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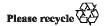
Sixth meeting of the 2010–2011 Geneva, 20 June 2011 Item VII of the provisional agenda Follow-up to the First Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

Proposals on the possible responses to the challenges identified by the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies, road map for the review of the ECE work in the field of transport and programme of work

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

- 1. At its meeting of 3 March, the Bureau noted that the First meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies had discussed about the multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral issues requiring further cooperation and identified common challenges and possible ways forward. The Bureau had requested the secretariat to prepare the conclusions of the Chairs meeting (Informal document No. 1) and to make proposals on the possible responses for its consideration at the next Bureau meeting.
- 2. At its sixty-fourth session, 29–31 March 2011, the Economic Commission for Europe had recalled the ECE reform adopted in December 2005 and underlined the importance of its first five-year review that will take place in 2011–2012. The Commission had requested the Executive Committee to duly consider the outputs of the discussion of its sixty-fourth session when it reviews the work programmes of the ECE Sectoral Committees during the inter-sessional period, and similarly had requested the respective Sectoral Committees of the ECE to duly consider the said outputs, as appropriate. The Commission had also invited the Executive Committee (EXCOM) to decide on the modalities of the upcoming review with a view to proposing decisions on the matter, to be taken by the next ECE session (in 2013). The possible modalities for the above-mentioned review have been reflected in Informal document No. 2011/5, for the consideration by the ECE Executive Committee at its forty-first meeting.



- 3. At its meeting of 31 March 2010, EXCOM had approved the new template to be used for submission of the programmes of work of ECE Sectoral Committees, as contained in document 2010/5. The new format aims at ensuring a common planning cycle across sectors, following a results-based presentation and providing a clearer linkage with the strategic framework and the cluster framework used for the biennial evaluations. EXCOM had requested all Sectoral Committees to apply the new format in preparing their programme of work in the future. At its seventy-fourth session, the Inland Transport Committee will review its programme of work for 2012–2013 biennium.
- 4. In view of the interrelation of the above exercises, the secretariat has prepared the present document aimed at facilitating Bureau's consideration on the subject matter.

II. Possible responses to the challenges identified by the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

- 5. The First meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies identified the following common challenges (see Informal document No. 1 for more details):
 - (a) Expected reduced participation of government delegates in future;
 - (b) Lack of adequate funds at the secretariat in support of the work and need for extra-budgetary funding, as well as additional regular budget in the case of TIR;
 - Lack of adequate and timely submission of inputs from ECE member States and reduced data availability;
 - (d) Lack of consensus, impeding the updating and development of some agreements;
 - (e) Sub-regional specificities differentiating priorities and technical standards;
 - Need for regular cooperation and exchange of good practices on cross-cutting issues;
 - (g) Public-Private Partnerships on implementation of ECE legal instruments ensuring transparency and good governance; and
 - (h) Implementation of ECE legal instruments through the introduction of modern technologies.
- 6. The meeting of Chairs identified some possible ways to address these challenges, grouped below under four generic titles:

• Efficiency-participation-prioritization

- Consider reducing the number and duration of meetings making them more
 efficient in order to tackle expected reduced government experts participation and
 lack of resources at the secretariat;
- Consider reducing (secondary) activities aimed at releasing resources to be used for addressing priority areas and new emerging needs;

• Synergy-sharing experiences:

- Organizing the meeting of Chairs as a regular feature of the ITC sessions;
- Organizing joint meetings amongst WPs promoting multidisciplinary areas of work and cross-cutting issues, sharing experiences and good practices;

Avoidance of duplication-method of work-communication:

- Enhance cooperation with other regional commissions, EU, regional and subregional organizations and global partners for raising awareness on our work, sharing knowledge, transferring know how, and promote the benefits from accession to ECE legal instruments globally;
- Identify reasons that impede accession to legal instruments due to differentiated circumstances (climatic, economic, etc.) and introduce specific conditions to accommodate such cases, as necessary and appropriate;
- Opt for a global transit system and grant UNECE the appropriate mandate;
- Explore the possibility of using the 6 UN languages in some official sessions that could contribute to increasing the geographical reach of the ECE legal instruments;
- Opt for changes to the ToR and rules of procedure treating contracting parties inequitably in the Working Parties dealing with legal instruments;
- Provide more information on ECE procedural matters to the Chairs;

• Funding-assistance:

- Ensure extra-budgetary funding through systematic efforts to explore existing opportunities in cooperation with ECE governments and other stakeholders, in support of the work;
- Provide technical assistance and capacity building to member States in need aimed at empowering them to collect and submit quality data as well as implement ECE legal instruments.

III. Main issues for consideration by the Sectoral Committees deriving from the sixty-forth session of the Commission in the framework of the review of the ECE reform

- 7. The sixty-fourth session of the Commission had requested that the first five-year review of the ECE reform that will take place in 2011-2012 would solicit inputs from the Chairpersons of Sectoral Committees and their main subsidiary bodies (e.g. Working Parties, Teams of Specialists, etc), as well as the secretariat. The purpose would be to identify within each sub-programme:
 - · Priority areas of current work and results achieved;
 - Possible new and emerging issues and expected results;
 - Possibilities for streamlining and synergizing activities within each of the expected results;
 - · Ways of improving efficiency and methods of work;
 - Expected results and related activities that may need to be re-oriented/refocused to better reflect priority demands of member States;
 - Possible optimization of the structure of the programme of work;
 - · Ways of improving communication and public outreach
- 8. Some of the above mentioned issues are identical (or similar) to those proposed by the meeting of Chairs as possible ways to address identified challenges (para. 6 above).

