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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated Provisional Agenda for the eighty-eighth session

#### Revised addendum

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 February 2026.

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

##### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/375 and Add.1

#### I. ITC meeting for Government Delegates only – with the Participation of the Chairs of the Committee's Subsidiary Bodies

#### 2. Meeting on the implementation of the Committee's Strategies and a strategic discussion on the future of the Inland Transport Committee within the broader United Nations reform for Government Delegates only with the Participation of the Chairs of the Committee's Subsidiary Bodies

The Committee will be invited to review progress in the implementation of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) Strategy until 2030 (ECE/TRANS/2026/1). The Committee will further be invited to hold a strategic exchange on the Committee's future role within the United Nations reform processes, involving its institutional and financial architecture (ECE/TRANS/2026/R.3, ECE/TRANS/2026/3). The meeting will also provide a platform for Chairs of subsidiary bodies to share insights on implementation challenges and opportunities.



**Documentation**ECE/TRANS/2026/1,  
ECE/TRANS/2026/3

ECE/TRANS/2026/R.2,

ECE/TRANS/2026/R.3,

**II. High-level segment****3. Driving Innovation for the Future of Inland Transport**

Building on recommendations by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and Bureau debates, the general theme of the policy segment will be on Driving Innovation for the Future of Inland Transport. The high-level segment will focus on the transformative impact of innovation, automation and artificial intelligence on inland transport systems, and on how governments and international institutions can guide this change safely, sustainably and inclusively. The discussion will highlight interoperability, safety, regulatory readiness, and the role of international cooperation through ITC and its subsidiary bodies. Panels will address: (a) Innovation and Automation in Inland Transport; (b) Connectivity, Mobility and Trade; and (c) Infrastructure, Data and Digitalization. The Committee may wish to consider the adoption of a Ministerial Declaration on Driving Innovation for the Future of Inland Transport, reaffirming ITC's role as the United Nations platform for inland transport in addressing emerging technological and regulatory challenges.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/4, ECE/TRANS/2026/5

**III. Strategic decisions on overarching issues****4. Strategic decisions on overarching 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, the General Assembly, and other United Nations bodies, including developments under the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport and the outcomes of the seventy-first session of the Commission. The Committee may wish to provide guidance on ITC's contribution to United Nations system-wide follow-up and participation in global policy processes related to transport, climate and sustainable development.

**5. Inland Transport Committee Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport**

The Committee will be updated on progress in the implementation of the ITC Decarbonization Strategy, including actions by subsidiary bodies and coordination with international partners (ECE/TRANS/2026/6). The Committee may wish to consider and endorse possible adjustments to the Strategy's initial Action Plan and provide guidance on scaling up resources and partnerships in this area.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/6

## 6. Technical cooperation activities

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

The Committee may wish to take note of activities in the field of technical assistance to the member States in line with the ITC Capacity development Plan (ECE/TRANS/2026/7). In particular on the finalization of United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund (UNRSF)-financed project Better Road Safety System based on in-depth analysis of road accidents in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia.

The Committee will be invited **to express its appreciation** for the in-kind support provided by the Swedish Transport Administration for the implementation of the project and **support** the publication of the project deliverables to facilitate their dissemination and thus strengthen their impact in relevant countries.

The Committee will be invited **to express its appreciation** for the continuous financial support provided through the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation (RPTC), Sect. 23 for the implementation of capacity development projects.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2026/7

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

The Committee will be informed about the recent developments in the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) and the Trans-European Railway (TER) projects. The Committee may wish to note that TEM Backbone Network Report 2024 has been prepared (Informal document No. 1).

The Committee may wish to thank Serbia for the extension of the TER Project Host Country Agreement, and Croatia for offering the TEM project manager.

The Committee may wish to support the activities carried out in the two projects and express its opinion on the future directions as considered in Informal document No. 1.

#### Documentation

Informal document No. 1

### (c) Continued support to landlocked countries

The secretariat will brief the Committee on the outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3), which took place from 5 to 8 August 2025 in Awaza, Turkmenistan. The secretariat will also outline the next steps by the ECE Sustainable Transport Division in support of the Awaza Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) for the Decade 2024–2034.

