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#### Eightieth session

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### **Annotated provisional agenda for the eightieth session\*\***

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on 9 March 2020, Salle XII.

## **I. Provisional Agenda**

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3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968):
  - (a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations;
  - (b) Driving permits;
  - (c) Automated driving.

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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 and amendment proposals on distracted driving;
  - (b) Policies for Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) and Powered Two Wheelers (PTW);
  - (c) Personal mobility devices.
6. Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1.
7. Sustainable Development Goals: Potential contribution by WP.1.
8. Definition of a serious injury.
9. Other Business.
10. Date of next session.
11. Adoption of the report of the eightieth session.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/170).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/170

### **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**

WP.1 will be invited to resume discussions on this subject starting at points (i), (j), (r), (t), 34, 35 and 36 in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1 while taking into account Informal document No. 8 (March 2019), ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/10 (submitted by Slovakia) and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/11 (submitted by Laser Europe).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1, Informal document No. 8 (March 2019), ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/10, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/11

#### **(b) Driving permits**

##### *(i) Amendment proposal*

At the last session, the informal group of experts on driving permits submitted ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.2 and proposed an amalgamated approach combining

elements of the three options (a), (b) and (c) in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.1. WP.1 requested that the informal group of experts prepare an amendment proposal for the necessary changes in relation to the 1968 Convention. It also requested that the proposed minimum-security features be further elaborated in the proposal amendment. The informal group of experts will be invited to present its amendment proposal (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.3) and WP.1 will be invited to consider it.

*(ii) Mobile driving permits*

At the last session, the Chair requested that “mobile driving permits” and their associated databases be introduced on the agenda as a separate item. WP.1 will be invited to begin discussions on this topic.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1, Rev.1, Rev.2 and Rev.3

**(c) Automated driving**

*(i) Vehicles with automated driving systems: The concept of activities other than driving*

At the last session, WP.1 considered ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/3, made some changes, and agreed to resume discussions on the document at this session starting from paragraph 8.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/3

*(ii) Situations when a driver operates a vehicle from the outside of the vehicle*

At the last session, the United Kingdom submitted a discussion document for a proposed draft resolution on remote driving (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/2). At this session, the Working Party will be invited to resume its discussion on the document starting from the preamble.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/2

*(iii) Amendment proposal to Article 8 in the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic*

At the last session, WP.1 considered the opportunity to resume its discussion referring to ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/1 submitted by France and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/7 (updated version of Informal document No. 2 (March 2019)) submitted by the United Kingdom, and preference was given to start by considering the amendment proposals related to a new article 34bis. WP.1 may wish to re-consider this deferment.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/1, Informal document No. 2 (March 2019), ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/7

*(iv) Amendment proposal to Article 34 in the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic*

At the last session, WP.1 discussed ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/6, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/8, and Informal document No. 7 (September 2019) and agreed to ask the proponents to work together to consolidate their approaches and submit a joint proposal at the next session. At this session, WP.1 will be invited to consider the consolidated proposal (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2020/1).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/6, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/8, Informal document No. 7 (September 2019), ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2020/1

*(v) Establishment of Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic*

At the last session, the Chair suggested developing a new convention on the use of automated vehicles in road traffic. To this end, the WP.1 Bureau and secretariat have prepared terms of reference for a new Group of Experts tasked with developing this legal instrument (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2020/2). The terms of reference were revised to take into account “in-between sessions” consultations with WP.1 government delegates. The secretariat has submitted ECE/TRANS/2020/7 to the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) in February 2020 requesting the ITC to approve the establishment of this Group. The secretariat will provide an update on the recent developments.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2020/2, ECE/TRANS/2020/7

#### **4. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)**

**Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals**

At the last session, WP.1 (in particular, the contracting parties to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and to the 1971 Supplement) were requested to provide comments on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4 which contains the Group’s final report and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/5 which contains proposals to amend Annexes 1-3 of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. Informal documents No. 5 and 6 contain comments from Slovakia (the only comments received by the deadline). The Chair of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals will be invited to update WP.1.

The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the progress in developing e-CoRSS (electronic version of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals) as well as on the required approvals by ITC and EXCOM to allow the Group of Experts to resume its work in 2020.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/5, Informal document No. 5, Informal document No. 6

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

**(a) A Safe System Approach and amendment proposals on distracted driving**

At the last session, WP.1 extensively discussed ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2/Rev.2 (prepared by France, Italy and the Russian Federation) and asked the authors to consider taking into account the comments made. At this session, WP.1 will be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2/Rev.3.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2, Rev.1, Rev.2 and Rev.3

**(b) Policies for Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) and Powered Two Wheelers (PTW)**

At the last session, WP.1 delegates were invited to provide comments on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/6 directly to the authors. At this session, WP.1 may wish to continue discussing the document.