- 9. To facilitate the review of sub-programmes, EXCOM may circulate to the Chairpersons of Sectoral Committees and, through them, to the Chairpersons of their subsidiary bodies, a **short questionnaire** soliciting their views and inputs, which could be consolidated by the Secretariat and presented to EXCOM.
- 10. The Chairpersons/Bureaux of Sectoral Committees could be invited to participate in meetings of EXCOM when their respective sub-programmes will be reviewed.
- 11. The review should take into account the **results of the evaluations of the sub-programmes**, in particular those carried out by the respective Sectoral Committees, after the 2005 reform. It should also take into account the results of **regular priority-setting processes** carried out within the Sectoral Committees.
- 12. In the second trimester of 2012, after the conclusion of the review of sub-programmes and activities as outlined above and building on the results, EXCOM could undertake a cross-organizational review aimed at achieving agreement on a set of recommendations regarding future work priorities of ECE to be submitted to the 65th session of the Commission in 2013, for final confirmation.
- 13. The secretariat will take account of the review process and related discussions in the preparation of the UNECE **Strategic Framework for 2014–2015** (to take place late 2011/early 2012).
- 14. The secretariat will also take account of the expected results of the review in preparing the UNECE Programme **budget proposal for the period 2014–2015** (to take place late 2012/early 2013).

IV. Harmonization of the format of the Sectoral Committee's document on the programme of work

- 15. At its meeting of 31 March 2010, EXCOM had approved the new format for common planning of the programme of work across sectors that would ensure a results-based presentation and provide a clearer linkage with the strategic framework and the cluster framework used for the biennial evaluations, as contained in document 2010/5.
- 16. The new harmonized format has being introduced for the following reasons:
 - Make programmes of work comparable across sub-programmes;
 - Harmonize timeframe in line with the UN biannual budget cycle;
 - Reflect the results-based approach grouped in activities/outputs clusters focusing on expected accomplishments and one or two indicators;
 - Consistency in structure for biennial evaluations of performance;
 - Correlation with strategic framework;
 - Clear connection between the programme of work and the programme budget;
 - linking with legislative mandates emanating from the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council or the Commission.
- 17. EXCOM had requested all Sectoral Committees to apply the new format in preparing their programme of work in the future. The new template and the strategic framework 2012–2013 are in annexes I and II, respectively.

18. In accordance with the established practice, the Inland Transport Committee reviews its programme of work every two years (ECE/TRANS/200, para. 120) thus the next review will be held in 2012 for 2012–2013 biennium.

V. Proposed road map for the review of the ECE work in the field of transport, incorporating possible responses to the challenges identified by the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

- 19. The following time table for the review process is being considered by EXCOM.
- As a first step, the secretariat, in May 2011, will present to EXCOM, as requested at the 64th Commission session, information on the current allocation and use of resources provided to ECE in the 2010-2011 programme budget under all main thematic areas of work within the sub-programmes implemented by ECE with a link to all main products and services delivered in 2010. Information will be also provided on the availability of non-staff resources provided under the Regular Budget (Section 19), the Regular Programme for Technical Cooperation (Section 22) and the UN Development Account (Section 35), as well as extra-budgetary resources. This will allow EXCOM to assess the current financial situation of ECE with a link to all main activities carried out in accordance with approved work programmes. The Transport Division, in response to this request, has provided its contribution (annex III).
- A second step would be for EXCOM to review the work and priorities within each of the eight sub-programmes implemented by ECE. The EXCOM may wish to decide on the (1) Environment, (2) Transport, (3) Statistics, (4) Economic Cooperation and Integration, (5) Sustainable Energy, (6) Trade, (7) Timber and Forestry, (8) Housing, Land management and Population. Schedule/timing of this part of the review. A possible period is from Autumn 2011 to Spring 2012.
- 20. The Bureau may wish to take note that while the ECE review process aims at preparing the ECE Programme budget proposal for the period 2014–2015 the ITC's programme regular review aims 2012–2013 biennium. However, both exercises the ECE review and the follow up of the results of the First Meeting of the Chairs, along with the use of the new harmonized format on the programme of work, could be integrated.
- 21. In view of the above, the Transport Division is proposing the following road map for the review of the work of the ITC and its subsidiary bodies, including possible responses to the challenges identified by the Chairs for consideration by the Bureau, targeting implementation either from 2012–2013 or 2014–2015:

Proposed road map

- Until the June Bureau meeting: Secretaries of ITC subsidiary bodies, following
 consultation with their Chairs, include in the agenda of their next sessions the item
 of ECE review along with the review of their work programme (to be continued
 and after the Bureau meeting, as necessary and appropriate);
- **Bureau 20 June meeting:** Consideration of the matter and agreement on the way to proceed, taking into account the following proposed action plan:
 - The Committee's subsidiary bodies initiate the review process taking into account the outputs of the discussion the sixty-fourth session of the Commission and the conclusions of the First Chairs meeting and provide proposals to the Bureau by early November 2011. The circulation of a short questionnaire to the Chairpersons of the Committee's subsidiary bodies could be envisaged;