## IV. Results and programmatic issues of the Inland Transport Committee's Working Parties and other subsidiary bodies

## 7. 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) and about a new Contracting Party to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). The Committee is invited to consider extending the mandate of SC.1/GE.21 until 30 June 2027. The Committee will recall that, in October 2024,

SC.1 had mandated the ECE secretariat to sign a new Administrative Arrangement between ECE and European Commission Services for further extension of the 2009 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The Committee will be informed that the new Administrative Arrangement was signed in June 2025, for the period of 1 June 2025 to 31 May 2026, on continuing activities envisaged in the MoU. The Committee will be updated on the progress of the Group's discussions on various amendment proposals to AETR, including creating new appendices 1C, 4 and 5.

The Committee will be informed about a milestone achieved as it concerns the operationalization of eCMR and the adoption by the Working Party of the final report of the of the Group of Experts on the Operationalization of eCMR (SC.1/GE.22) that includes the conceptual and functional specifications of future eCMR applications (ECE/TRANS/2026/8). The Committee is invited to **endorse** those specifications and the recommendations of the Group:

(a) The Committee endorses the final report with the aim to further disseminate to all interested parties, Governmental and Non-Governmental, and encourage them to use those specifications while developing eCMR applications;

(b) The proposed conceptual and functional specifications prepared by the Group and adopted by SC.1 and the revised UN/CEFACT eCMR data standards (work is ongoing) will be made available as United Nations public goods, ensuring that they remain non-obligatory but widely accessible;

(c) Governments are invited to encourage anyone wishing to develop an eCMR application to use these United Nations public goods while — if possible — designating a body responsible for certifying applications based on these recommended specifications / standards;

(d) The recommended conceptual and functional specifications will remain dynamic, with future amendments considered within SC.1 discussions. Informal online meetings with private and public stakeholders may be convened as necessary.

The Committee may also wish to **adopt** the revised Terms of Reference (TOR) and Rules of Procedure (ROP) of SC.1, as contained in annex I of ECE/TRANS/2026/12 and adopted during SC.1's 120th session, aligning them with the revised ITC TOR and ROP while respecting the current working conducts of SC.1.

Furthermore, the Committee will **take note** of SC.1's work done on other important topics of its program of work such as the opening of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) to accession by non-ECE member States, the close cooperation with the TEM project on road safety audits and road safety inspections as well as the work on workshops related to cross-border insurance of motor vehicles in cooperation with the other regional commissions.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/424

**(b) Rail transport**

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the seventy-ninth session of SC.2 (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/253) and the Special Session of SC.2 on the Digital Automated Coupler (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/251).

The Committee may wish to be **updated** on developments in Unified Railway Law discussed during the seventy-ninth session of SC.2.

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.

The Committee may wish to **be informed** about developments in relation to the Model Rules on the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock and the results of the work of the third session of the Revisions Committee of the Model Rules.

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.

The Committee may wish to endorse the establishment of the Team of Specialists on the Operationalisation of the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Rail (URL1) and adopt its terms of reference as contained in annex V of ECE/TRANS/2026/12.

**(c) Inland water transport**

The Committee will be **informed** about the results of the sixty-ninth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/225).

The Committee may wish to **consider adopting** a resolution in support of river-sea transport in Europe preliminarily approved by SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/2026/9).

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 2025: (a) amendments to the fourth revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network, (b) amendment No. 3 to the sixth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), (c) amendments to the European Code for Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways, (d) amendment No. 7 to the second revision of resolution No. 61 Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels as resolution No. 111, and (e) the fifth revision of resolution No. 40 International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft and updates to the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

The Committee will be **informed** about progress in the implementation of the road map Forging International Cooperation Towards an International Legislative Basis for Automation in Inland Navigation (annex to resolution No. 95) for 2025–2028, in particular, adoption of the international definitions of automation levels as resolution No. 112.

The Committee will be **updated** on progress in other key topics of sustainability of inland water transport made by the Working Party.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/9

**(d) Road traffic safety**

The Committee will be **informed** about recent developments in the work carried out by the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1). This includes the recent Special Session held in Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) at Bangkok premises, 2–5 June 2025 and the list of decisions that arose from that session. The Committee may wish to be informed that WP.1 endorsed the list of decisions as amended in Informal document-WP.1-91-02/Rev.1 at its September 2025 session.

