic role in supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals until 2030. In this regard, the Committee may wish to **emphasize** the urgency of accelerating accessions to and implementation of the United Nations transport legal instruments under its purview.

The Committee may also wish to **invite** countries, which have not yet done so, to accede to the United Nations legal instruments in inland transport. The Committee may wish to **decide** on concerted actions in support of accessions to and implementation of United Nations transport conventions and agreements.

When considering these issues, the Committee may wish to **take note** of ECE/TRANS/2025/19 on the status of accessions to United Nations legal instruments on inland transport under the Committee's purview as of December 2024.

Representatives of United Nations Member States that are contracting parties to United Nations inland transport legal instruments will have the opportunity to share national and regional experiences, including challenges and special needs, in their efforts to implement the conventions to which they have acceded.

The Committee may wish to **consider** ECE/TRANS/2025/20 which contains an overview of regional accession trends and monitoring of implementation of United Nations inland transport legal instruments under the Committee's purview.

The Committee, mindful that improving implementation worldwide is a core element of the ITC Strategy and its vision in the run-up to 2030, is invited to take note of this information and may wish to **provide guidance** to the secretariat on ways to strengthen accession to and the implementation of these legal instruments.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2025/19, ECE/TRANS/2025/20

# (b) Challenges and emerging trends of inland transport in different regions (statements by delegates)

Representatives of United Nations Member States that are contracting parties to United Nations inland transport legal instruments will have the opportunity to share challenges and emerging trends of inland transport in their respective regions.

The Committee, in performing its role as the United Nations platform for sustainable inland transport, may wish to **provide guidance** to the secretariat and its subsidiary bodies on ways to integrate these experiences in their work, in order to strengthen its relevance and impact.

# (c) Information and computerization technologies, and Intelligent Transport Systems

The Committee may wish to **recall** the revised UNECE Road Map on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) 2021–2025 that had been adopted at its eighty-third session and **note** activities by all its subsidiary bodies towards its implementation (ECE/TRANS/2025/21). Furthermore, the Committee will be **reported** to about the activities of the Informal Working Group on Intelligent Transport Systems. The Committee will also be reported about the activities of the Committee's subsidiary bodies on information and computerization technologies (ECE/TRANS/2025/22).

The Committee is **invited to consider** the recommendations of WP.29 regarding the extension of the revised UNECE Road Map on ITS until 2030, providing time until 2028 for gathering supporting data as basis for a future update.

The Committee is invited to encourage continuation of the work of:

- Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) on smart roads
- Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) on automated navigation and smart shipping, River Information Services, and innovative technologies in the European Code for Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI)
- WP.1 on the conditions of use of automated vehicles in traffic
- Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) on telematics for the transport of dangerous goods
- World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) on the implementation of the framework document on the safety of automated vehicles
- Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (WP.29/GRVA)
  on regulating autonomous/automated and connected vehicles; as fostering regulatory
  and other activities in these areas would ensure the benefits that ITS could provide in
  terms of safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and traffic management.

The Committee will also be **apprised** of the activities of the Committee's subsidiary bodies on information and computerization technologies, including of WP.30/ TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) on the eTIR international system, the International TIR Data Bank and other eTIR related applications and ongoing interconnection projects; as well as of WP.30 on digitalizing the 1954 (private vehicles) and 1956 (commercial vehicles) temporary importation conventions and the Carnet de Passage (eCPD). Against this background, the Committee will be invited to **note**, **with satisfaction**, the progress made in implementing eTIR; **to encourage** further accelerated actions towards full implementation of eTIR in the near future and **to welcome** the efforts towards computerization of CPD (ECE/TRANS/2025/22).

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2025/21, ECE/TRANS/2025/22

### (d) Environment, climate change and transport

### (i) Inland Transport Committee Decarbonization Strategy

Following the adoption of the ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport (ITC Decarbonization Strategy), as contained in annex II to ECE/TRANS/344, at its eighty-sixth session, the Committee may wish to be **updated** about its implementation and about scaling up resources for its implementation (ECE/TRANS/2025/23 and Informal document No. 4).