- The Committee's subsidiary bodies apply the new harmonized format in preparing their programme of work for 2012–2013 biennium, to be approved by the ITC at its seventy-fourth session in February 2012. The Bureau may wish to also decide whether the four-year planning of the programme of ITC and its subsidiary bodies should be maintained.
- **Bureau November meeting:** The Bureau may consider inputs and prepare recommendations to the ITC with the assistance of the secretariat. A meeting of the chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and the members of the Bureau could be envisaged;
- **Seventy-fourth session of the Committee:** The Committee may decide accordingly and ask its Chair to report to EXCOM.
- 22. In order to facilitate the first discussion on these subject matters by the members of the Bureau, the secretariat is presenting in annexes IV and V, information on the Committee's subsidiary bodies meetings and participation during the last 4 years.

Annex I The new template for the Programme of work

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Geneva, [meeting dates] Item [XX] of the agenda Review of subprogramme performance and programme planning

Draft programme of work of the [name] subprogramme for [biennium]

Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

- 1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the (subprogramm name) subprogramme ("the subprogramme") for [2012-2013]. The Committee on (Committee name) ("the Committee") is invited to consider the programme and subsequently adopt it at its xx session. It will then be submitted to the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee for formal approval. The Committee will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium and such adjustments will be reflected in a separate document.
- 2. 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.
- 3. The grouping of activities into clusters is exactly the same as used by the Committee for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance. The correlation between the ECE Strategic Framework and the cluster framework used for subprogramme biennial evaluation for [2012-2013] is shown in Annex II to the present document
- 4. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the ECE proposed programme budget for [2012-2013] and are complemented by additional items to reflect the more recent developments and needs of ECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities have been clearly indicated as "additional".
- 5. 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)

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technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

- 6. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in Annex II to this document in order to facilitate the task of the Committee to assess whether all outputs which are necessary to achieve the expected result have been included in the plan.
- 7. Finally, Annex I to the present document lists the ECE overall legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme.

I. Objective and strategy

- 8. The objective of the subprogramme is to *(objective to be taken from the [2012–2013] strategic framework)*.
- 9. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the (Division name) Division (strategy to be taken from the [2012–2013] strategic framework).

II. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the [2012–2013] biennium

Cluster 1

Cluster title to be taken from the [2012–2013] biennial evaluation logframe)

Description of cluster (optional)	Expected accomplishments from this cluster
	(To be taken from the [2012–2013] biennial evaluation logframe)
[add row as necessary]	[add row as necessary]

Outputs/activities

- (a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation
 - 1.1 [insert text]
 - 1.2 [insert text]
 - 1.3 [insert text and subsequent paragraphs as necessary]
- (b) Publications and other information material
 - 1.4 [insert text] [verify paragraph sequence]
 - 1.5 [insert text and subsequent paragraphs as necessary]
- (c) Technical cooperation
 - 1.6 [insert text] [verify paragraph sequence]
 - 1.7 [insert text and subsequent paragraphs as necessary]

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Cluster 2

(Cluster title to be taken from the [2012–2013] biennial evaluation logframe)

Description of cluster (optional)	Expected accomplishments from this cluster
	(To be taken from the [2012–2013] biennial evaluation log frame)
[add row as necessary]	[add row as necessary]

Outputs/activities

- (a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation
 - 2.1 [insert text]
 - 2.2 [insert text]
 - 2.3 [insert text and subsequent paragraphs as necessary]
- (b) Publications and other information material
 - 2.4 [insert text] [verify paragraph sequence]
 - 2.5 [insert text and subsequent paragraphs as necessary]
- (c) Technical cooperation
 - 2.6 [insert text] [verify paragraph sequence]
 - 2.7 [insert text and subsequent paragraphs as necessary]

[Add more clusters as necessary]

Annex I

	ndates				
Overall ECE legislative mandates					
Resolutions of the G	eneral Assembly				
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Annex II

Correlation between the ECE strategic framework and the cluster framework used for subprogramme biennial evaluation [2012–2013]

Table A.

Expected accomplishments of the Subprogramme: (To be taken from the strategic frame work logframe) Indicators of achievement: (i) To be taken from the strategic frame work logframe) (ii) To be taken from the strategic framework logframe)			
Cluster	Cluster level expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement	
1. [Title of cluster] (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe)	(To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe)	(i) (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe) Performance measures: Baseline 2011: Target 2012–2013: (ii) (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe) Performance measures: Baseline 2011: Target 2012–2013:	
2. [Title of cluster] (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe)	(To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe)	 (i) (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe) Performance measures: Baseline 2011: Target 2012–2013: (ii) (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe) Performance measures:	

Baseline 2011: ...
Target 2012–2013:

(3) [title of cluster]: [to be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe]

To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe)

Performance measures:
Baseline 2011:
Target 2012–13:

Table B.

