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Coordination and organization of work – Revision of the mandates of the World Forum WP.29 and its subsidiary Working Parties (GRs), biennial evaluation for 2010-2011 and programme of work for 2012-2013 and for 2012-2016**Extension of mandates of WP.29 and its GRs, biennial evaluation and programme of work for 2012-2013****Note by the secretariat****I. Mandate**

1. In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being 2012 (ECE/TRANS/200, paragraph 120), the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2012–2013 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation.

II. Programme of work for 2012–2013**A. Introduction**

2. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for 2012–2013 of the Inland Transport Committee's subprogramme relating to "Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)". The World Forum is invited to consider this programme for subsequent adoption at its current session. It will then be submitted to the Inland Transport Committee and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee for formal approval. The World Forum and the Inland Transport Committee will have the opportunity to adjust this programme of work during the course of the biennium, to be reflected in a separate document.

3. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities proposed to be carried out in 2012–2013. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

4. The grouping of programme activities into clusters is exactly the same as that used by the Inland Transport Committee for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance.

5. The following clusters of activities make up the UNECE’s subprogramme on transport:

Cluster No Subprogramme: 02 Transport

1. Overall coordination (Inland Transport Committee and Bureau)
 2. Transport trends and economics, land-locked countries and transit facilitation
 3. Road transport (Trans-European network for motorways (TEM) Project)
 4. Road traffic safety
 5. Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
 6. Rail transport (Trans-European network for rail (TER) Project)
 7. Inland waterway transport
 8. Intermodal transport and logistics
 9. Customs questions affecting Transport
 10. Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European programme (THE PEP)
 11. Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)
 12. Transport of dangerous goods (ECOSOC)
 13. Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (ECOSOC)
 14. Transport of perishable foodstuffs
 15. Transport statistics
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6. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2012–2013. As necessary, they are complemented by additional items to reflect more recent developments and needs of ECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities are clearly indicated as “additional”.

7. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

8. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in section II of this document.

9. The present document is based in substance on the programme of work for 2010–2014 as adopted in 2010 by the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/2010/8 and Corr.1).

B. Objective and strategy

10. The objective of the UNECE subprogramme of transport is to facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable transport.

11. The responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division.

C. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2012–2013 biennium

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 5: Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
Part A: Activities of the World Forum WP.29	
<p>The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) with the assistance of its six subsidiary Working Parties (Working Party on Noise (GRB), Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE), Working Party on Lighting and Light-signalling (GRE), Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF), Working Party on General Safety provisions (GRSG) and Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP), will develop UN Regulations and UN Global Technical Regulations and recommendations for motor vehicles, their equipment and parts and harmonize and update the existing ones, including the relevant activities aimed at improving road transport safety, saving energy, taking into account the protection of the environment as well as eliminating technical barriers to trade of road vehicles. They will also develop UN Rules for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles with respect to their environmental and safety performance and for the reciprocal recognition of the results of such inspections.</p> <p>Main actions by the Transport Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing secretariat services to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29). 2. the Working Party on Noise (GRB) 3. the Working Party on Lighting and Light-signalling (GRE) 4. the Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE) 5. the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) 6. the Working Party on General Safety provisions (GRSG) 7. the Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) 	<p>Adoption of new and amendments to vehicle regulations (130 amendments and new regulations) and publishing them.</p>

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- 8. the Administrative Committee for the Coordination of work (WP.29/AC.2)
 - 9. the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement on construction of vehicles (WP.29/AC.1)
 - 10. the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement on construction of vehicles (WP.29/AC.3)
 - 11. the Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement on periodical inspection of vehicles (WP.29/AC.4)
 - Publication of amendments and consolidated versions of UN Regulations, UN Global Technical Regulations and UN Rules
 - Cooperation with governments and international organizations
 - Providing technical advice and training, or participating in conferences, seminars and workshops for technical assistance or awareness-raising (upon request and as resources allow)
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Part B: Horizontal activities of the Transport Division

- Developing the UNDA project on CO₂ emissions of Inland Transport Development of a tool aiming at assessing inland transport CO₂ emissions and providing potential policy measures to reduce them through a transport policy converter.
 - Incorporating Intelligent Transport Systems in the legal instruments developed by the UNECE Transport Division Adoption of a ITS Road Map containing 20 global actions to develop ITS in all UNECE Transport Division legal instruments, provide analytical work, capacity building, workshops and ECE Round Tables on ITS
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Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

5.1 World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement, Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement and Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement (48 half-day meetings)

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (6). Two series of documents concerning proposals for new regulations and proposals for amendments to exiting regulations. Two series of documents concerning vehicle regulations adopted in the framework of the three Agreements administrated by the World Forum. Two series of documents regarding authorization to

develop UN Global Technical Regulations. Two series of documents regarding proposals, other than vehicle regulations, adopted by the World Forum. Two documents for the Status of the 1958 Agreement. Two series of documents for the status of the 1998 Agreement. Two series of documents for the Status of the 1997 Agreement.