The informal group of experts (Canada, Italy, United Kingdom, International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association, Institute of Road Traffic Education, University of Birmingham, and Johns Hopkins University) which was created to investigate and assess VRUs as well as PTW policies and their impact in South-East Asia will be invited to share any new developments.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/6

**(c) Personal mobility devices**

Given the interest of this subject to WP.1 at the last session, the Chair decided that the topic of personal mobility devices including e-scooters be added to the agenda. John Hopkins University will introduce Informal document No. 1 presenting a variety of micro-mobility issues while, in general, WP.1 will be invited to begin setting out a workplan for future discussions.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 1

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

WP.1 will resume its discussion of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.4 to revise the Terms of Reference of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety. The secretariat - as requested - made ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.4 (with track changes to date) available as an informal document at this session (Informal document No. 2).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.4, Informal document No. 2

**7. Sustainable Development Goals: Potential contribution by WP.1**

At the last session, Sweden submitted Informal document No. 4 (September 2019) to facilitate a discussion on potential WP.1 actions in this area. Consequently, Sweden, together with Brazil, Italy, UK and Road Safety Institute (RSI) "Panos Mylonas", volunteered to prepare an informal document for the current session proposing a framework for an impact analysis of potential WP.1 contribution (Informal document No. 3). WP.1 will be invited to discuss it.

In the context of Sustainable Development Goals, WP.1 may wish to consider organizing a special event to focus on innovative approaches to policies and guidelines to bring about tangible and long-lasting road safety performance transformation in low- and middle-income countries.

**Documentation**

Informal document No. 4 (September 2019), Informal document No. 3

**8. Definition of a serious injury**

At the last session, the Chair invited WP.1 to partner with Sweden to further develop the WP.1 work in this area. Sweden will be invited to provide an update on the use, in the context of road safety, of Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS) in combination with the "Risk of Permanent Medical Impairment" (RPMI) as indicators.

**9. Other Business**

At the last session, the secretariat informed WP.1 about the adopted ITC strategy (ECE/TRANS/288, para 15(a)) and the resulting implications for ITC subsidiary bodies, including a request "to take follow-up actions to align their work with the strategy" (ECE/TRANS/288, para 15(c)). As a result, WP.1 discussed its activities in the framework of Table 1 in ECE/TRANS/288/Add.2 and requested the secretariat to prepare an informal document containing the comments provided (Informal document No. 4). WP.1 will be invited to discuss and possibly adopt this document.

The Chair will inform WP.1 about comments on the draft ITC recommendations for Enhancing National Road Safety Systems sent to the ITC Secretary as requested in the communication to the Chairs of Working Parties dated 24 April 2019.

At the last session, Canada (in partnership with the United States of America) submitted Informal document No.3 (September 2019) which proposed some working principles and current key priority activities for WP.1 and WP.29. WP.1 made changes to this document and requested Informal document No. 3/Rev.1 (September 2019) be available in English, French and Russian at the current session (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/ 2020/3). Subsequent to the last WP.1 session, as requested, the WP.1 secretariat shared the revised document with the secretariat for WP.29 so it could be discussed at future WP.29 sessions. The WP.29 secretariat will be invited to provide an update to WP.1 on the outcomes (para. 104, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1149).

The WP.1 Chair and/or the secretariat will inform WP.1 about the work of the United Nations Road Safety Fund.

The secretariat to the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety will be invited to provide an update on the recent activities of the Special Envoy in promoting road safety and United Nations legal instruments.

The Chair will be invited to provide information about the Third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety (19-20 February 2020, Stockholm) as well as on the outcomes and conclusions of the WP.1 pre-event organized in partnership with the Russian Federation (18 February 2020). The event aimed at raising attention to the recent work of the Global Forum, including a legal framework to govern the internationally harmonized application of emerging automotive technologies benefitting road safety at a global level (Informal document No. 10 (September 2019)).

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/288, ECE/TRANS/288/Add.2, Informal document No. 10 (September 2019), Informal document No. 4, Informal document No. 3, Rev.1 (September 2019), ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2020/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1149

### **10. Date of next session**

The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 21-25 September 2020 in Geneva. The deadline for submission of formal documents is 1 July 2020.

### **11. Adoption of the report of the eightieth session**

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

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