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**EVALUATION AND ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE WORK**

**Draft Programme of Work 2010-2014**

**Note by the secretariat<sup>\*/</sup>**

**I. PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES**

1. The Inland Transport Committee (ITC) reviews its programme of work every two years for the following period of four years. At its seventieth session in February 2008, the ITC adopted its programme of work for the period 2008-2012. The ITC Programme of Work for 2008-2012 (ECE/TRANS/2008/11 already addressed the priorities identified in the Workplan on the reform of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

2. With a view to facilitating comparison of the description part of the attached draft programme with the text adopted by the respective subsidiary bodies of the Committee in 2008 and 2009, the secretariat has, where possible, indicated additional programme elements or elements replacing old text in bold characters while the texts proposed for deletion have been struck through.

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<sup>\*/</sup> In accordance with the Plan of action of the Commission, the Inland Transport Committee adjusts its work programme at least every two years (E/ECE/1347, chapter III, C).

## **II. GENERAL OBJECTIVES PURSUED BY THE INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

To allow a better understanding of the scope of work of the ITC, the general objectives pursued in carrying out the programme of work are outlined below. Through the pursuance of these objectives, the Committee intends:

- (a) to promote the harmonization and improvement of technical and operational regulations, standards and recommendations in the various fields of inland transport in the UNECE region;
- (b) to further the facilitation of international road, rail and inland waterway transport, particularly through the simplification and harmonization of administrative border crossing procedures and documentation;
- (c) to promote the coordinated development of infrastructures for road, rail and inland waterway transport as well as for combined transport;
- (d) to support the development of sustainable transport by means of promoting both the reduction of the negative impact of transport on the environment and the utilization of environmentally sound modes of transport;
- (e) to develop appropriate methodologies and definitions for the collection, compilation and harmonization of transport statistics for the purposes of comparability and consistency;
- (f) to contribute to the elaboration, administration and revision of Agreements, Conventions and other international legally binding instruments in the various fields of inland transport;
- (g) to monitor progressively the implementation of these international legal instruments in the various countries;
- (h) to promote subregional cooperation with a view to such implementation and
- (i) to advise and assist UNECE member countries, particularly those facing major economic changes, through workshops, training and other appropriate means on transport matters of specific interest, in particular in developing transport systems and infrastructures.

## **PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.1: TRANSPORT TRENDS AND ECONOMICS**

Review of general trends with regard to transport development and transport policy, and analysis of specific transport economic issues

Priority: 1

Description: Review and exchange of information on general trends in the development of transport and of specific transport economic issues including transport development in the Mediterranean Region.

Work to be undertaken: The Committee and the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) will consider and carry out the following activities:

### **CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

- (a) Study of economic aspects of transport taking into account (i) the integration process going on within the UNECE region, and (ii) the reform processes under way in member countries by monitoring current changes in transport in order to identify, promote and spread positive examples for transport development.

Output expected: Report on transport developments every five years (2012).

Priority: 2

- (b) Periodical review of new important policy developments relating to inland transport in UNECE member countries in order to make the medium- and long-term evolution of transport more transparent. WP.5 will examine all decisions, general and specific, recently taken in member countries likely to have implications in the organization of transport and take into account the findings arrived at during international meetings focusing on salient issues of transport development.

Output expected: Reports on developments in inland transport of member countries (every five years; next report: 2012).

Priority: 1

- (c) Monitoring of the developments relevant to the pan-European Transport Corridors in cooperation with the European Commission (EC).

Output expected: Report on progress made in the implementation of the pan-European Transport Corridors (20082010).

Priority: 1

- (d) Study of the interrelationship of the UNECE Agreements (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC), Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) and its Protocol, European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN)) and the UNECE projects (Trans-European North-South

Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER)) with the Pan-European transport network planning procedure with a view to:

- (i) indicating the major international transport routes to be considered for improvement and modernization, establishing priorities and a timetable taking into account those parts of the networks where there are bottlenecks and missing links;
- (ii) assessing the cost of this infrastructure plan and making suggestions for financing it.

