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Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated Provisional Agenda for the Seventieth Session^{1,2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on 23-26 March 2015

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 - (c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving.
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 - (a) Secure Parking Areas;
 - (b) Automatic section speed control.
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- 11. Decade of Action for Road Safety:
 - (a) Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1;
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/148

2. A round table on safety of two-wheeled vehicles

At the last session, WP.1 welcomed the proposal to organize a round table as part of the March 2015 session (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/10). The round table is scheduled to take place on 23 March 2015; Informal document No.1 contains the programme.

Documentation

Informal document No.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/10

3. Activities of interest to the Working Party

Due to the round table taking place and time constrains, neither presentations nor discussion are foreseen on this agenda item. National delegations and international organizations will have the opportunity to present and discuss national or international road safety activities and initiatives, including recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation at the next WP.1 session in September 2015. Any information on the events which are going to take place in the forthcoming months (before the September WP.1 session) could be submitted in writing.

4. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations

WP.1 will be invited to continue considering the amendment proposals on Chapter II of Annex 5, originally proposed in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4. To assist discussions, the secretariat has prepared ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.4 which contains the original amendment proposals (with deletions identified in strikethrough and additions in bold) which are still to be discussed by WP.1 and the tentatively agreed (based on the discussions at the previous session) “remainder” of the text. WP.1 will be invited to consider the remaining amendment proposals.

In the context of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.4, WP.1 will also be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/1 (which consolidates ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/2 and Informal document No.6 submitted at the previous session) submitted by the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association as well as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/3 submitted by Laser Europe (prepared on the basis of Informal documents Nos.1 and 2 of the last session).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4, and /Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/3

(b) Driving Permits

The Working Party will be invited to take note of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1 which contains the final text of the set of suitable solutions for the mutual recognition of driving permits (originally prepared in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8 and adopted by WP.1 at the last session). WP.1 may wish to request the secretariat to make this document available in six official United Nations languages to facilitate the preparation of a multi-language brochure.

As requested by WP.1 at its sixty-ninth session, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) have prepared ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/4 recommending parallel work plans for amendment proposals

and other work related to international and domestic driving permits. This is based on Option 1 of Informal document No. 3 from the sixty-eighth session of WP.1. A Contracting Party to the 1949 and 1968 Conventions which is willing to support the amendment proposals in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/4 will be sought. Also, as requested by WP.1, the secretariat will give a presentation on a proposed electronic database of IDPs and provide options for the scope of accessibility of the proposed database.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/4

(c) Autonomous driving

At the last session, WP.1 discussed a proposal to pursue the issues related to autonomous driving (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/7). At the current session, WP.1 may wish to discuss Informal document No.2 submitted by the Governments of Belgium, Finland, France, Italy, Spain and Sweden, in which the role of the driver in a vehicle with a more advanced level of automation is described and analysed.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/7, Informal document No.2

(d) Loading of vehicles

WP.1 may wish to discuss (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5) tabled by the International Road Union concerning article 30 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5

5. European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic (1971)

Due to time constraints, WP.1 postponed the discussion of this agenda item at the last session. The secretariat will seek WP.1 agreement to distribute a questionnaire to all Contracting Parties to obtain a measure of the level of implementation of provisions related to international technical inspection certificates (in particular, Annex, point 26bis, paragraph 5(c)).

6. Convention on Road Traffic (1949)

(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1949) and Vehicle Technical Regulations

WP.1 will consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/4/Rev.1 submitted by Austria, Belgium, France and Italy which proposes amending Articles 8 and 22 of the Convention.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/4/Rev.1

(b) Registration plates

At the last session, WP.1 discussed and adopted Belgium's proposal to amend paragraph 1 of Annex 2 (of 1968 Convention on Road Traffic) to allow the issuance of (personalized)

registration plates containing only letters (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/9). The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the status of that amendment proposal.

WP.1 will be invited to consider Belgium's proposal to amend paragraph 1 of Annex 3 of the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic to allow the issuance of (personalized) registration plates containing only letters (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/6).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/9, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/6

7. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

(a) Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

The secretariat (or Chair of the Group of Experts) will provide an update on the second and third sessions of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals which met on 25-26 September 2014 and 5-6 February 2015. The secretariat will demonstrate a newly created web-based tool: "Road Signs Management System" developed under the auspices of the Group of Experts.

WP.1 may wish to discuss a Ministerial invitation to consider amendments to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals related to signs and signals for cyclists and pedestrians as stipulated in the Paris Declaration (paragraph 12) signed at the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment. At the last session, WP.1 agreed to defer discussion on this item to this session.

(b) Amendment Proposals on Variable Message Signs (VMS)

The VMS Informal Expert Group will be invited to introduce ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/5/Rev.1 which aims at developing an amendment proposal to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. At the last session, WP.1 agreed to defer discussion on this item to this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/5/Rev.1

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

(a) A Safe System Approach

WP.1 will be invited to commence discussion of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1 which incorporates Sweden's amendment proposals to include a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1). At the last session, WP.1 agreed to defer discussion on this item to this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1

(b) Multidisciplinary crash investigation (MDCI)

WP.1 may wish to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.1 submitted by Sweden, which now includes an additional chapter submitted by the Government of Finland. ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.1 aims to facilitate the amendment of R.E.1 to include MDCI. At the last session, WP.1 agreed to defer discussion on this item to this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.1

(c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving

WP.1 will be invited to resume its discussion on the topic of distracted driving. To facilitate the discussion, the Working Party will consider Informal document No. 3 to be submitted by France, Italy, the Russian Federation and the United States of America on national experiences, challenges, successful interventions and existing research on distracted driving.

Documentation

Informal document No. 3

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

(a) Secure Parking Areas

At the sixty-eighth session of WP.1, Belgium requested that ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9 be retained on the agenda for this session and that it would seek a regional agreement under Article 8 of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. Belgium will update WP.1 on the most recent developments in this area. At the last session, WP.1 agreed to defer discussion on this item to this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9

(b) Automatic section speed control

The secretariat will provide a further update on replies received in relation to its survey on road signs that warn road users of upcoming road sections where the average speed is measured. At the last session, WP.1 agreed to defer discussion on this item to this session.

10. Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings

The secretariat (or Chair of the Group of Experts) will provide an overview of the outcomes of the third and fourth sessions of the Group of Experts on improving safety at level crossings which met on 23-24 October 2014 and 29-30 January 2015.

11. Decade of Action for Road Safety

(a) Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1

WP.1 will consider Informal document No. 5 (September 2014) prepared by the secretariat which contains a first draft of the revised version of its terms of reference and rules of procedure (TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1). At the last session, WP.1 agreed to defer discussion on this item to this session.

Documentation

Informal document No. 5 (September 2014), TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1, ECE/EX/1, ECE/EX/2/Rev.1 and E/ECE/1468 (Annex III)

(b) WP.1 and the Decade of Action for Road Safety

The Working Party will discuss “its future role and activities in the context of the Decade of Action for Road Safety and the challenges of road safety evolution” (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/139, para. 32). WP.1 will be invited to share its ideas and/or proposals. At the last session, WP.1 agreed to defer discussion on this item to this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/139

12. Other Business

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

13. Date of next session

The next session of WP.1 will be held from 21-23 September 2015 in Geneva.

14. Adoption of the report of the seventieth session

The Working Party will adopt the report of its seventieth session.