Expected accomplishments of the Subprogramme: (To be taken from the strategic framework logframe)

Indicators of achievement:

- (i) (To be taken from the strategic framework logframe)
- (ii) (To be taken from the strategic framework logframe)

Cluster	Cluster level expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement
1. [Title of cluster] (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe)	(To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe)	 (iii) (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe) Performance measures: Baseline 2011: Target 2012–2013: (iv) (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe) Performance measures: Baseline 2011:
2. [Title of cluster] (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe)	(To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe)	Target 2012–2013: (iii) (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe) Performance measures: Baseline 2011: Target 2012–2013:

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(iv) (To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe)

Performance measures:

Baseline 2011: ...

Target 2012–2013:

To be taken from the biennial evaluation logframe]

Performance measures:

Baseline 2011: ...

Target 2012–13:

Target 2012–13:

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Annex II

Strategic Framework 2012–2013

Subprogramme 2 – Transport

Objective of the Organization:

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 development.

Expected accomplishments

(a) Strengthened legal and regulatory framework for international inland transport covering road, rail, inland waterway and inter-modal transport, including transport infrastructure, related services, and border crossing facilitation, transport of dangerous goods, vehicle construction and other transport issues.

Indicators of achievement

(a) (i) Increased share of the legal instruments in force relative to the total number of agreed ECE legal instruments on transport (57 legal instruments)

Performance measures:

Estimate 2010-2011: 84 per cent Target 2012-2013: 86 per cent

(ii) The number of new vehicle regulations and amendments

Performance measures:

Estimate 2010-2011:134 amendments and regulations

Target 2012-2013:130 amendments and regulations

(iii) Number of international legal instruments amended to reflect the latest revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Performance measures:

Estimate 2010-2011: 6 legal instruments

Target 2012-2013: 6 legal instruments

(b) Greater geographical coverage and more effective implementation of the ECE legal instruments and recommendations on transport.

(b) (i) Increased number of States parties to ECE legal instruments on transport

Performance measures:

2008-2009: 1 620 participations by States

Estimate 2010-2011: 1 680 participations by States

Target 2012-2013: 1 720 participations by States

(ii) Number of mechanisms in place for monitoring the implementation as agreed by the member States

Performance measures: Estimate 2010-2011: 3 mechanisms Target 2012-2013: 5 mechanisms Enhanced national capacity for the development of (c) (i) Increased number of States parties to 4 key Pan-European and trans-continental transport agreements leading to enhanced coverage of the ECE region by transport infrastructure agreements infrastructure, in particular in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, as well as in South Caucasus and Central Asia. Performance measures: Enhanced trade and transport facilitation with special attention to landlocked transition economies and their Estimate 2010-2011: 119 States parties transit neighbours. Target 2012-2013: 122 States parties (ii) Increased number of ECE countries participating in subregional projects, leading to enhanced coverage of the ECE region by regional and subregional transport investment plans Performance measures: Estimate 2010-2011: 49 countries Target 2012-2013: 52 countries (iii) Number of pilot projects on border crossing performance measurement Performance measures: Estimate 2010-2011: 1 Target 2012-2013: 3 Strengthened capacity of countries of Eastern and (d) (i) Number of advisory and capacity building missions South-Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Performance measures: Asia, in particular landlocked countries, to implement relevant ECE legal instruments, norms and standards Estimate 2010-2011: 25 missions through advisory missions, seminars and workshops. Target 2012-2013: 27 missions (ii) Number of seminars and workshops organized/coorganized by Division Performance measures: Estimate 2010-2011: 7 Target 2012-2013: 10

Strategy:

The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division. The subprogramme will focus on four broad functional areas: legal and regulatory framework for international inland transport; improved law enforcement and regulatory framework; national capacity for the development of Pan-European and transcontinental transport infrastructure as well as transport and trade facilitation; and, capacity building activities in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia.

The strengthened legal and regulatory framework will include both new instruments and recommendations on transport issues as well as the updating and improvement of the 57 existing agreements and numerous regulations and recommendations. This will cover all modes of inland transport, that is, road, rail, inland waterways and intermodal, as well as special areas of interest, for example, vehicle construction and transport of dangerous goods. This will be achieved through consensus and agreement at ECE intergovernmental meetings on transport.

With regard to improved implementation and law enforcement, activities will be taken to promote new accessions to existing ECE legal instruments. Implementation will be promoted and surveyed through improved monitoring mechanisms for as many legal instruments as possible. To this end, the incorporation of certain ECE legal instruments (e.g., vehicle regulations and transport of dangerous goods) in the European Union Community acquis by the European Commission will continue to play an important role.

The emphasis on regional and sub-regional cooperation for enhancing national capacity for the development of transport infrastructure will be placed to support the pan-European and Euro-Asian economic integration. Further development of Euro-Asian transport links will be promoted in cooperation with ESCAP and member Governments. Strengthening of transport links between Europe and Africa, and Europe and Middle East, including across the Mediterranean, will be promoted in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. Transport and trade facilitation will focus on transit and border-crossing facilitation. In particular, it will be mainstreamed, inter alia, through the implementation of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods including pilots for the measurement of border crossing performance. The special needs of landlocked transition economies and their transit neighbours will be serviced through technical assistance and analytical work.

Special attention will be given to further strengthening national capacity of countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia to implement relevant ECE legal instruments, norms and standards through advisory missions, seminars and workshops. Capacity building activities will be organized in cooperation with interested Governments and with the assistance of international experts and staff of the Division.