5.2. Working Party on Noise (GRB) (20 half-day meetings)

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (8). Two series of documents concerning proposals for new vehicle regulations and proposals for amendments to existing vehicle regulations related to noise matters.

5.3. Working Party on Lighting and Light-signalling (GRE) (28 half-day meetings)

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (8). Two series of documents concerning proposals for new vehicle regulations and proposals for amendments to existing vehicle regulations related to lighting matters.

5.4. Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE) (24 half-day meetings)

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (8). Two series of documents concerning proposals for new vehicle regulations and proposals for amendments to existing vehicle regulations related to pollution and use of energy in an efficient way matters.

5.5. Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) (28 half-day meetings)

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (8). Two series of documents concerning proposals for new vehicle regulations and proposals for amendments to existing vehicle regulations related to brakes, steering and tyres matters.

5.6. Working Party on General Safety provisions (GRSG) (28 half-day meetings)

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (8). Two series of documents concerning proposals for new vehicle regulations and proposals for amendments to existing vehicle regulations related to general safety and antitheft matters.

5.7. Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) (28 half-day meetings)

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (8). Two series of documents concerning proposals for new vehicle regulations and proposals for amendments to existing vehicle regulations related to passive safety matters.

5.8. Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2) (12 half-day meetings)

Documentation:

Incorporated into item 5.1. above.

(b) *Publications and other information material*

5.9. UN publication on helmets for motorcycles

5.10. Brochure on Child Restraint Systems

(c) Technical cooperation

- 5.11. Legal data related to the implementation of the 1958, 1997 and 1998 Agreements maintained by the secretariat and made available on the internet (Status of the Agreements, Competent authorities, Instructions in writing, etc...).
- 5.12. Legal and technical assistance to Contracting Parties to the Agreements for effective implementation, as well as to UNECE and non-UNECE countries interested in accession.
- 5.13. Cooperation with governments and international organizations: providing technical advice and training, or participating in conferences, seminars and workshops for technical assistance or awareness-raising (upon request and as resources allow).

III. Biennial evaluation

12. On the basis of decisions taken at its 149th session in November 2009 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1079, paragraph 21), the activities of the World Forum are measured, as part of the biennial evaluation, against the expected accomplishment, the indicators of accomplishment and corresponding performance measures. In February 2010, this approach was approved by the Inland Transport Committee as part of the performance planning for evaluation of the biennium 2010–2011 (ECE/TRANS/2010/7).

13. The World Forum may wish to review these parameters as well as the actual performance measures for 2010–2011 as provided below with a view to either maintaining them or establishing new ones for the biennium 2012–2013.

Biennial Assessment

Review of performance measures for 2010–2011 and establishment of targets for 2012–2013

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
5. Harmonization of vehicle regulations	Establishment of new vehicle regulations and amend current vehicle regulations to make vehicles safer and more environmentally friendly	(a) Adoption of new vehicle regulations and rules and adoption of amendments to them <i>Performance measures:</i> Target 2012–2013: 130 amendments and new regulations	Baseline 2010–2011: 228 amendments and new regulations
		(b) A publication on helmets for motorcycles and a brochure on Child restraint Systems (CRS) <i>Performance measures:</i> Target 2012–2013: 1 publication on helmets and 1 brochure on CRS	Baseline 2010–2011: 1 Publication on WP.29

IV. Status and characteristics of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its subsidiary Working Parties

14. In accordance with the Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within UNECE, the mandate and extension of these Working Parties should be reviewed every five years (ECE/EX/1, para. 1 (c)).

15. As the first five year cycle will end in 2012 and on the basis of a comprehensive review of its activities, the World Forum may wish to propose to the Inland Transport Committee to renew the mandate and status of the World Forum and its six Subsidiary Working Parties (GRB, GRE, GRPE, GRRF, GRSG and GRSP for another cycle of five years as of 2013 (ECE/EX/1, para. 3 (d)).