Output expected: Biannual report on coherent European system of international transport infrastructure (~~2008~~**2010**).

Priority: 1

- (e) Further ~~elaboration of the elements~~ **implementation** of the joint UNESCAP/UNECE programme on the development of the **Expert Group on Euro-Asian Transport Links** ~~Asia-Europe land transport links as well as the analysis of results of international meetings on the problem.~~

Output expected: Report on Euro-Asian transport links (~~2008~~**2012**).

Priority: 1

- (f) Financing schemes of transport infrastructure

Output expected: Report on national experiences (**2011**)

Priority: 1

- (g) Development of efficient management frameworks for transport infrastructure maintenance and operation, thus optimizing the need for new investments (linked to the development of the Quality-of-Service concept).

Priority: 2

Output expected: Report on the quality of transport services (~~2008~~**2013**).

- (h) Improving intermodal coordination and integration with a view to establishing a ~~balanced~~ **sustainable** European transport system. This also includes activities related to seaports as important nodal points for a change of transport mode. **Report on hinterland connections of seaports (2010).**

Priority: ~~2~~**1**

- (i) Assistance regarding institutional adaptation of government administration and of transport enterprises to market economy. This also includes support through the UNECE Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A detailed list of subjects is circulated in document TRANS/1999/11.

Output expected: Annual ~~report~~ **informal document** for information (2008).

Priority: 1

- (j) Strengthening of cooperation with the Mediterranean Study and Training Centre, to enable all UNECE countries to benefit from the activities carried out, including the organization of workshops. The Working Party will also analyse the evolution of transport developments in the Mediterranean basin and the Black Sea region, as well as consider information on the Europe-Africa Permanent Link through the Strait of Gibraltar.

Output expected: Annual report on activities of the Study and Training Centre (2008).

Priority: 2

Output expected: Biennial report on progress made in the analysis of the Europe-Africa Permanent Link through the Strait of Gibraltar (next report: ~~2009~~ 2012)

Priority: 3

## ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION

- (a) As a follow-up to the Conference on Transport and the Environment: development and implementation of programmes to establish attractive networks taking into account such aspects as intermodality, interoperability and environmentally sound vehicles.<sup>2</sup>

## PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.2: ROAD TRANSPORT

### 02.2.1 Road transport infrastructure

#### CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

##### Implementation and amendment of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries

Description: In order to adapt the European road network to future requirements, the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) will take suitable action to implement the Agreement and amend as necessary its provisions taking into account the evolution of traffic flows, as well as the safety and security of the network.

Work to be undertaken:

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<sup>2</sup> In addition to the above item, WP.5 wishes to be associated with activities on transport and environment concerning, in particular, development of methodologies for setting up databases, implementation of scientific programmes, assistance to countries in transition, development of environmental guidelines, external costs, analysis of questions related to the protection of sensitive areas (see also items I (c), (d), (g), (h); III (e); IV (c), (f) in the Programme of Joint Action).

- (a) Consideration of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) in the light of new traffic flows.

**Priority: 1**

Output expected by ~~2008-2009~~ the end of 2011:

- (i) Adoption of amendments to Annex I to the AGR including new E-Roads. Issuance of an updated map of the network in 2008.

- (b) Enhancing AGR standards which have an impact on road safety, environmental protection and energy saving.

**Priority: 1**

Output expected by ~~2008-2009~~ the end of 2011:

- (i) Preparation and possible adoption of new amendments to the AGR **to include provisions on road safety audits and possibly on or recommendations which relate to safety and security.**

- (c) **Monitor the implementation of AGR standards along the E-Roads network**

**Priority: 1**

**Output expected by the end of 2011:**

- (i) Preparation and launching of a questionnaire concerning implementation of AGR standards.**

#### Trans-European North-South Motorway Project

Description: In order to assist in the construction of the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project network as part of an integrated international road infrastructure, SC.1 will continue its close cooperation with TEM.

Work to be undertaken:

- (d) Review of ongoing and expected future progress in the TEM network and consideration of possibilities to contribute to its further development (e.g., combined transport, financing).