Cooperation and partnerships will be intensified with the European Union and other international organizations active in the field of transport, such as the International Transport Forum. Cooperation will continue with the other regional commissions and with all partners in the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) in order to improve global road safety and law enforcement in response to General Assembly resolutions. The public-private dialogue will be scaled up through closer cooperation with non-governmental organizations representing transport operators, relevant industries, transport users and consumers.

New multi-sectoral projects will be embarked on with particular attention to improving energy efficiency in transport in response to global warming concerns while existing ones (inter alia, on transport, health and environment; trade and transport facilitation; global supply chains and competitiveness) will be strengthened.

The Division also services the Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and its subsidiary bodies.

Legislative Mandates:

General Assembly resolutions

58/9 Global road safety crisis

58/201 Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of

Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit

Developing Countries

60/5 Improving global road safety

62/204 Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to

the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit transport

Cooperation

62/244 Improving global road safety

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1999/65 Reconfiguration of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of

Dangerous Goods into a Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of

Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

2007/6 Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous

Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and

Labelling of Chemicals

2007/16 Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/AC.21/2002/8 Declaration on the establishment of a Transport, Health and

Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) adopted by the

Second High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health

E/2009/37- Decision 1 (to bring sustainable development goals agreed by the E/ECE/1453 international community down to the regional level and support their

implementation); Decision 2 (follow strategic directions adopted by the ECE reform and to give due account to specific needs of countries with economies in transition) of the sixty-third session of the Economic

Commission for Europe

Other relevant decisions giving legislative mandate

ECE/AC.21/2009/2 "Amsterdam declaration" of the Third High-level Meeting on

Transport, Health and Environment (THE PEP programme of work

2009-2014)

Annex III

Report to EXCOM on the current financial situation with a link to all main activities

Subprogramme 2: TRANSPORT (Total P staff: 27 (RB 22; XB: 5)

Area of activity	Number of posts	% share	Main products/activities		
1. Overall	1.7	6.3	Servicing the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and its Bureau;		
coordination (Inland			• 46 documents for the sessions of the ITC and its Bureau;		
Transport Committee and Bureau)			• Policy segment of the annual meeting of the ITC - "Sustainable transport development: the case of inland water transport";		
			 Conference on "Financing development of road and rail transport infrastructures" with the OSCE in Vienna; 		
			 Project proposal on "Development and implementation of a monitoring and assessment tool for CO2 emissions in inland transport to facilitate climate change mitigation (ForFITS)" which is financed by the United Nations Development Account, and started its implementation; 		
			 UNECE strategy package, which includes background paper, the revised strategy note and the UNECE Road map on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), for public consultation,; 		
					• Proposal for the project "Supply Chain Challenges for National Competitiveness through Transport";
				• Policy document "UNECE work in support of Sustainable Development of Transport" as a contribution to the 18th session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development;	
2. Transport	1.2	4.4	• Servicing the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5);		
Trends and Economics,			• Project on development of Euro-Asian transport links (EATL);		
landlocked countries and transit			• Round table on impact of climate change on transport infrastructures;		
			• Report on hinterland connections of seaports;		
facilitation			• Supported the work of the Expert Group on EATL;		
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Area of activity	Number of posts	% share	Main products/activities
			• 17 documents for sessions;
			 Two workshops: Joint UNECE-UNCTAD Workshop "Climate Change Impacts on International Transport Networks" and 2nd (UNECE-OSCE) Inter-Regional Workshop on Euro-Asian transport links in Turkmenistan.
			 Questionnaire on EATL priority projects and questionnaires on Border-Crossing Facilitation (on non- physical obstacles).
3. Road	1.2	4.4	• Servicing the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1);
Transport (Trans-European			• Consolidation of Resolution on the Facilitation of International Road Transport (R.E.4);
network for			• Expert Group meeting on tachograph rules;
motorways (TEM) Projects)			• Expert Group meeting on transport of passengers by coach and bus;
., .,			• The third party motor liability insurance law (Green card system);
			 Meeting on Chrono-tachygraph with the Confederation of Organizations for Road Transport Enforcement (CORTE).
4. Road Traffic Safety	1.4	5.2	• Servicing the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) (only permanent body in the United Nations system focusing on improving road safety);
			 Harmonization of traffic rules - Conventions on Road Traffic and on Roads Signs and Signals, and other UNECE legal instruments that address the main factors of road crashes;
			 Promotion of best road safety practices, organization of road safety weeks and other awareness raising events;
			 Participation to the Decade of Action for Road Safety proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/255 by contributing to development and implementation of the Decade's Action Plan;
			• Consolidation of Resolution no Road Traffic RE.1;
			• Consolidation of Resolution on Road Signs and Signals RE.2;
			 Publication "Improving Global Road Safety (Setting Regional and National Road Traffic Casualty Reduction Targets");
			• Seven documents for regular sessions, two press releases and one news letter;
			• UN General Assembly session on Road Safety;
			• 11th UN Road Safety Collaboration Meeting;
			• 12th World Conference on Transport Research, Conference on Improving Road Safety in the BSEC region

