

Note by the vice-chairs



Presentation 1 (GE.3-07-01)

7th GoE on LIAV, 30 November-1 December 2023

Provisional agenda item 2(a)

General information

Highlights from the September 2023 session of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)

GoE on LIAV – WP.1/GE.3

Group of Experts on drafting a new legal
instrument on the use of automated
vehicles in traffic

General information



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- The 7th session of the GoE on LIAV is scheduled on 30 November -1 December 2023 in Room VIII.
- The 8th session of the Group is scheduled on 29 April – 1 May 2024 (tbc.)

Highlights from the 87th session of WP.1 in September 2023

- The informal documents no 5 and 11 submitted to WP.1 about revision of the terms of Reference of GoE LIAV.
- The two vice-chairs information to WP.1
- Participation at GoE LIAV meetings
- Extension of the duration of the mandate for GoE LIAV

Highlights from the 87th session of WP.1 in September 2023 (cont.) (see ECE/TRANS/WP.1/185 *)



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F. Revision of the terms of Reference of the Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic (LIAV)

“14. At the last session, the ITC recommended that WP.1 re-visit the ToR of the LIAV Group of Experts. WP.1 discussed this recommendation on the basis of Informal document No.5 (submitted by Canada, Japan, and the United States) and Informal document No.11 (submitted by Finland, Germany, Sweden and the United Kingdom). After discussion, WP.1 requested that the LIAV Group of Experts - at its November 2023 session - work on merging these two documents aiming to submit a consolidated text to WP.1 in March 2024. In terms of participation of the automotive industry and other private sector stakeholders in the Group’s meetings, the Chair clarified that paragraphs 11 and 12 of the current terms of reference make it possible (upon the of invitation of the LIAV Chair).”

* <https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/ECE-TRANS-WP1-185e-.pdf>

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F. Revision of the terms of Reference of the Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic (LIAV)

Re-visit of Terms of Reference:

=> WP1 has assigned a task to the GoE on LIAV for the 7th session :
work on merging the informal documents N°5 and N°11 documents aiming to submit a consolidated text to WP.1 in March 2024.

To be discussed under provisional agenda item N°2 (b)

Participation:

=>The Chair of WP1 clarifies that the participation of the automotive industry and other private sector stakeholders in the Group's meetings is possible as per paragraphs 11 and 12 of the current terms of reference.

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VII. Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic (LIAV) (agenda item 6)

“27. The two Vice-Chairs of the Group of Experts (currently acting as co-Chairs due to the Chair’s long-term absence) informed WP.1 about the on-going discussions, outcomes, and on the Group’s general progress to date, focusing on the Group’s last session in May 2023. ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2023/2 (especially its Annex) contains a comprehensive report on the Group’s activities to date. Recently, the Group’s efforts concentrated on responding to WP.1 invitation to comprehensively and cohesively address the February 2023 ITC decision (para.23, Informal document No.6/Rev.5). The co-Chairs also informed WP.1 that the next LIAV session will take place on 30 November – 1 December. Finally, the co-Chairs expressed their appreciation to all LIAV participants for their cooperative and constructive work.”

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VII. Group of Experts on drafting a new legal instrument on the use of automated vehicles in traffic (LIAV) (agenda item 6)

“28. The two Vice-Chairs of the LIAV Group of Experts initially requested to extend the duration of the current Inland Transport Committee mandate for an additional two and a half years. While France, Finland, Germany, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom, expressed their support for the request, Canada, Japan and the United States of America asked for more information about why an extension was necessary and opposed this request for extension without further information.

29. In a compromise, the Vice-Chairs proposed to extend the duration of the mandate until June 2025. This extension allows the Group of Experts sufficient time: i) to complete its assessment as outlined in the February 2023 ITC decision (para. 23, Informal document No.6/Rev.5) and ii) to present its results to WP.1 before the expiry of the current mandate.

30. WP.1 supported this proposal to seek an extension of the duration of the mandate until June 2025 to complete and report on the tasks specified in the February 2023 ITC decision. WP.1 requested the Chair to report to the ITC in 2024 on this request.”

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