The Committee will be **informed** about progress in the work on open data and collaborative modelling as part of the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) activities to support governments and international stakeholders to access free, reliable and high-quality transport data and modelling platforms and results. The latest implementation of the ForFITS tool will also be covered showing possible forward-looking scenarios of decarbonized inland transport systems for specific cases.

ECE/TRANS/2025/23, Informal document No. 4

### (ii) Inland Transport Committee acting on climate change adaptation

The Committee will be **informed** about progress in the work of the Group of Experts on assessment of climate change impacts and adaptation for inland transport. In particular, information will be shared about elaboration of important guiding material and application of these guiding material in support of the implementation of the adaptation actions from the ITC Initial Climate Action Plan of the ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport. Information will also be provided on the climate change projections elaborated by the group and their analysis for transport as well as other work in support of transport adaptation to climate change.

# (e) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the report of THE PEP Steering Committee for its twenty-second session (28–30 October 2024) (ECE/AC.21/SC/2024/2).

The Committee may wish to be **informed** about the implementation of the outcomes of the fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, in particular on the Vienna Declaration adopted at the High-level Meeting including its annexes. The Committee may also wish to welcome the adoption by the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme of the "Geneva Strategy on Transport, Health and the Environment"; the "Pan-European Master Plan on Walking", which complements the existing "Pan-European Master Plan on Cycling Promotion"; and a set of recommendations on "Sustainable Tourism Mobility: Inspiration for the countries of the pan-European region".

The Committee may wish to note the addition of two new members from the transport sector to THE PEP Bureau, from Kyrgyzstan and Portugal. The Committee is invited to **consider** taking actions towards strengthening the presence of the transport sector in THE PEP, in particular, by designating national focal points as well as supporting the successful delivery of the mandate set during the Fifth High-level Meeting.

### (f) Inland transport security

The Committee may wish to be informed about the special session on security of the Working Party on Rail Transport in June 2024. The special session focused on vulnerable rail users and discussed combatting human trafficking and the security of women on the railways.

# V. Technical cooperation activities

# 8. Strategic questions of a horizontal and cross-sectoral policy or regulatory nature

# (a) Capacity development activities in United Nations programme countries in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

The Committee is invited to **take note** of progress in the implementation of the ITC Capacity Development Plan (2020 – 2025) and insights and strategic lessons from five years of implementation (ECE/TRANS/2025/24). The Committee will be **informed** about the most recent capacity development activities on road safety, digitalization of transport services and transport connectivity. The Committee may wish to **to take note** of the continuous financial support provided through the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation (RPTC), Sect. 23 for the implementation of capacity development projects in the past four years.

The Committee will be **informed** about progress with the "E-learning platform for sustainable mobility and smart connectivity" (LearnITC), which is intended to leverage the Division's capacity to provide training modules for core constituents, among other things, on legal instruments under the Committee's purview.

ECE/TRANS/2025/24

# (b) Project related activities: Trans-European North-South Motorway and Trans-European Railway Projects

The Committee may wish to be **informed** about the recent developments in the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) and the Trans-European Railway (TER) projects (Informal document No. 5). The Committee may wish to **express its support** for the activities carried out by TEM and TER, **thank** Croatia and Poland who offered candidates for TEM and TER project managers and encourage the rapid finalization of their contracts.

#### **Documentation**

Informal document No. 5

# (c) Continued support to landlocked developing countries

The Committee will be briefed on the preparations for the upcoming Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3), originally scheduled for 2024 but postponed to 2025. LLDC3 is expected to adopt a new 10-year framework addressing the specific needs of LLDCs. This framework will focus on five priority areas: structural transformation, trade facilitation, connectivity, climate resilience, and support for implementation. These priorities aim to tackle the unique challenges faced by LLDCs, including geographical isolation, high trade costs, and dependence on neighbouring countries for market access.

