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Working Party on Road Traffic Safety
(Forty-fifth session, 27-30 September 2004)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-FIFTH SESSION *

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 27 September 2004

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| 1. | Adoption of the agenda | TRANS/WP.1/95 |
| 2. | Adoption of the report of the forty-fourth session | TRANS/WP.1/94 |
| 3. | Adoption of terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1 | TRANS/WP.1/2004/8 |
| 4. | Amendments to and implementation of the 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and the 1971 European Agreements supplementing them | TRANS/WP.1/2003/1/Rev.4
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TRANS/WP.1/2003/3/Rev.4
TRANS/WP.1/2003/4/Rev.4
TRANS/WP.1/2003/5/Rev.4 |
| 5. | Revision of the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic (R.E.1) and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2) | TRANS/SC.1/294/Rev.5
TRANS/SC.1/295/Rev.3 |

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R.E.1

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| (a) | Safety in tunnels | TRANS/WP.1/2002/28
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| (b) | Roadside checks | TRANS/WP.1/2004/14 |
| (c) | Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs
and medication | Informal documents |
| (d) | Improving motorcycle and moped safety | TRANS/WP.1/2004/6/Rev.1
TRANS/WP.1/2004/9 |
| (e) | Increasing seat belt usage | TRANS/WP.1/2004/7/Rev.1 |
| (f) | Overtaking | |
| (g) | Pedestrian rules and signs | TRANS/WP.1/2004/12 |
| (h) | 1949 driving permits | TRANS/WP.1/2004/1 |
| (j) | Restructuring of Consolidated Resolution R.E.1 | TRANS/WP.1/2004/2
TRANS/WP.1/2004/10 |

R.E.2

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| (k) | Variable message signs | TRANS/WP.1/2004/13 |
| (l) | New signs for fuelling stations selling
sulphur-free fuel and compressed natural gas | TRANS/WP.1/2004/3
TRANS/WP.1/2004/4
TRANS/WP.1/2004/16 |
| 6. | Future role of the Working Party
<i>This point will be dealt with on 29 September in the morning</i> | TRANS/WP.1/2004/11 |
| 7. | Evaluation of the Fourth Road Safety Week
in the ECE Region and follow up to the
Seminar on Aggressive Driving | TRANS/WP.1/2004/15 |
| 8. | Collection and dissemination of information | TRANS/WP.1/80/Rev.3
Informal document |
| 9. | Election of officers of the Working Party | |
| 10. | Other business | |
| 11. | Adoption of decisions | |

EXPLANATORY NOTES ¹

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FORTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY

The Working Party is invited to adopt the report on its forty-fourth session which was prepared after the session by the secretariat in cooperation with the Chairman of WP.1.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

The WP.1 has, since 1998, the year when it became a subsidiary body of the ITC and no longer of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1), been without an official mandate since formerly that which was applicable to it was SC.1 Resolution No. 22 of 1 March 1950. This mandate had also become completely obsolete in light of the multiple evolutions which WP. 1 has undergone since its creation.

Therefore, in order to fill the gaps and thereby give WP.1 the tools to work on a solid legal footing, draft terms of reference and rules of procedure for the Working Party (TRANS/WP.1/2004/8) have been drafted by the secretariat in light also of decisions made by the Inland Transport Committee in Resolution No. 253 (ECE/TRANS/156, Annex 2), orientations given by the Bureau at its June meeting and the new coordination role given by General Assembly Resolution 58/289. This draft is submitted to the Working Party for discussion and possible adoption (TRANS/WP.1/2004/8).

4. AMENDMENTS TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1968 CONVENTIONS ON ROAD TRAFFIC AND ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS AND THE 1971 EUROPEAN AGREEMENTS SUPPLEMENTING THEM

The Working Party will be informed about the transmission of the amendment proposals to the UN Secretary-General undertaken by the Russian Federation and about the likely time limits for their entry into force.

The final texts of the amendment proposals are contained in documents TRANS/WP.1/2003/1-5/Rev.4.

¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are kindly requested to bring to the meeting copies of the documents received by mail prior to the meeting or downloaded from the Internet.

5. REVISION OF THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTIONS R.E.1 AND R.E.2

Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

(a) Safety in tunnels

At its forty-fourth session, the Working Party took note of an Informal document in English and French in the form of a table showing the follow-up given to the recommendations on safety in tunnels by different ITC subsidiary bodies including WP.1 and requested the small group (France, Norway, Switzerland, European Commission, IRU, PRI, secretariat under the chairmanship of Switzerland) which had elaborated document TRANS/WP.1/2002/28 to prepare a draft of the remaining items to be inserted in R.E.1. The draft is contained in an informal document.

The Working Party will also be informed about the results of discussions of an Informal working group of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) held in May 2004 on the transport of dangerous goods through tunnels.

(b) Roadside checks

At its forty-fourth session, the Working Party examined an Informal document prepared by the small group (France, Switzerland, PRI, secretariat, under the chairmanship of Switzerland). The Working Party invited the small group to complete the proposal on certain points in order to also take into account means and devices (for example, visual devices which give information on the speed being driven, or road markings) which allow motorists to better control their own driving behaviour, and on educative and preventive aspects of obtaining better respect for traffic rules. The Working Party also considered that roadside checks should also be viewed in the broader framework of checks/sanctions/rehabilitation. In this respect, the document should also take into account the conclusions of the Seminar of 5 April 2004 on Aggressive Behaviour on the Road.

The revised proposal prepared by the small group is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2004/14.

(c) Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and medication

At its forty-fourth session, the Working Party considered an Informal document prepared by the small group made up of Finland, Italy, Romania, United States and WHO, under the chairmanship of Italy. It requested the small group, based on comments made, to prepare a more detailed proposal for consideration at its forty-fifth session.

The proposal will be contained in an Informal document.

(d) Improving motorcycle and moped safety

At its forty-fourth session, the Working Party examined the draft questionnaire on improving motorcyclist safety prepared by the small group comprised of United States, FEMA, FIM, IMMA under the chairmanship of the United States. The Working Party proposed that the

questionnaire be completed on certain points, that a separate questionnaire on mopeds be created and that the secretariat transmit both questionnaires to Ministries of Transport throughout the world.

However, on account of the considerable number of changes made to the initial drafts, the Chairman of the small group proposes that the questionnaires be reexamined by WP.1 before being sent out.

The final text of these questionnaires is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2004/6/Rev.1 and TRANS/WP.1/2004/9.

(e) Increasing seat-belt usage

At its forty-fourth session, the Working Party considered a questionnaire prepared by the small group on increasing seat-belt usage (Spain, United Kingdom, United States and the FIA Foundation under the chairmanship of the United States). It requested the small group to prepare a final version for approval at its forty-fifth session.

The final draft questionnaire for approval by the Working Party is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2004/7/Rev.1.

(f) Overtaking

The WP.1 took note of a draft questionnaire prepared by the small group on overtaking (Russian Federation (Chairman), Estonia, Poland, Romania, FEMA). The small group was requested to prepare a more detailed and exploitable questionnaire for the forty-fifth session clearly stating in the explanatory note what was the object of the exercise and what it would like to see changed.

(g) Pedestrian rules and signs

The small group established to propose future work on pedestrian rules and signs (Israel, Netherlands, FIP and GRSP under the chairmanship of FIP) has submitted a questionnaire for consideration by the Working Party.

The questionnaire is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2004/12. The Working Party may wish to approve the questionnaire and suggest a timetable for replies and subsequent analysis.

(h) 1949 driving permits

At its forty-fourth session, the Working Party agreed that, as suggested by the Inland Transport Committee, the secretariat should contact countries which had not adhered to the 1968 Conventions to find out the reasons. The Working Party will be informed about the follow-up given to this request.

Based on the results of that enquiry, the small group on 1949 Convention driving permits (Portugal, Spain, Russian Federation, IMMA, under the chairmanship of the Russian Federation) would consider whether to undertake further work on this subject, including the possibility of

drawing up a resolution requesting Contracting Parties to the 1949 Convention to recognise 1968 Convention permits and vice versa.