The Committee will also be **informed** about the proposal to plan to meet with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and with regional road safety regulatory authorities to promote ECE Road Safety Policies, safe mobility and other road safety enhancements to counter high fatalities. WP.1 invited the Chair to explore the possibility of holding the session at the same time of other working parties in November 2026 in Santiago de Chile, so to facilitate further synergies and wider participation from delegations and stakeholders.

The Committee is **invited** to consider endorsing a Special Session of WP.1 and WP.29 in November 2026 in Santiago de Chile.

The Committee will be **informed** about the establishment of the informal working group for the Safe Use of Automated Driving Systems in Traffic (IWG on SUAT), which has reported to WP.1 on its progress in addressing the Inland Transport Committee's requests in its Decision 16 of its eighty-seventh session. The co-chairs from Japan, Switzerland and the United States of America and WP.1 approved the TORs of the group.

The Committee may wish to be updated by the Chair on the ongoing efforts to finalise the Terms of Reference of WP.1.

**(e) Transport trends and economics**

The Committee will be informed about the work of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) in 2025 (ECE/TRANS/2026/10). WP.5 serves as a think tank for the ITC, leading policy discussions and analytical work 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 following active work streams:

(a) Infrastructure coordination and corridor development:

- Progress in WP.5 corridor coordination mechanisms, including activities under the Trans-Caspian, Almaty–Tehran–Istanbul, and EATL Route No. 1 Corridors, linking inland transport networks across Europe and Asia.

(b) Data and analytical tools for transport planning:

- Progress on the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory (ITIO-GIS.org), a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based platform providing a comprehensive overview of multimodal transport networks to support data-driven decision-making and investment planning.

(c) Sustainable transport policies and technological transition:

- Development of a practical template to help countries integrate inland transport measures into their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in support of national climate commitments and sustainable transport objectives;
- Work of the E-Mobility Task Force, co-led with the Sustainable Energy Division, supporting the shift to electric mobility and addressing linkages between vehicles, charging infrastructure, and energy systems.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/10

**(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 July 2025 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 other 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 Road Safety Statistics publication and the 2025 Censuses.

**(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 will also be **informed** about the outcome of the eighty-second session of WP.11 held on 28–31 October 2025. The Committee may wish to note that during the session, the rules of procedure of WP.11 were revised to align them as closely as possible with those of ECE and the ITC. The Committee is invited to adopt the revised terms of reference, as contained in Annex II of ECE/TRANS/2026/12.

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

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/251, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/253, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/255.

**(h) Transport of dangerous goods**

The Committee may wish to note that the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution E/RES/2025/21 on 29 July 2025, on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Informal document No. 2) and that WP.15, WP.15/AC.1 and WP.15/AC.2 have already taken or are taking action as required in operative paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of section A of the resolution. The Committee may also wish to note that, pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of section A and paragraph 3 of section B, the secretariat has already published the twenty-fourth revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (in English, French and Spanish), Amendment 1 to the eighth revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria (in English, French and Spanish) and the eleventh revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (in English, French and Spanish). The Committee may wish to note that the Division of Conference Management (DCM) placed other language versions on hold due to funding shortfalls, capacity constraints, and prioritization decisions related to cash conservation measures implemented in response to the ongoing financial crisis.

The Committee may wish to note that the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the Economic and Social Council met from 30 June to 4 July 2025 (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/132) and from 24 November to 3 December 2025 (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/134). The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) met from 7 to 9 July 2025 (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/96). The GHS Sub-Committee initially scheduled to be held from 3 to 5 December 2025 was postponed to 8–10 July 2026, due to staff shortage in the Dangerous Goods section as a result of the UN liquidity crisis.

The Committee may wish to note that, with the accession of Kyrgyzstan (18 July 2025) the number of contracting parties to the Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) is 55. 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, Kyrgyzstan, 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 WP.15 endorsed the common amendments to the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), ADR and the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (WP.15/AC.1) during the biennium; adopted amendments specific to ADR, e.g. on the construction and equipment of vehicles and tank-vehicles for the carriage of dangerous goods; requested the secretariat to prepare a consolidated list of all the amendments which it had adopted so that they could be made the subject of an official proposal in accordance with the procedure set out in article 14 of ADR. All these amendments should come into force on 1 January 2027.