# VI. Inland Transport Committee Working Party reporting segment

# 9. Working Party reports

## (a) Road transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the latest developments in the work carried out by the Group of Experts on the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (SC.1/GE.21). The Committee may wish to note that SC.1 mandated the ECE secretariat to sign an Administrative Arrangement for further extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The Committee is invited to consider extending the mandate of the Group of Experts on AETR until 30 June 2027.

The Committee will be updated on the progress of the Group's discussions to amend Articles 4 10, 22bis, and appendix 1B; create a new appendix 1C (smart tachograph) and a new appendix 4 (exchange of information). The Committee will also be **updated** on the matter of the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding for the period of 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2026, between ECE and European Commission Services on continuing activities envisaged in the MoU of 2009.

The Committee will be **informed** about the discussions of SC.1 on the matter of potentially opening the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) to accession by non-ECE Member States. The Committee will further be **informed** about the number of contracting parties to the CMR and its Protocols, including eCMR. The Committee will be **updated** on the outcomes of the work of the Group of Experts on the Operationalization of eCMR (SC.1/GE.22) which met two times following its new mandate. The Committee will also be **informed** about the discussions at the 118th session of SC.1 on safe and sustainable road infrastructure, in particular on the matter of road safety inspections and audits, and potential climate change mitigation initiatives. Finally, the Committee will be **informed** about the efforts to enhance cooperation among the organizations offering cross-border insurance of motor vehicles in cooperation with the other regional commissions.

## (b) Rail transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the seventy-eighth session of SC.2 (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/247).

The Committee may wish to **take note** of developments in relation to the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC). In addition, the Committee may wish to be updated on the work of the Group of Experts on Passenger Information in Stations and Hubs and the results of the work of the second session of the Revisions Committee on the Model Rules for the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock.

The Committee may wish to be **updated** on developments in Unified Railway Law. In particular, the opening for signature of the new Convention on the contract for international carriage of goods by rail as a first Convention of a system of Unified Railway Law Conventions, its current signatories and its steps towards entry into force.

The Committee may wish to **be informed** about developments in relation to the Model Rules on the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock.

The Committee will be **updated** on progress in relation to the other key areas addressed by the Working Party aimed at making rail transport more competitive and maximizing its sustainability.

# (c) Inland water transport

The Committee may wish to **take note** of the progress reached in SC.3 and its subsidiary body, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3), in 2024: (a) amendments to the fourth revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network, (b) amendment No. 2 to the sixth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), (c) amendment No. 6 to the second revision of resolution No. 61 "Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels" as resolution No. 108, and (d) updates to the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

The Committee will be **informed** about the revised road map "Forging international cooperation towards an international legislative basis for automation in inland navigation" (annex to resolution No. 95) for 2025–2028, adopted by SC.3 as resolution No. 109.

### (d) Road traffic safety

The Committee will be informed about recent developments in the work of WP.1, including the completed work on amendment proposals dealing with lighting and light-signalling devices (in order for the corresponding legal provisions to keep up with the technological progress); the ongoing discussions on "remote driving"; current endeavour to develop a "Framework of key principles for automated vehicle safety and human centred needs"; potential, substantive revisions to the provisions on driving permits; and WP.1 contribution to Agenda 2030.

The Committee will also be informed about the entry into force of the amendment to 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic (updating technical provisions on lighting and light-signalling) on 16 August 2024, and the principle agreement on comprehensive amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, the corresponding amendments to the European Agreement Supplementing the 1968 Convention and to the Protocol on Road Markings (additional to the European Agreement), as well as on the driving permits format.

Finally, the Committee will be informed about the progress of the Group of Experts on LIAV and will be invited to recall discussions, under agenda item 5(a) above.