Area of activity	Number of posts	% share	Main products/activities
			(Greece);
			• Workshops (with the International Road Union Academy) on Driver Competence;
			• Workshop on Level Crossings (Brussels);
			• "Towards improving Road Safety in developing countries" (New Delhi, India), advised on implementing United Nations legal instruments;
			 Awareness raising campaign during the World Basketball Championship in Turkey – "UNECE-FIBA- Turkish government (Traffic Police) – Turkish Basketball Federation Road Safety Campaign" (Istanbul, Turkey).
5. Harmonization of vehicle regulations,	5.2	19.3	• Servicing the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) (Umbrella for 11 specialized Working Parties and Administrative Committees, 36 specific informal groups and 9 groups of experts);
climate change and ITS			• 115 sessions (22 regular sessions, 80 informal and 13 expert-group meetings);
and 115			 Development of new vehicle regulations and the adaptation of the existing 130 regulations to the technica progress;
			 Activities related to Fuel Quality, Intelligent Transport System and Climate Change;
			 Around 100 amendments to existing vehicle regulations adopted and entered into force in 2010;
			 127 Regulations which in many instances replace national law adopted in 2010 (European Union applies more than 100 Regulations and replaced more that 65 vehicle directives by direct reference to the UNECE Regulations);
			• 487 official technical and 1122 informal documents, 16 policy, 223 legal and one technical document;
			• Six policy forums, seven seminars, six technical advisory missions and four awareness raising campaigns
			 Project proposal on CO2 emissions to be financed by the UNDA fund.

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6. Rail transport	1.0	3.7	• Servicing the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2);
(Trans-European network for rail			• The European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC).
(TER) Projects)			 Position paper "Towards unified railway law in the pan-European region and on Euro-Asian transport corridors;
			• Legal document - Review of AGC rail benchmarks, 6 technical documents and an information flyer about SC.2.
			• Follow-up work on activities related to the recommendations of the Task Force on Rail security;
			• Review of new developments on Euro-Asian rail transport corridors, including the Trans-Siberian railway line;
			 Follow-up on to the policy statement on passenger accessibility of heavy rail systems based on the conclusion of the workshop organized on this subject in 2009;
			Report on productivity indicators in rail transport.
			• Follow-up to the results and impact of joint activities to harmonize technical specifications of different rail transport systems at the pan-European level;
			 Review of progress made in the application of the common CIM/SMGS consignment note and its further development towards harmonization of administrative and legal requirements of different railway systems;
			• Review of activities of the TER project and TER project manager.
7. Inland Waterway	1.2	4.4	 Servicing the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) and Working Party on Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3);
Transport			• Regular session SC.3 and two regular sessions of SC.3/WP.3 in 2010;
			• European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN);
			• Resolutions and recommendations, such as CEVNI and SIGNI;
			 Coordination of work with the European Commission and River Commissions;
			• Five Expert Group informal sessions in 2010;
			• Policy Segment on "Sustainable Transport Development: The Case of Inland Water Transport";
			 Second edition of the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe;
			• Fourth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI);
			• Recommendations on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster's certificates in Inland

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			Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic;
			• Standardization of Vocabulary for Radio-Connections in Inland Navigation;
			• Five policy papers and 40 technical papers.
8. Intermodal	0.7	2.6	• Servicing the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24);
Transport and Logistics			Regular session and Expert Group meeting;
			• European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) and the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the AGTC Agreement;
			 Policy paper on "Opportunities and challenges for intermodal transport by inland waterways";
			 Legal document on Amendment proposals to Protocol to AGTC;
			 Two technical papers on Review of AGTC benchmarks;
			 Recommendations to European Governments to promote the use of inland navigation in relieving congestion on important European North-South road and rail corridors;
			 On-line inventory of benchmarks of the AGTC rail network.
9. Customs Questions affecting transport (RB: 1.4; XB: 5)	6.4	23.7	• Servicing the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) and its Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) (Around 3,000,000 TIR Carnets are sold every year, representing the start of 10,000 TIR transports every day. More than 43,000 transport companies are currently authorized by national Customs authorities to utilize TIR Carnets);
			• TIR Convention;
			• TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2);
			• TIR Executive Board (TIRExB);
			 International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods;
			 Administrative Committee on the Harmonization of Border Frontier Controls of Goods (AC.3);
			• Administrative Committee for the Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers used in international Transport, (AC.4);
			• Three regular sessions of the WP.30, two sessions of the AC.2, one session of the AC.3, three sessions of TIRExB, and one session of GE.1;
			• Adoption of "Best practices in the application of Annex 10 of the Harmonization Convention";

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-			Adoption of Annex 9 to the Harmonization Convention;
			• Renewal of the UNECE-IRU agreement for the years 2011-2013;
			• TIR Strategy Report;
			• TIR Study;
			• Study on the use the HS code (data gathering organized through an e-questionnaire);
			 UNDA project: "Strengthening the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to facilitate legitimate border crossing, regional cooperation and integration";
			• "Handbook on best practices at border crossings" together with the OSCE.
10. Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European programme (PEP)	1.0	3.7	• Servicing THE PEP Steering Committee which operates under the authority of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health;
			• Regular session of THE PEP Steering Committee (which includes thematic Symposium), and sessions of the Bureau;
			 Approval of the concept and lay-out of a model National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plan (NTHEAP) for test application and final adoption by the High-level Meeting in 2014;
			 Policy forum on "Green and health-friendly investment and jobs in transport";
			• Workshop on "Sustainable and healthy urban policies", Skopje;
			 Workshop on "Safe and Healthy Walking and Cycling in Urban Areas", Batumi;
			• Two awareness raising campaigns (walking school bus, cycling rally in Batumi);
			 One policy document, 14 technical documents and one Brochure on THE PEP in 2010;
			• THE PEP Clearing House (http://www.thepep.org/CHWebSite).