The Committee may wish to endorse the request by WP.15 that the consolidated text of ADR, as it would be amended on 1 January 2027, be published by the secretariat sufficiently in advance to prepare for its effective implementation before the entry into force of the amendments in question.

The Committee may also wish to note that the number of contracting parties to ADN remained 18.

The Committee may wish to note that WP.15/AC.2 has adopted a wide range of new provisions concerning the carriage of dangerous goods in inland navigation vessels and will meet again from 26 to 30 January 2026 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/95 and Add.1).

The ADN Administrative Committee held its thirty-fourth session on 29 August 2025 and should have met again on 30 January 2026 (ECE/ADN/76 and Add.1), mainly to adopt all draft amendments prepared by WP.15/AC.2 in 2025 and January 2026, i.e. the set of amendments that should enter into force on 1 January 2027 and that would ensure harmonization of ADN with ADR and RID.

The Committee may wish to acknowledge the importance of the work of the Sub-Committee on the Transport of Dangerous and WP.15, WP.15/AC.1 and WP.15/AC.2 within the framework of energy transition and innovative technologies. This includes the development and improvement of provisions for the transport of hazardous waste, for the use of recycled plastics in packaging for dangerous goods, for the carriage of batteries during their whole life cycle and for the use of battery electric vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles for the transport of dangerous goods.

#### **Documentation**

Informal document No. 2, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/132, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/134, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/96, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/271, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/273, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/176 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/178 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/94, ECE/ADN/76

#### **(i) Intermodal transport and logistics**

The Committee will be informed about the results of the sixty-eighth session of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/161) and the joint ILO-IMO-ECE Group of Expert for Finalization of Modifications and Restructuring to the Code of Practice for the Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code).

The Committee may wish to take note of recent developments related to: (a) the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC), including (i) amendments to the AGTC, (ii) the monitoring of AGTC lines and related installations against the technical parameters set out in the AGTC inventory within the Geographical Information System (GIS) environment, and (iii) the consideration of incorporating resilience provisions into the AGTC network; and (b) the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the AGTC, particularly regarding its further development.

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.

#### **(j) Harmonization of vehicle regulations**

The Committee will be briefed on the most recent developments in the work carried out by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (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.

The Committee is invited to welcome the accession of Uzbekistan to the 1958 Agreement and will note the number of Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement (62), to the 1998 Agreement (40) and to the 1997 Agreement (17).

The Committee will note that around 25 informal groups worked during 2025 in parallel to WP.29 and to its subsidiary bodies to assist them in developing new vehicle regulations and updating the 176 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 131 amendments and establishing two new United Nations Regulations and one new UN GTR.

The Committee will take note that in 2025 the four new United Nations Regulations aimed at vehicle safety and protection of vulnerable road users entered into force, namely 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.

In addition, in 2025 two new United Nations Regulations were adopted: on Emergency Lane Keeping System and Determination of system power of hybrid electric vehicles and of pure electric vehicles having more than one electric machine for propulsion, as well as a new UN GTR on In-vehicle Battery Durability for Electrified Heavy-Duty Vehicles.

The Committee will be briefed on the activities of WP.29 on artificial intelligence and about the establishment of a dedicated informal working group.

The Committee will be invited to consider a proposal to organize a WP.29 session in November 2026 at the ECLAC premises in Santiago (Chile). The Committee will be informed of the outcome of GRVA activities during the Road Safety Week, co-organized with ESCAP in Bangkok in June 2025, and the benefits of joint initiatives with WP.1 and UNRSF.

The Committee will be invited to consider endorsing a special session of GRVA in May 2026 in Canada, as announced at the eighty-seventh ITC session.

**(k) Customs questions affecting transport including border crossing facilitation**

The Committee will be informed about the main outcomes of the 168th, 169th and 170th sessions of the Global Forum on Customs Questions Affecting Transport including Border Crossing Facilitation (WP.30) and will be invited to take note of the activities of the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2), the TIR Technical Implementation Body (TIB) and of the Administrative Committee to the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (AC.3), in 2025. The Committee will be invited to note that WP.30 maintained its focus toward modernization, interoperability, and sustainability in customs transit and border crossing facilitation. A key priority remained the further development and implementation of eTIR. In 2025, a key milestone was achieved with the release of the eTIR National Application as an open-source software project on the United Nations GitLab repository, enabling a rapid and seamless implementation of the eTIR procedure. The Committee will be invited to welcome this development and to invite Contracting Parties to consider availing themselves of the tool to accelerate implementation of a fully computerized TIR procedure. The Committee will also be apprised of the progress made towards the digitalization of the Carnet de Passage en Douane and the work towards developing a high-level architecture for a future digital eCPD system, reflecting the full life cycle of the Carnet for the Temporary Admission of Goods (CPD), accommodating the diversity of stakeholder roles, and supporting the procedures for the temporary importation of both private and commercial vehicles in a secure and interoperable digital environment.