The WP.1 decided to consider document TRANS/WP.1/2004/1 prepared by the representative of the IRF at its 45th session.

(i) Restructuring of Consolidated Resolution R.E.1

At its forty-fourth session, the Working Party considered a proposal for a new structure for the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1) (TRANS/WP.1/2004/2) prepared by a small group composed of the representatives of France, Switzerland, PRI and the secretariat. However, in order to have better picture of the contents of the proposal, the Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare a draft for its forty-fifth session incorporating in the new structure the texts relating to the items mentioned (excluding the annexes), drawn from the current text of R.E.1 (TRANS/SC.1/294/Rev.5) and the recommendations adopted since the issuance of the document by WP.1.

Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

(j) Variable message signs

At its forty-fourth session, the Working requested the small group on variable message signs (France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain under the chairmanship of Spain) to submit a proposal for future work in this area.

The proposal is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2004/13.

(k) New signs for fuelling stations selling sulphur-free fuel and compressed natural gas

At its forty-fourth session, the Working Party considered proposals for new road signs to denote a fuelling station selling sulphur-free fuel (TRANS/WP.1/2004/3) and a fuelling station selling compressed natural gas (TRANS/WP.1/2004/4). The Working Party agreed to consider their possible inclusion in the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals at its forty-fifth session. A draft proposal is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2004/16.

6. FUTURE ROLE OF THE WORKING PARTY *(to be dealt with on 29 September 2004 in the morning)*

The Working Party may wish to discuss the results of the General Assembly session on the global road safety crisis held on 14 April 2004 and the follow up to be given to Resolution A/RES/58/289 on improving global road safety.

In its operative paragraph 2, the Resolution “invites the World Health Organization, in close cooperation with the United Nations regional commissions, to act as a coordinator on road safety issues within the United Nations system”. In addition, in operative paragraph 3, the United Nations Secretary-General is requested, in submitting his report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session, in accordance with resolution 58/9, “to draw upon the expertise of the United Nations regional commissions, as well as the World Health Organization and the World Bank”.

The Working Party may wish to consider the future role of the Working Party in light of ITC Resolution No. 253 (ECE/TRANS/156, annex 2) and the above-mentioned GA Resolution A/RES/58/289. A note on this subject has been prepared by the secretariat (TRANS/WP.1/2004/11).

It is planned to invite the WHO and the Directors responsible for transport issues in the other United Nations regional commissions to participate in the discussion of this item.

7. EVALUATION OF THE FOURTH ROAD SAFETY WEEK IN THE ECE REGION AND FOLLOW UP TO THE SEMINAR ON AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

The Working Party may wish to conduct a preliminary evaluation of the Fourth Road Safety Week. The secretariat will send an evaluation questionnaire to member States following the forty-fifth session and the Working Party may wish to consider devoting a half-day at its forty-sixth session to an analysis of the responses and lessons learned for future Road Safety Weeks including the possibility of their extension to the global level.

The Working Party will also have before it the conclusions of the Seminar on Aggressiveness on the Road held at the Palais des Nations on 5 April 2004 (TRANS/WP.1/2004/15) and may wish to decide on the follow-up to be given to the findings of the Seminar.

8. COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

At its forty-third meeting, members of the Working Party were requested to inform the secretariat by the end of December 2003 of any changes to document TRANS/WP.1/80/Rev.2 on national road safety requirements. The Working Party will have before it TRANS/WP.1/80/Rev.3.

The Working Party will also have before it for information a list of road safety campaigns conducted in UNECE member countries in 2003 (Informal document).

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE WORKING PARTY

The Working Party is expected to elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairmen for its sessions in 2005 and 2006.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

The Working Party may wish to discuss any other business under this agenda item.

The Working Party is informed that its forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions are scheduled to be held from 15-17 March 2005 and 13-16 September 2005, respectively.

11. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its forty-fifth session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.