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11. Transport of Dangerous Goods (ECE)	2.6	9.7	• Servicing the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), the Joint Meeting of WP.15 and the RID Committee of Experts (RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting) (WP.15/AC.1) (in cooperation with the OTIF secretariat), the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN (ADN Safety Committee) (WP.15/AC.2) and the ADN Administrative Committee (in cooperation with the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR);
			ADR and ADN (in cooperation with UN Treaty Section);
			 Consolidated versions of ADR and ADN;
			• Cooperation with governments and international organizations (IMO and ICAO in particular);
			 Two regular sessions of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (WP.15/AC.1), ADN Safety Committee (WP.15/AC.2), and the ADN Administrative Committee;
			• Four Expert Group sessions in 2010;
			 Publication of amendments to ADR, ADN and RID and revised consolidated editions of ADR 2011 and ADN 2011;
			• 100 official and 200 informal documents for the sessions;
			• Draft amendments to annexes A and B of ADR and Draft amendments and corrections to the regulations annexed to ADN;
			• Electronic versions of the ADR and ADN;
			• CD ROM with the electronic version of the ADR and related information as sales publication;
			• Legal data related to the implementation of the ADR and ADN are made available on the internet.
12. Transport of	1.4	5.2	• Servicing the Sub-Committee and the Committee of Experts on Transport of Dangerous Goods;
Dangerous Goods			• Two sessions of the Sub-Committee and one session of the Committee;
(ECOSOC)			• One session of the Group of Experts on Explosives;
			 United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (about 800 pages), and United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous goods, Manual of Tests an Criteria (about 450 pages), both published in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Russian as sales publication;
			• Multilingual CD-Rom, also available in electronic format in the six UN languages on UNECE website;
			 Adoption of a set of amendments to the Model Regulations and a set of amendments to the Manual of Tests of Criteria;

Area of activity	Number of posts	% share	Main products/activities	
			 Adoption of a draft ECOSOC resolution for submission and approval by ECOSOC in 2011. 	
13. Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemical (GHS)	1.0	3.7	• Servicing the Sub-Committee of Experts (only body responsible for the Globally Harmonized System at worldwide level);	
			Globally Harmonized System (GHS) for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals;	
			 Two sessions of the Sub-Committee, 11 informal meetings of experts, and four expert-group technical meetings; 	
(ECOSOC)			Two reports, one on policy and one on technical issues;	
			• Third revised edition of the "Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)" in six official languages, published and available on the internet;	
			• Adoption of a set of amendments to GHS;	
			• Implementation of ECOSOC resolution 2009/19;	
				• Implementation of the GHS in other countries, e.g. Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Chile, Ecuador, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Philippines, Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay, and Vietnam;
			UNITAR/ILO GHS Capacity Building Programme;	
			• Advisory Group and Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) programme.	
14. Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs	0.3	1.1	• Servicing the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11);	
			• Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP);	
		Adoption of seven amendments to the		• One meeting of the Working party in 2010;
			 Adoption of seven amendments to the ATP and 3 additional comments to the ATP Handbook aimed at harmonizing implementation of the ATP; 	
			 Adoption of terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Working Party; 	
			• Consolidation of text of the ATP issued as a sales publication in English, French and Russian;	
			• Update of ATP Handbook on the website.	
15. Transport	0.7	2.6	• Servicing the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6);	
statistics			Meeting of the Working Party;	
			• Policy document (UNECE Road Map on Collection and Dissemination of Transport Statistics);	

Area of activity	Number of posts	% share	Main products/activities
			• 15 technical papers;
			• Publication - Glossary on Transport Statistics (4th edition);
			Workshop on data collection through Web Common Questionnaire in Almaty, Kazakhstan
			• Self-evaluation report: "Streamlining Data Collection and Dissemination of Transport Statistics";
			 Road Map on collection and dissemination of transport statistics by UNECE;
			Online database on transport statistic;
	 Two meetings of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (UNECE/Eurostat/International Transport Forum). 		
Total	27.0	100.0	

Annex IV

Structure of the ITC and its subsidiary bodies

The current structure of the Inland Transport Committee is presented below. In Annex V you may find a table indicating per subsidiary body further details of its functioning and participation in the course of the years 2007–2011.