The Committee will be invited to take note of discussions on expanding interpretative guidance for selected provisions of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, to improve legal clarity, operational consistency across Contracting Parties and to enhance the Convention's utility as a framework for peer learning and policy coordination, particularly in areas such as infrastructure design, multimodal transport facilitation, and digitalization.

Finally, the Committee will be informed about the work of the Global Forum to strengthen the role of efficient border procedures in reducing emissions and improving the environmental performance of inland transport systems. The Committee will be invited to take note of and welcome document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2025/2, containing the input of the Global Forum to the Inland Transport Committee strategy on reducing Green House Gas emissions from inland transport. The Committee, in particular, will be invited to consider the three proposed actions contained in this document for inclusion in the ITC action plan.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2025/2

**(l) Draft Annual Report of activities undertaken by the Committee's subsidiary bodies in 2025**

The Committee will be informed about the main results achieved by its subsidiary bodies in 2025.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/11

**8. Approval of the reports of the Committee's subsidiary bodies**

The Committee will be invited to approve the reports of its subsidiary bodies and endorse the decisions contained therein, taking into account relevant horizontal linkages and coordination needs.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/191; ECE/TRANS/WP.1/S/171; ECE/TRANS/WP.1/193;  
ECE/TRANS/WP.5/78; ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/56; ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/58;  
ECE/TRANS/WP.6/189; ECE/TRANS/WP.11/255; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/271;  
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ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/178/Add.1; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/92;  
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/94; ECE/TRANS/WP.24/161; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1184;  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1186; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1188; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRVA/21;  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRVA/22; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRVA/23;  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/77; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/78;  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/92 and ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/92/Add.1-Add.8;  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/93; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/92 and  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/92/Corr.1; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/93;  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/108; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/109;  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/79; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/80; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/336;  
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/338; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/340; ; ECE/TRANS/SC.1/424;  
ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/80; ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/82; ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/16;  
ECE/TRANS/SC.2/251; ECE/TRANS/SC.2/253; ECE/TRANS/SC.2/RC.1/2025/2;  
ECE/TRANS/SC.2/INFO/2025/2; ECE/TRANS/SC.2/INFO/2025/5;  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/224; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/132; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/134

**V. Other programmatic and governance issues**

**9. Governance issues and business critical decisions for the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies**

**(a) Decisions on the structure of the Committee**

The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt decisions on the structure of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, including any proposals to establish or extend mandates of these bodies. In this regard, the Committee is requested to:

- **Adopt** the revised Terms of Reference (TOR) and Rules of Procedure (ROP) of SC.1, as contained in Annexes I and II of ECE/TRANS/2026/12;
- **Adopt** the revised Rules of Procedure (ROP) of WP.11, as contained in Annex III of ECE/TRANS/2026/12;
- **Endorse** the establishment of the Technical Body on Inland Transport Climate Resilience and adopt its terms of reference, as contained in Annex IV of ECE/TRANS/2026/12;
- **Endorse** the establishment of a Group of Experts on the Development of a Cycle Route Network Convention and adopt its terms of reference, as contained in Annex V of ECE/TRANS/2026/12;
- **Endorse** the establishment of a Team of Specialists on the Operationalisation of the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Rail (URL1) and **adopt** its terms of reference, as contained in Annex VI of ECE/TRANS/2026/12;
- **Endorse** the establishment of a Technical Body to Review Tiers 2-4 of the IMO/ILO/ECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code) and **adopt** its terms of reference, as contained in Annex VII of ECE/TRANS/2026/12.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/12

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

The Committee will **consider** document ECE/TRANS/2026/12 containing the results of the meetings held by the ITC Bureau in 2025.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/13

**10. Programmatic issues**

**(a) Programme of Work for 2026**

The draft programme of work for 2026 is based on the programme plan of the subprogramme for 2026, which was adopted by the eightieth session of the United Nations General Assembly in December 2025 as part of the ECE proposed programme budget for 2026. The Committee is **invited to take note** of the programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for 2026 as adopted by the Fifth Committee (A/80/6 (Sect.20)).

