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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated Provisional Agenda for the seventy-third session^{1,2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 19 September 2016

I. Provisional agenda

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2. Activities of interest to the Working Party.
3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968):
 - (a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations;

¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp1.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (roadsafety@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

² All delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by e-mail (roadsafety@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 72401). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm.

- (b) Driving permits;
 - (c) Automated driving;
 - (d) Loading of vehicles.
4. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968):
Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals;
5. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1):
 - (a) A Safe System Approach;
 - (b) Multi-Disciplinary Crash Investigation (MDCI);
 - (c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving;
 - (d) Amendment proposals on policies for Powered Two Wheelers (PTW).
6. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2):
Secure Parking Areas.
7. Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings.
8. Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1.
9. Change of WP.1 name
10. Other Business.
11. Election of officers
12. Date of next session.
13. Adoption of the report of the seventy-third session.

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.1/154

2. Activities of interest to the Working Party

Due to time constraints, neither interventions nor presentations are foreseen for this agenda item. National delegations and international organizations will have the opportunity to submit in writing, information on national and international road safety activities and initiatives, including recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation as well as any information on the events going to take place prior to the next WP.1 session.

3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

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

At the last session, WP.1 began considering ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.2 submitted by France, Italy and Laser Europe. After discussion, WP.1 requested France, Italy and Laser Europe to revise ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.2 for the next session based on decisions taken and to table it as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.3

(b) Driving permits

The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the status of official translation of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1 into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish.

WP.1 will be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2106/2 prepared by International Organization for Standardization (ISO), France and Luxembourg on the basis of Informal document No. 5 (March 2016). The document contains amendment proposals related to domestic and international driving permits. FIA will be invited to introduce ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/3 which contains amendment proposals to Annex 6 and 7 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.

As requested by WP.1 at the last session, FIA and the secretariat will provide a further update on the creation of the proposed image bank of International Driving Permit (IDP) booklets provided by Contracting Parties to the 1968 and 1949 Conventions. FIA will be invited to share any possible solutions to changing drivers' perception of IDPs.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/3

(c) Automated driving

WP.1 will be invited to consider the relevance of continuing with possible amendments to the 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic which would accommodate highly automated vehicles, and to explore alternative possibilities to that end. The Chair of informal Group of Experts on Automated Driving will be invited to provide information on the Group's progress and, in particular, on the Group's work on automated systems such as remote parking, where the definition of the role of "driver" and "operator" has already been approached.

(d) Loading of vehicles

WP.1 will be invited to postpone its discussion about ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5/Rev.2 which is expected to be submitted by the International Road Union (IRU) and Laser Europe only in early 2017. IRU may wish to update WP.1 as to whether a Contracting Party to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic has been identified to partner with IRU and Laser Europe to propose these amendments.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5/Rev.2

4. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

The Chair of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals will be invited to provide an update on progress and most recent developments in the Group. WP.1 will be invited to discuss a secretariat's proposal to initiate the process of establishing a road signs and signals trust fund. The trust fund, if established, is to attract donations to develop an electronic version of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals (e-CORSS).

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

(a) A Safe System Approach

WP.1 will continue to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6 which incorporates Sweden's amendment proposals to include a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1). WP.1 will begin discussing the document with section 1.5.1 (Use of mobile phones).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6

(b) Multi-Disciplinary Crash Investigation (MDCI)

WP.1 will consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.3. At the last session, WP.1 invited Finland and Sweden to submit a revised version for the next session and it welcomed Laser Europe's willingness to assist in this regard.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.3

(c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving

At the last session, WP.1 agreed that the discussion on distracted driving should go beyond the use of mobile phones and address "infotainment" and distraction in a wider context. ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/1, submitted by the Chair, aims to underline this concept. WP.1 is also invited to consider the European Commission study (submitted as Informal document no. 7 (March 2016)) which provides an in depth analysis on road safety risks caused by driver's distraction.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/1

(d) Amendment proposals on policies for Powered Two Wheelers (PTW)

The Chair will provide an update (Informal document No. 1) on the follow-up of the seventieth session Round Table's conclusions (Annex I, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/149). In particular, the Chair will provide information on PTW Conference scheduled to take place on 5-7 December 2016 in New Delhi, and to be held in consultation with WP.1.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1, Annex I, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/149

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

Secure Parking Areas

WP.1 will consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9/Rev.2 prepared by Austria and Spain in cooperation with the Chair.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9/Rev.2

7. Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings

The secretariat will be invited to summarize the Group's progress to-date.

8. Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1

At the last session, WP.1 discussed TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.1 and Informal document No. 3 (March 2016) submitted by an informal group of experts established to make proposals on how to revise WP.1 Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1). After discussion, WP.1 invited the informal group of experts to make a proposal on WP.1 participation options (i.e. full versus consultative status) for consideration at the next session.

Documentation

TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.2

9. Change of WP.1 name

At the last session, the Chair invited WP.1 to reflect on a possibility of changing the current name (Road Safety Forum) to better reflect the global scope of United Nations road safety conventions. WP.1 may wish to exchange views on this subject.

10. Other Business

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

11. Election of officers

The Working Party will be invited to elect its officers for the period March 2017 – September 2018. The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of WP.1 (Chapter V, Rule 12, TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1) stipulate that “every two years, WP.1 shall, at the end of the last session of the second year, elect from among the representatives of members of the UNECE a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who shall take office at the start of the first session of the year following their election. The officers shall be eligible for re-election.” The current WP.1 officers are Ms. L. Iorio from Italy (Chair), Mr. D. Mitroshin from the Russian Federation (Vice-Chair) and Mr. J. Valmain from France (Vice-Chair).

Documentation

TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1

12. Date of next session

The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 21-24 March 2017 in Geneva.

13. Adoption of the report of the seventy-third session

The Working Party will adopt the report of its seventy-third session.