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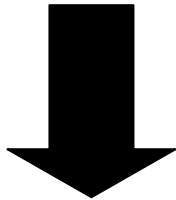
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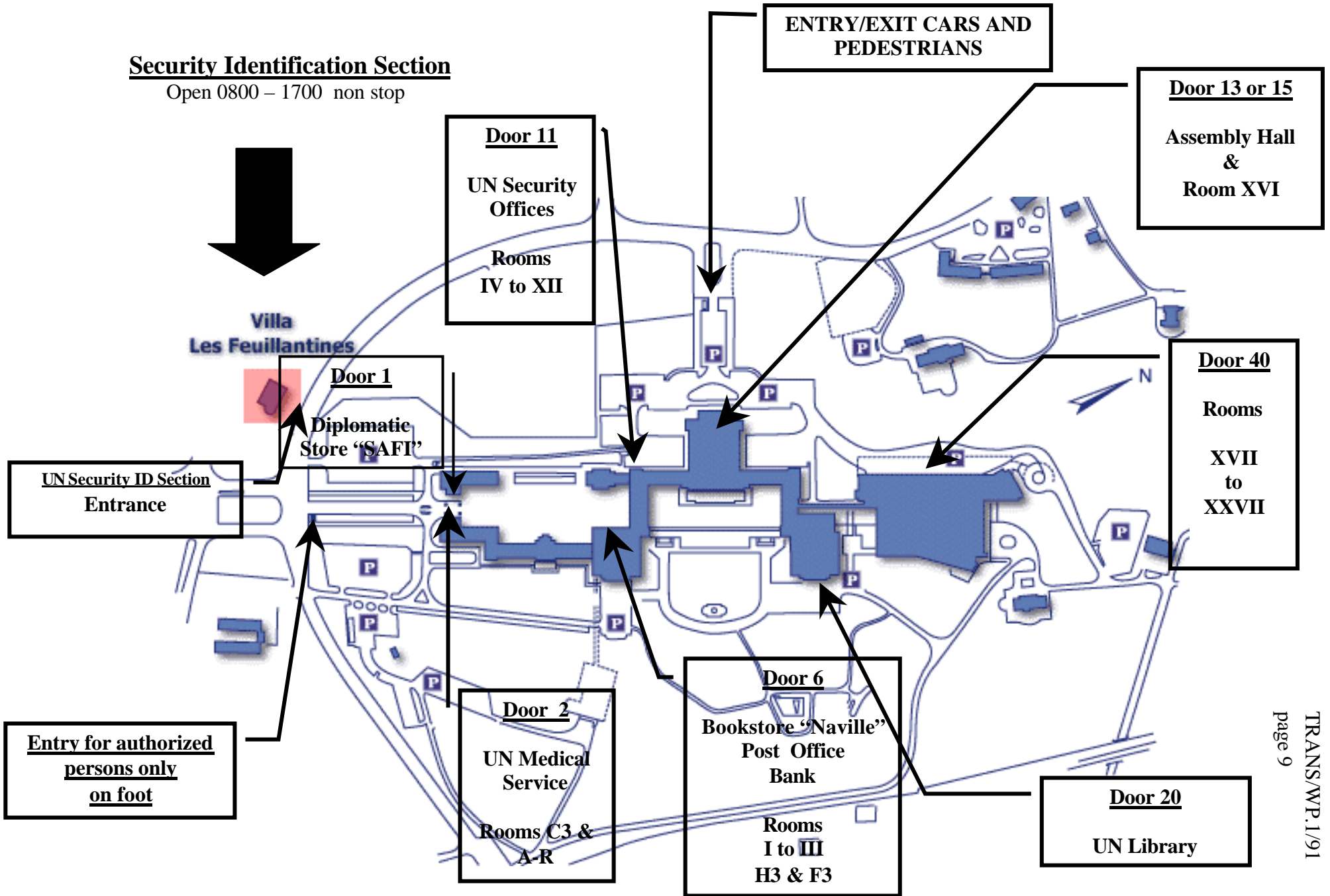
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