(ITC) Inland Transport Committee;

- Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee;

(SC.1) Working Party on Road Transport;

- (SC.1/XX) Expert Group on AETR (to be established);

(SC.2) Working Party on Rail Transport;

- (SC.2/GEURL) Group of Experts on unified railway law;

(SC.3) Working Party on Inland Water Transport;

- (SC.3/WP.3) Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety requirements in Inland Navigation;

(WP.1) Working Party on Road Traffic Safety;

(WP.5) Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics;

- (WP.5/GE.2) Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links, reporting to WP.5;
- (WP.5/GE.3) Group of Experts on Climate change impacts and adaptation for international transport networks, reporting to WP.5 (newly established for 2 years);

(WP.6) Working Party on Transport Statistics;

(WP.11) Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs;

(WP.15) Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

- (WP.15/AC.1) Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;
- (WP.15/AC.2) Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways;

(WP.24) Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics;

(WP.29) World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicles Regulations;

- (GRPE) Working party on Pollution and Energy, subsidiary body of the World Forum;
- (GRSG) Working Party on General Safety Provisions, subsidiary body of the World Forum;
- (GRRF) Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear, subsidiary body of the World Forum;

- (GRE) Working Party on Lighting and Light Signalling, subsidiary body of the World Forum;
- (GRB) Working Party on Noise, subsidiary body of the World Forum;
- (GRSP) Working Party on Passive Safety, subsidiary body of the World Forum;
- (WP.29/AC.1) Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement;
- (WP.29/AC.2) Administrative Committee for the Coordination of work, reporting to the World Forum;
- (WP.29/AC.3) Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement;
- (WP.29/AC.4) Administrative Committee for the 1997 Agreement;

(WP.30) Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport;

- (WP.30/AC.2) Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention;
- (WP.30/AC.3) Administrative Committee for the Harmonization Convention, meeting at least once every five years;
- (TIRExB) TIR Executive Board.

Economic and Social Council

(ST/SG/AC.10) Committee of Expert of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized Systems of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals;

(ST/SG/AC.10/C.3) Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods-TDG Sub-Committee;

(ST/SG/AC.10/C.4) Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

Annex V

Meetings of ITC and its subsidiary bodies 2007–2011

Number of meetings*/days per year, participants** and countries present

(In case more than one meeting a year, the figures refer to average participation)

		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011***	
Group	Meetings/days year	Total participants	Countries present	Total participants	Countries	Total participants	Countries present	Total participants	Countries present	Total participants	Countries present
ITC	1 / 2.5	81	30	240	41	260	37	145	34	109	30
Bureau of the ITC	4/4	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
SC.1	1/3	37	21	38	28	56	23	51	21	N/A	N/A
(SC.1/AETR)	1/3	-	-	17	6	22	6	48	16	29	13
(SC.2)	1/3	39	18	45	21	32	13	-	-	N/A	N/A
(SC.2/GEURL)	3/3	-	-	-	_	-	_	19	7	25	7
(SC.3)	1/3	29	13	31	14	36	14	33	13	N/A	N/A
(SC.3/WP.3)	2/6	29	12	21	10	22	10	27	11	27	11
(WP.1)	2/7	46	23	45	22	50	24	61	25	43	20
(WP.5)	1/2	55	27	39	20	38	20	96	32	N/A	N/A
(WP.5/GE.2)	1 / 1	-	-	49	22	31	19	43	13	-	-
(WP.5/GE.3)	2/2	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A
(WP.6)	1/3	44	24	36	19	37	20	33	16	N/A	N/A
(WP.11)	1/4	56	21	43	19	47	24	47	20	N/A	N/A
(WP.15)	2 / 10	76	24	65	25	56	22	58	23	49	25
(WP.15/AC.1)	2 / 10 to 14	107	27	102	27	86	23	77	21	N/A	N/A
(WP.15/AC.2)	2 / 10	23	8	22	8	23	9	30	9	31	12
(WP.24)	1/2	41	16	30	14	31	12	25	10	N/A	N/A
(WP.29)	3/9	124	34	137	34	122	31	141	33	130	35
(GRPE)	2/6	102	23	131	26	122	23	133	23	132	22
(GRSG)	2/7	73	24	79	24	67	20	69	24	69	23
(GRRF)	2/7	88	20	85	19	98	22	101	24	142	37
(GRE)	2/7	74	22	69	19	72	20	95	21	85	20
(GRB)	2/5	63	17	65	18	72	16	80	21	80	21
(GRSP)	2/7	81	21	69	21	70	20	72	22	72	22
(WP.29/AC.1)	3 / 1	114	38	121	35	104	36	120	36	119	35
(WP.29/AC.2)	3/3	25	8	25	8	25	8	22	8	22	7
(WP.29/AC.3)	3/3	107	23	114	26	98	24	113	25	117	25
(WP.29/AC.4)	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A
(ST/SG/AC.10)	1**** / 1	-	-	36	17	-	-	34	17	-	-
(ST/SG/AC.10/C.3)	2 / 12.5 to 14	145	28	164	27	136	26	141	24	N/A	N/A
(ST/SG/AC.10/C.4)	2/5	108	34	107	30	90	28	112	27	N/A	N/A

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		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011***	
Group	Meetings/days year	Total participants	Countries present	Total participants	Countries present		Countries present		Countries present		Countries present
(WP.30)	3/9	131	37	93	32	82	31	81	33	97	36
(WP.30/AC.2)	2/2	107	47	57	30	102	44	70	35	126	59
(WP.30/AC.3)	1 / 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	28	N/A	N/A
TIRExB	3 / 6	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

^{*} Meetings hosted outside Geneva have not been included.
** The number of participants does not include ECE staff.
*** Only meetings held till 31 May 2011 were considered.
**** Meetings are held every two years.