# (e) Analytical work on transport

The Committee will be **informed** about the work of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) in 2024 (ECE/TRANS/2024/25). WP.5 serves as a think tank for ITC, leading policy discussions, analytical studies on cross-cutting issues relevant to ECE member

States, the Committee, its subsidiary bodies, and the legal and regulatory framework of inland transport.

In addition to other outputs, the Committee will be **briefed** on:

- The adoption of the final report of the Group of Experts on the Cycling Infrastructure Module (WP.5/GE.5) and the endorsement of an ECE Guide for Designating Cycle Route Networks.
- The WP.5 decision, at its last session, requesting the secretariat to actively explore the elaboration of a new convention on cycle route network.
- The outcomes of the workshop on "Integrating Inland Transport Emissions into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)," held during the thirty-seventh annual session of WP.5, in follow-up to the adoption of the ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions from Inland Transport at its eighty-sixth annual session.

Furthermore, the Committee will receive progress updates on:

- Ongoing efforts to operationalize transport corridors.
- The Geographic Information System (GIS)-based International Transport Infrastructure Observatory (ITIO), which serves as a comprehensive tool for transport infrastructure modelling, planning, financing, and forecasting climate change resilience.
- The work of the informal E-mobility task force, established under the auspices of WP.5 and co-administered by the ECE Sustainable Transport and Sustainable Energy sub-programmes, guiding and coordinating efforts related to electric vehicle development, charging infrastructure, and the integration of electric vehicles (EVs) into the broader electricity grid.
- The latest developments concerning the Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators (SITCIN) user platform.

Recalling the relevant decisions made by ITC at its last session and by WP.5 during its 2023 and 2024 annual sessions regarding the establishment (subject to budget availability) of a Coordination Committee for EATL Route No. 1, a resource requirement document (based on extrabudgetary resources) for the initial two years of the Coordination Committee's operation will be presented..

# Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2025/25, ECE/TRANS/2025/26, Informal document No. 6, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2024/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2024/5

#### (f) Transport statistics and data

The Committee will be **informed** of the latest activities on transport statistics, including the session of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) held in April 2024 and the consultation activities with member States aimed at streamlining the Common Questionnaire to increase response rates and better reflect the evolving transport sector.

The Committee may wish to be **updated** by the Chair on the new activities undertaken by the Working Party, including the revision of the Glossary for transport statistics and the commencement of work on measuring connectivity and accessibility.

The Committee will be **informed** about the recent Inland Transport Statistics for Europe and North America publication.

# (g) Transport of perishable foodstuffs

The Committee will be informed about the status of proposed amendments to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) adopted at the eightieth and eighty-first sessions of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) in 2023 and 2024 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/251, annex II and ECE/TRANS/WP.11/253).

The Committee may wish to **note** that the secretariat has published the 2023 version of the ATP Handbook as well as the 2024 edition of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP).

The Committee may also wish to **note** that the secretariat the number of contracting parties to the Agreement remains at fifty-two.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/251, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/253

### (h) Transport of dangerous goods

The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the Economic and Social Council met from 24 June to 3 July 2024 and from 25 November to 3 December 2024 (see reports ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/128 and Add.1, and [ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/130]). The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals met from 3 to 7 July 2024 and 4 to 6 December 2024 (see reports ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/92 and [ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/94]).

The Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals held its twelfth session on 6 December 2024, and considered the work of both Sub-Committees over the 2023–2024 biennium (see report [ST/SG/AC.10/52]). It adopted recommendations (ST/SG/AC.10/[52/Adds.1–3]) that will be reflected in publications to be prepared by the secretariat in 2025 (twenty-fourth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations; Amendment 1 to the eighth revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria; and eleventh revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals).

The Committee **will be informed** that IMO, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), as well as the ECE bodies dealing with land transport of dangerous goods, will begin work in 2025 on transposing the recommendations made by the ECOSOC Committee into their respective legal instruments, to ensure their simultaneous application for all modes of transport as of 1 January 2027.