**Priority: 2**

Output expected by ~~2008-2009~~ the end of 2011

- (a) Monitoring the development of the TEM Project **and assisting the TEM Project whenever possible and appropriate.**

#### **02.2.2 Harmonization of requirements concerning international road transport and facilitation of its operations**

Description: In order to simplify and harmonize requirements concerning international road transport and the facilitation of its operation, SC.1 will elaborate and update, as necessary, appropriate international **legal** instruments and/or recommendations and **will consider study** selected aspects of

international transport of passengers and goods by road, particularly those related to the facilitation of road transport between **countries and subregions in the UNECE area** ~~eastern and western Europe~~ and including the simplification and harmonization of administrative procedures and documentation.

## CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

### Work to be undertaken:

- (e) Implementation of the European Agreement on the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) **in general and of the digital tachograph in particular**. ~~Enhanced implementation of the AETR within the framework of the biennial evaluation.~~

Priority: 1

### Output expected by ~~2008-2009~~ the end of 2011:

(i) ~~Adoption~~ **Implementation** of new provisions concerning the regulation of driving and rest periods for professional drivers.

(ii) **To the extent possible and based on the sufficient number of Member country replies**, evaluation of the survey (to be conducted every two years) on the effective application of the AETR and number of problem areas identified and proposals to address them within the framework of the follow-up to the survey.

**(iii) Implementation of the digital tachograph in non-EU AETR countries.**

- (f) Consideration of questions concerning the Green Card International Motor Insurance System.

Priority: 2

### Output expected by ~~2008-2009~~ the end of 2011

(i) Encourage and facilitate membership of the Green Card System. Consider possibilities for the establishment of ~~an~~ **similar** international motor insurance system for **countries beyond the area covered by the Green Card System** ~~Central Asian States~~.

- (g) Promote the harmonization of fiscal and other measures in order to avoid any discriminatory practices in international road transport.

Priority: 3

Output expected by ~~2008-2009~~ the end of 2011: Development of proposals regarding the harmonization of fiscal and other measures in international road transport.

## ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION

Work to be undertaken:

- (h) Modification of the Consolidated Resolution on the Facilitation of International Road Transport (R.E.4).

Priority: 2

Output expected by ~~2008-2009~~ the end of 2011:

- (i) Consideration of the need to modify or insert in R.E.4 certain subjects, such as the security of passenger and goods transport and access to the profession of road transport operator.
- (i) Consideration of new challenges, opportunities and developments in the facilitation of ~~border crossings and consideration of possibilities for effective measures other than legal measures on border crossing and border facilities for~~ **international road transport between countries and subregions in the UNECE area and beyond, including quantitative restrictions imposed on international road transport of goods.**

Priority: 1

Output expected by ~~2008-2009~~ the end of 2011:

- (i) Cooperation **including joint meetings** where appropriate with **other UNECE bodies such as** the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) on the facilitation of border crossing e.g. visa issuance to professional drivers, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) on the safety of infrastructure; ~~and the Committee on Trade on the use of electronic consignment notes.~~
- (ii) Adoption of a new global multilateral legal instrument on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus.**
- ~~(i) Consideration of the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) with a view to the introduction of electronic data interchange (EDI) into its procedures.~~

Output expected by ~~2008-2009~~ : Opening for signature of a new protocol to the CMR introducing the electronic assignment note.

- (j) Implementation of transport-related UNECE agreements and conventions.

Priority: 1

Output expected by ~~2008-2009~~ the end of 2011: ~~Adaptation of the contents of Annex 1B of the EU Regulation dealing with the digital tachograph to the context of Appendix 1B to the Annex to the AETR and translation of Appendix 1B (more 250 pages) in Russian.~~



**(i) Entry into force of the Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) introducing the electronic consignment note and wide use of it.**

~~— Follow up on the Implementation of the digital tachograph in non EU AETR countries.~~

Priority: 1

**(ii) Define and put in place well-functioning implementation monitoring mechanisms for the legal instruments dealt with by the Working Party.**

Priority: 1

### **PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.3: ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Priority: 1

