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Fourteenth session

Geneva, 20 February 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth session***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 20 February 2017

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Programme of work:

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- (a) Development of proposals for amending the Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) Agreement, including Article 22bis;
 - (b) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”;
 - (c) Exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards;
 - (d) Tachograph Forum;
 - (e) Memorandum of understanding between the UNECE and the European Commission Services which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties.
3. Other business.
 4. Date and place of next meeting.
 5. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session’s agenda.

Documentation

(ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/34)

2. Programme of work

(a) **Development of proposals for amending the Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) Agreement, including Article 22bis**

Experts will be invited to continue to discuss, with a view towards finalizing, the proposed changes to Article 22bis as well as to Article 14 (to make regional economic integration organizations eligible to accede) based on the consolidated proposal in the annex of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/20 as well as ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2 (submitted in October 2016 as Informal document No. 2).

At the last session, the Group of Experts continued its discussion on EU Regulations 165/2014 and 2016/799. The Russian Federation presented a number of issues which it believed make the EU regulations incompatible with the AETR Agreement: (a) regulations should be referred to as AETR regulations and not EU regulations (e.g. for distinguishing signs and languages used on the cards), (b) testing criteria for smart tachograph cards (e.g. climate differences), and (c) the use of GALLILEO system. At this session, the Group of Experts may wish to discuss these issues to find possible ways forward.

Also at the last session, the Group of Experts reiterated its request to EU to provide the Russian translation of 2016/799. The EU will be invited to provide information concerning this request.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2

(b) **Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”**

The Group of Experts will be invited to continue discussing the application of the Regulation 561/2006 given that the objective of amending the AETR Agreement in 2006 was to harmonize the two regimes for driving times and rest periods. The European Union will be invited to provide a further update on the steps undertaken since the last session with respect to revising Regulation 561/2006.

The Group of Experts will be invited to reflect on these steps.

(c) **Exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards**

At the seventh session, experts agreed to support the tabling of an amendment proposal to introduce new Article 10bis (presented in Annex, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/20). At this session, the secretariat will table – for information only - ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/1 (submitted in October 2016 as Informal document No. 1) which contains the amendment proposal submitted by the Government of Slovakia at the last session. The document will be subsequently made available at the next session of the Working Party on Road Transport.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/1

(d) **Tachograph Forum**

At the last session, the Group of Experts exchanged views on the procedure established by the European Union for participation in the Tachograph Forum as per Regulation 165/2014. The European Union will be invited to present a list of participants who attend the Tachograph Forum and update the Group on any new developments.

(e) **Memorandum of understanding between the UNECE and the European Commission Services which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties**

Experts will be informed about the status of the supplement to this memorandum (which extends its validity until 30 June 2019) and, if it is finalized, will be invited to endorse it.

3. Other business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

4. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 June 2017 in Palais des Nations in Geneva.

5. Adoption of the report

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of this session.