The Committee may wish to note that the number of Contracting Parties to the Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) remains 54. The Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of the ADR, adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties on 28 October 1993, has not yet entered into force as not all contracting parties to ADR have become parties to it (40 contracting parties have done so to date). The Committee may wish to urge the remaining contracting parties (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Morocco, Nigeria, North Macedonia, San Marino, Tajikistan and Uganda) to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol to come into force.

The Committee may wish to note that the draft amendments to annexes A and B of the ADR adopted in 2022, 2023 and May 2024 for an intended entry into force on 1 January 2025, as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/265 and Corr.1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/265/Add.1 have been transmitted to the Secretary-General by the Government of France, and thereafter by the Secretary-General to the contracting parties for acceptance. They were deemed accepted on 1 October 2024 and will enter into force on 1 January 2025. The secretariat has published accordingly a new "2025" consolidated edition of ADR (ECE/TRANS/352, Vols. I and II).

The Committee may wish to note that this new edition of ADR already contains new provisions that allow the use of battery electric vehicles in vehicle category FL and the use of vehicles powered by hydrogen fuel cell and hydrogen powered vehicles as AT and FL vehicles. Future developments are expected to also allow the use of alternative energy sources for the transport of dangerous goods of Class 1 (Explosive substances and articles), in line

with the logic of the energy transition and the development of renewable energy sources (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/267 and [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/269]).

The Committee may wish to **note** that draft amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN adopted in 2022, 2024 and 2024, as reproduced in ECE/ADN/70, were deemed accepted on 1 October 2024 for entry into force on 1 January 2025. Other amendments adopted in August 2024, reproduced in ECE/ADN/70/Corr.1 and ECE/ADN/70/Add.1, have also been circulated for acceptance and entry into force on 1 January 2025. The secretariat is publishing accordingly a new 2025 consolidated edition of ADN (ECE/TRANS/351, Vols. I and II). The number of contracting parties to ADN remains at 18.

The Committee may wish to **note** that other draft amendments to ADR, RID and ADN have been adopted by the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, by the Working Party itself and by the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN, which are intended to enter into force on 1 January 2027 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/172 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/174).

#### **Documentation**

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/128 and Add.1, [ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/130], ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/92, [ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/94], [ST/SG/AC.10/52 and Adds.1–3], ECE/TRANS/WP.15/265 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/265/Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/172, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/174, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/267, [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/269], ECE/TRANS/352, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/88, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/90, ECE/ADN/70, ECE/ADN/70/Add.1, ECE/ADN/70/Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/351

## (i) Intermodal transport and logistics

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the sixty-seventh session of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/157). In particular, the Committee will be updated on further developments related to:

- the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC). Such concern (a) the amendments to the Agreement, and (b) the monitoring of the AGTC lines and related installations vis-à-vis their technical parameters in the AGTC inventory in the GIS environment, and
- the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to AGTC.

Following the adoption by the Committee at its eighty-third and eighty fifth sessions of the resolutions, respectively on strengthening intermodal freight transport and on facilitating the development of container transport on inland waterways, the Committee will be **apprised of** the progress made in the implementation of these resolutions.

The Committee will be further **apprised of** the preparation of the Handbook on Digitalization and Automation in Intermodal Freight Transport, the role of WP.24 in supporting the process of digitalization across modes, the advancement in setting up targets for intermodal transport and the WP.24 work on the implementation of the ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport.

The Committee will be also **informed** about the outcomes of the Joint Special meeting of WP.24 and SC.2 on the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/159-ECE/TRANS/SC.2/249).

# **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.24/157, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/159-ECE/TRANS/SC.2/249

# (j) Harmonization of vehicle regulations

The Committee will be **reported on** the most recent developments in the work carried out by WP.29 and its six subsidiary Working Parties (on Noise and Tyres (GRBP), on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE), on Pollution and Energy (GRPE), on General Safety Provisions (GRSG), on Passive Safety (GRSP) and on Automated and Connected Vehicles (GRVA)),

the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement, the Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement (ECE/TRANS/2025/27).