Description: Mindful of the worldwide scope of its work, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will examine matters and adopt measures aimed at improving road traffic safety. To this end, it will consider, inter alia, the implementation of the Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, 1968, and the European Agreements of 1971 supplementing them and elaborate proposals for updating these legal instruments as well as the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic (R.E.1) and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2). WP.1 will promote road traffic safety through optimal use of new technologies. WP.1 will also seek to promote the global application of its work and adapt itself to the dynamics of road safety by including in its debates more policy-related issues.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety will pursue the following activities:

#### **CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

- (a) Encourage **accession to/ratification of** and/or implementation of the Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, 1968, and the European Agreements of 1971 supplementing them and the Protocol on Road Markings, and elaborate amendment proposals to these legal instruments with a view to strengthening and harmonizing road safety standards.

Priority: 1

#### Output expected by the end of 2011:

(i) Increased number of Contracting Parties to the Conventions and the European Agreements supplementing them;

(ii) Consideration and/or adoption where appropriate of new amendment proposals to the above instruments concerning, inter alia, ~~definitions of mopeds, motorcycles, motorized triicycles and quadricycles,~~ **the relationship between the Convention on Road Traffic, 1968 and UNECE Vehicle Technical Regulations, and possibly security**

measures concerning road traffic recommended by the Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Inland Transport Security.

(iii) Wide dissemination of the consolidated versions of the Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, 1968, in all official United Nations languages.

~~— Publication of consolidated versions of the Vienna Conventions in the three other UN languages (Arabic, Chinese and Spanish)~~

(b) **Publish and widely disseminate the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic (R.E.1) and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)**

Priority: 1

~~Revision and updating of the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.1 and R.E.2).~~

Output expected by the end of 2011: Publication of the two resolutions in a more attractive and modern form and wide dissemination, with priority to the other regional economic commissions;

~~— Consideration, development and incorporation into R.E.2 of new recommendations concerning, in particular, variable message signs and signing for cycle routes.~~

(c) **Define and put in place a well-functioning implementation monitoring mechanism for the Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, 1968.**

Priority: 1

(d) **Define a mechanism of inquiry with the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Road Traffic, 1949, in order to identify their possible difficulties in acceding to/ratifying and/or implementing the 1968 Conventions.**

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: Launch the inquiry and design support measures for the Contracting Parties to overcome the difficulties.

(e) **Provide support to the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Road Traffic, 1949, in overcoming the difficulties they may have in ratifying the 1968 Conventions;**

Priority: 3

(f) **Promote and strengthen national and regional cooperation amongst competent authorities involved in road traffic safety. To this end, make full use of the findings of the project “Improving global road safety: setting regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets”, funded by the United Nations Development Account.**

Priority: 2

(g) Exchange of information on national road safety programmes, in particular taking into account means of financing of road safety activities, and on road safety regulations and requirements in force in member

States and circulation of such information in order to avail Governments of the practice and experience gained on these matters.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: Updating the set of tables reflecting current national road traffic safety requirements, national legal instruments and national methods of training and follow-up for categories A and B driving licences. Addition of new tables dealing, for example, with complementary safety equipment required on board vehicles. Issuance of information regarding road safety campaigns conducted by member countries.

(h) **Incorporate in its work technological developments that would improve road traffic safety.**

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: **Decision on including Variable Message Signs (VMS) in the Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968.**

(i) Assist countries in transition and developing countries in the establishment of sound and up-to-date traffic safety practices and procedures.

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2011: Respond to requests for technical assistance from other regional commissions or their member countries.

(j) **Encourage the establishment by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) of Regional Road Safety Groups (working structures similar to WP.1) aimed at improving collaboration between all the road safety stakeholders in that specific region.**

(k) **Consider developing global instruments on road traffic safety covering actual needs, not dealt with by other (existing) instruments, suitable for countries with different levels of development.**

(l) Consideration of selected timely topics related to road safety in the form of an in-depth discussion based on papers prepared by experts and undertaking appropriate follow-up action with a view to finding concerted solutions to the most urgent problems in the field of traffic safety.