The Committee will also have the opportunity to be updated about the ongoing evaluation of the transport subprogramme focusing on the implementation of the ITC 2030 Strategy and possible findings and recommendations.

**Documentation**

A/80/6 (Sect.20)

**(b) Programme Plan for 2027 and Outline of the Programme of Work for 2028**

The Committee will be invited to review and comment on the Programme Plan for 2027 review and formally adopt the outline of the Programme of Work for 2028 (ECE/TRANS/2026/14).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/14

**(c) Strategic framework**

Furthermore, the Committee is invited to consider the proposed multi-year Strategic Results Framework for the Transport subprogramme (Informal document No. 3).

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 3

**(d) List of Publications for 2027**

The Committee is invited to **consider, support and endorse** the list of publications contained in ECE/TRANS/2026/15.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/15

**(e) Schedule of meetings in 2026**

A preliminary list of meetings has been circulated for consideration and adoption by the Committee, based on proposals from the Committee's subsidiary bodies.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/16

**11. Election of officers and composition of the Inland Transport Committee Bureau for the Committee sessions in 2027 and 2028**

The Committee is expected to **elect** its officers for its sessions in 2027 and 2028.

The Committee may also wish to **decide** on the composition of its Bureau for its sessions in 2027 and 2028.

**VI. Cross-sectoral issues**

**12. 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 may wish to **take note** of ECE/TRANS/2026/17 on the status of accessions to United Nations legal instruments on inland transport under the Committee's purview as of December 2025.

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.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/17

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

The Committee may wish to **consider** ECE/TRANS/2026/18 and Informal document No. 4 which contain an overview of challenges and emerging trends of inland transport in different regions.

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.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/18, Informal document No. 4

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

The Committee will be **apprised** of the activities of the Committee's subsidiary bodies on information and computerization technologies, especially those related to the newly adopted United Nations Global Digital Compact and the United Nations GitLab repository on United Nations open source applications 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 **welcome** the progress made in implementing eTIR; **call for** further accelerated actions towards full implementation of eTIR in all Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention and **to encourage** further progress towards the computerization of CPD.

The Committee will also receive a short overview of the activities carried out by its subsidiary bodies on intelligent transport systems, in line with the decision taken during its February 2025 session.

**(d) Inland Transport Committee acting on climate change adaptation**

The Committee will be presented the report Towards Climate Resilient Transport Systems prepared by the Group of Experts on the Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Inland Transport.

**(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-third session (22–24 October 2025) (ECE/AC.21/SC/2025/2), in particular the activities of THE PEP in 2025.

The Committee may wish to be informed about the implementation of THE PEP Strategy. 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 and THE PEP Strategy.

### **13. 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 2025.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/19

**(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/2026/20).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/20

**(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/2026/21).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/21

**(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.

## **VII. Miscellaneous**

**14. Any other business. Dates of next session.**

The Committee may wish to note that its eighty-nineth session is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva from 23 to 26 February 2027.

## **VIII. List of decisions**

**15. Adoption of the list of main decisions of the eighty-eighth session**

The Committee may wish to **note** that the adoption of the report of the eighty-eighth 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-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/2026/R.1).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2026/R.1

## **IX. Tentative timetable**

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

Tuesday, 17 February	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Items 1 and 2 (restricted session)
	3 p.m.–6 p.m.	Item 2 (consultations)
Wednesday, 18 February	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 3
	3 p.m.–6 p.m.	Item 3 (cont'd)
Thursday, 19 February	10 a.m.–11 a.m.	Items 4 and 5

	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 6
	3 p.m.–6 p.m.	Item 6 (cont'd)–7
Friday, 20 February	10 a.m.–11 a.m.	Items 8–10
	11 a.m.–12 p.m.	Items 11–12
	12 p.m.–1 p.m.	Items 13–14
	3 p.m.–6 p.m.	Item 15

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