The Committee will **note** that around 30 informal groups worked during 2024 in parallel to WP.29 and to its subsidiary bodies to assist them in developing new vehicle regulations and updating the 172 existing United Nations Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement, 24 United Nations Global Technical Regulations (UN GTRs) associated with the 1998 Agreement and four United Nations Rules annexed to the 1997 Agreement with 132 amendments (including new regulatory provisions for the introduction of a new generation of braking systems for electric vehicles) and establishing six new United Nations Regulations.

The Committee may wish to **note** the number of contracting parties to the 1958 Agreement (61), to the 1998 Agreement (40) and to the 1997 Agreement (17) and **welcome** the accession of Albania to the 1998 Agreement.

The Committee may wish to be **informed** that work on vehicle safety as well as protection of vulnerable road users was complemented by the adoption in November 2024 of the four new United Nations Regulations on <u>Installation of safety-belts, restraint systems, child restraint systems, ISOFIX child restraint systems and i-Size child restraint systems, Safety Belt Reminder, Acceleration Control for Pedal Error (ACPE), and Field of Vision Assistant) as well as amendments to existing regulations such as Amendment 3 to UN GTR No. 9 (Pedestrian Safety).</u>

The Committee may wish to **endorse** the Guidelines and recommendations for Automated Driving System safety requirements, assessments and test methods to inform regulatory development, adopted in June 2024. The Committee may wish to endorse this document (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2024/39), forming the basis for rulemaking activities by GRVA in the field of Automated Driving Systems and may wish to be informed on the drafting activities since June 2024 for a global regulation on automated driving systems under the 1998 Agreement. The Committee may also wish to note that GRVA collected Artificial Intelligence relevant definitions and proposed principles, on the basis of which WP.29 adopted an initial reference document titled "Considerations on Artificial Intelligence in the context of road vehicles".

The Committee may wish to **note** that, in June 2024, an amendment to the United Nations Rule No. 1 (Protection of the Environment) of the 1997 Agreement had entered into force. It allows for the introduction of a more robust test procedure to measure exhaust particle emissions during periodic technical inspection tests for all diesel light-duty vehicles (passenger cars and vans) equipped with diesel particulate filters.

The Committee may wish to **note** that WP.29 initiated activities in line with the ITC Decarbonization Strategy adopted last year and drafted amendments to its programme of work for 2025 for implementation of the relevant actions.

Finally, the Committee may wish to be **informed** about the status of establishing the type-approval database DETA<sup>1</sup>, which is currently hosted by Germany.

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ECE/TRANS/2025/27, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2024/39

# (k) Strengthening border crossing facilitation (TIR Convention, eTIR project, Harmonization Convention and other cross-border and customs transit facilitation measures)

The Committee will be informed about the main outcomes of the 165th, 166th and 167th sessions of WP.30 (ECE/TRANS/330, ECE/TRANS/332, ECE/TRANS/334) and will be invited to take note of the activities of the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) in 2024. In addition, the Committee will be invited to take note of:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Database for the Exchange of vehicle Type Approvals (DETA).

- (a) The outcomes of the sixth and seventh sessions of the Technical Implementation Body (TIB) (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/12, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/14 as well as information on the outcomes of the eighth session;
- (b) Activities of the secretariat, including workshops and special events to promote accession to the TIR Convention, as well as to inform and support customs authorities on eTIR;
  - (c) The twelfth revised edition of the TIR Handbook;
- (d) Latest developments in the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982;
- (e) Follow-up actions taken by WP.30 in 2024 to align its work with the ITC Strategy until 2030, including the development of a new strategy of the Working Party and the change of the name of the Working Party to that end;
- (f) The work underway by the Working Party to contribute to the Inland Transport Committee's Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport.