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2011: Identification of at least one timely topic for in-depth discussion.

(m) **Raise awareness about road traffic safety through all means, including sports and cultural events.**

Priority: 1

**ACTIVITIES OF LIMITED DURATION**

~~Contribution to activities envisaged in the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) and follow up to these activities from the more specific angle of road safety.~~

~~Priority: 1~~

~~Output expected by the end of **2011**: Consideration of possible proposals to amend the Vienna Conventions and European Agreements emanating from THE PEP~~

(n) **Act as facilitator in promoting the setting-up of an associative structure of Road Traffic Safety Councils.**

**Priority: 2**

(o) ~~Evaluation and follow-up, in cooperation with the World Health Organization and the other regional commissions, of the first United Nations Global Road Safety Week held in April 2007. **Contribute to the organization of the Second Global Road Safety Week (in case it is organized).**~~

~~Priority: 2~~

~~Output expected by the end of **2011**: Holding of the first Global UN Road Safety Week in 2007 on the theme of young road users including young drivers and organization of activities for this event.~~

~~In close cooperation with WHO and the other regional commissions, work towards the implementation of General Assembly Resolution 58/289 A/RES/60/5 on improving global road safety.~~

~~Priority: 1~~

(p) ~~Inform low and middle income countries about road safety practices that have been shown to bring significant reductions in road traffic injuries and fatalities in the framework **Promote the recommendations and guidelines** of the project "Improving global road safety: setting regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets".~~

**Priority: 1**

## **PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.4: DEVELOPMENT AND HARMONIZATION OF VEHICLE REGULATIONS**

### 02.4.1. Regulations for the construction of vehicles

Priority: 1

Description: The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) will develop regulations and recommendations for motor vehicles, their equipment and parts and harmonize and update the existing ones, including the relevant activities aimed at improving road transport safety, saving energy and taking into account the protection of the environment.

## **CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

### Work to be undertaken:

(a) In the framework of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these

prescriptions" (1958 Agreement) and the "Agreement concerning the establishing of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles" (1998 Agreement), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance performance of vehicles with respect to:

- (i) general safety and anti-theft provisions.
- (ii) pollution and energy.
- (iii) brakes and running gear.
- (iv) lighting and light-signalling.
- (v) noise.
- (vi) passive safety.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of [2009] 2011:

1. Under the 1958 Agreement: Adoption of [four] **two** new Regulations; Adoption of [seventy-five] **eighty** amendments to existing Regulations.

2. Under the 1998 Agreement: Implementation of an action plan for listing [five] **two** Regulations in the Compendium of Candidates; development of new global technical regulations (gtr); Establishment of [four] **two** harmonized or new global technical regulations (gtr) in the Global Registry.

(b) Development of recommendations regarding the construction of vehicles (Consolidated Resolution R.E.3 and Special Resolution No. 1) with the aim of providing guidance with respect to requirements not covered by regulations.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of [2009] 2011: Adoption of [two] **one** amendment to the existing Recommendations.

02.4.2. Rules on periodical technical inspections of vehicles

Priority: 1

Description: WP.29 will develop rules for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles with respect to their environmental and safety performance and for the reciprocal recognition of the results of such inspections.

**CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

Work to be undertaken:

In the framework of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles and the reciprocal recognition of such inspections" (after its entry into force), the World Forum will develop one UNECE Rule for inspections of vehicles:

with regard to safety performance.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of [2009] 2011: Adoption of draft Rule No. 2 (concerning inspections with respect to safety performance) to be annexed to the 1997 Agreement [and adoption of an amendment to Rule No. 1 (concerning inspections with regard to environmental performance)].

## **PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.5: RAIL TRANSPORT**

### **02.5.1 Rail transport infrastructure**

Priority: 1

#### **I. Review of the situation concerning the implementation and possible amendments to the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines**

Description: Examine the possibilities of improving international railway lines and reflecting them in the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC).

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Rail Transport will carry out the following activities:

### **CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

- (a) Consideration of the AGC Agreement with a view to possibly: implementing and, whenever feasible, improving existing standards and operational parameters; also taking into account new east-west traffic flows; raising environmental, energy and safety standards; taking into account the UNECE Conventions on the Environment.

