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Sixteenth session

Geneva, 16 October 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixteenth session***

To be held at the Palais des Nations Room VIII, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 16 October 2017

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Programme of Work:

* 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/sc1/sc1.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (roadtransport@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).

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- (a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis;
- (b) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”;
- 3. AETR Road Map
- 4. Other business.
- 5. Date and place of next meeting.
- 6. 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.21/38

2. Programme of Work

(a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis

Experts will be invited to continue discussing how to amend Article 22, Article 22bis, Article 10 as well as Article 14 (to make regional economic integration organizations eligible to accede) based on ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2 submitted by the Government of Slovakia and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.1 prepared by the secretariat (as per para.8, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/37).

At the last session, Contracting Parties were invited to provide written comments in relation to EU Regulations 165/2014 and 2016/799 (para.9, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/37). At this session, the Group of Experts may wish to discuss these comments to find possible ways forward.

Documentation

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

(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 present draft proposals which revise EU 561/2006 and 165/2014 to facilitate discussion about the relationship of these two regulations with the AETR Agreement.

3. AETR Road Map

At the last session, the Group was briefed on the status quo regarding the translations of the AETR Road Map into French and Russian. The Russian Federation requested the secretariat revise paragraph 47 of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/3 to make it clear that AETR rules are not applicable domestically in the Russian Federation. To this end, the

secretariat will present ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/3/Rev.1 that contains the relevant revisions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/3/Rev.1

4. Other Business

The Group of Experts will be informed about any new developments related to Government of Lebanon interest – through the EU-funded EUROMED Transport Project – in seeking to amend Article 14 with a view of making the country eligible to accede to the AETR Agreement.

Continental Automotive will be invited to make a presentation concerning digital tachograph products branded “VDO DTCO TR” which it sells, especially in Turkey (as per para. 18, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/37).

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

5. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 19 February 2018 in Palais des Nations in Geneva.

6. Adoption of the Report

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