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# (l) Draft Annual Report of activities undertaken by the Committee's subsidiary bodies in 2024

The Committee will be **presented** with a comprehensive report of activities undertaken by the Committee's subsidiary bodies during 2024, in administering the 61 United Nations legal instruments which shape the international legal framework for road, rail, inland waterway, intermodal transport, dangerous goods transport and vehicle construction (ECE/TRANS/2025/29). The focus is on the impacts of the work of the Working Parties and contribution to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Committee is invited to **discuss** the annual report and to **provide guidance** on improving the visibility and awareness of the results, noting that the annual report would benefit greatly from substantive feedback from contracting parties on the impacts of the Committee's work especially in the national context.

### **Documentation**

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# 10. Approval of the reports of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

The Committee may wish to approve as a whole the reports and related activities of its subsidiary bodies and request the secretariat to incorporate related references in the complete ITC report on the basis of the respective annotations contained in this document.

### **Documentation**

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ECE/TRANS/WP.1/187:
                      ECE/TRANS/WP.1/189:
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ECE/TRANS/WP.5/76:
                      ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/52: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/54:
ECE/TRNAS/WP.5/GE.5/9;
                         ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/11;
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ECE/TRANS/WP.11/253;
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             ECE/TRANS/WP.24/149/Corr.1;
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ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1179; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1181; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/106;
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ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/91;
                                              ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/77;
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# VII. Partnerships and activities of other organizations and programmes/projects of interest to the Committee

# 11. Strategic Partners Segment

# (a) Transport developments in the European Union

The Committee will be informed by a representative from the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission about the most important legislative and policy initiatives in transport undertaken by the European Union in 2024.

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# (b) Developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum

The Committee will be **informed** by a representative of the International Transport Forum about the latest developments in the work of the Forum.

# (c) Dialogue with United Nations Regional Commissions on ongoing activities related to inland transport

The Committee will **invite** representatives of the other United Nations Regional Commissions to share information and discuss ongoing activities of inland transport in their regions.

## (d) United Nations Road Safety Fund

The Committee will be **informed** about the latest activities and future plans of the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) as they relate to resource mobilization, partnerships and projects (ECE/TRANS/2025/31).

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ECE/TRANS/2025/31

# (e) Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety

The Committee will be **informed** about the main developments in the activities of the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety and areas of cooperation with the Committee (ECE/TRANS/2025/32).

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ECE/TRANS/2025/32

# (f) Activities of other organizations, specialized agencies and programmes/projects of interest to the Committee

The Committee may wish to be informed by representatives from other organizations and specialized agencies about their recent activities of interest to the Committee.

# (g) Activities of other areas of interest to the Committee

The Committee may wish to be **informed** by representatives of other organizations about their recent activities of interest to the Committee.

# VIII. Miscellaneous

# 12. Any other business. Dates of next session

The Committee may wish to note that its eighty-eighth session is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva from 24 to 27 February 2026.

# IX. List of decisions

# 13. Adoption of the list of main decisions of the eighty-seventh session

The Committee may wish to **note** that the adoption of the report of the eighty-seventh session will be limited to a list of main decisions. The complete report of the Committee will be circulated at a later stage.

The Committee will **adopt** the list of main decisions of the eighty-seventh session (ECE/TRANS/2025/R.1).

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ECE/TRANS/2025/R.1

# X. Tentative timetable

Tentative timetable of the eighty-seventh plenary session of ITC:

	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Items 1 and 2
Tuesday, 11 February	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Item 2 (cont'd)
	10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Item 3 (restricted session)
Wednesday, 12 February	11.30 a.m – 12.30 p.m.	Items 4 and 5
	12.30 – 1 p.m.	Item 6
	3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Items 7 and 8
	4.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Item 9
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Item 9 (cont'd)
Thursday, 13 February	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Items 9 (cont'd) to 12
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Item 13
Friday, 14 February	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	(Consultations)

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