Output expected: ~~R Occasional reports on amendments of the AGC network; Report on the development of a European conventional and high-speed railway network. (2008)~~

Priority: 1

- (b) **Review the coherence between the AGC parameters and infrastructure standards established by competent authorities of the European Union (EU) and consider the feasibility of harmonizing them over the longer term.**

Output expected: **A report on the coherence of the AGC and EU rail infrastructure standards (2010)**

Priority: 2

#### **II. Studies in Railway Infrastructure**

- (a) Description: Study of the ~~possibility of the improvement of international railway lines and investment projects and~~ their management.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party will carry out the following activities:

Consideration of **railway infrastructure investment and financing** the influence of intermodal transport techniques, especially **(Public Private Partnerships) PPP models** those concerning investment, as well as the harmonization of rolling stock and speed on railways to facilitate the integration of these techniques into the railway system and to create general interoperability.

Output expected: Report on investment in rail infrastructure and railway rolling stock in member countries. (2008-2011)

Priority: 2

- (b) Periodic review of ~~the list of marshalling yards of international importance with a view to cutting down their numbers~~ **railway reforms in the UNECE region, aiming to optimize the provision and use of rail infrastructure.**

Output expected: Updated Reports on **the progress of railway reforms in the UNECE region** ~~the location of important marshalling yards within the European railway network.~~ (2009**2011, 2014**)

Priority: 2 1

- (c) Consideration of questions concerning ~~safety~~ **security** in **international railway transport tunnels.**

Output expected: Review of the current situation and prospects for the development of new recommendations. (2008 **2010**)

Priority: 2

- (d) Consideration of developments regarding new railway initiatives on Euro-Asian transport links.

Output expected: Report on the current and new initiatives. (**2011 2008**)

Priority: 2

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- (e) Periodically survey passenger and goods traffic on ~~the various sections of lines of the AGC network~~ in order to provide support for transport planning; the ~~third~~ **next** survey is **to be** based on data for ~~2005~~ **2010**.

Output expected: Report on total train traffic on the AGC network in 2000.

(2008) Rail census ~~in 2005~~ **2010 (2013)**

Priority: 2

- (f) Consideration of other subjects as need arises.

Output expected: Report on each subject.

#### III. Special project: Trans-European Railway

Description: Within the framework of the UNECE, the Trans-European Railway (TER) countries have established an appropriate administrative and financial framework, with the aim of developing a rail network as part of an integrated European international rail system.

Work to be undertaken

- (a) Report on specific project developments to promote international rail traffic. (Continuing)

Output expected: Annual progress report on activities carried out within the TER project.

Priority: 1

- (b) Consideration of possible utilization of the results achieved under the project in other UNECE activities in the field of rail infrastructure, including the implementation of European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) and Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) in order to benefit from mutual experiences. (Continuing)

Output expected: Annual progress report.

Priority: 2

IV. Interregional Cooperation

Description: Cooperation with other regional commissions and international bodies involved in the development of interregional links.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party will be kept informed of exchanges of information between the secretariats of the regional commissions and other international bodies in order to benefit from experiences gained in other regions of the world. (Continuing)

Priority: 3

**02.5.2 Harmonization of requirements concerning international railway transport including rail safety, security and facilitation of its operations**

**Priority: 1**

Description:

- (a) Simplification and harmonization of administrative formalities, particularly for documents and procedures at border crossing.
- (b) Harmonization of ~~and search for~~ standardized requirements concerning the utilization of railway infrastructure ~~including computerization aspects~~.
- (c) Elaboration of proposals and preparation of studies aimed at strengthening, consolidating and extending the position of rail transport on international transport markets.
- (d) Analysis of problems relating to the harmonization and improvement of rail safety **and security**.



- (e) Consideration of prospects for the adoption of legal regulations applicable to the contract for the transport of goods and passengers by rail so as to establish a standard legal system (harmonization of the SMGS/SMPS<sup>3</sup> and CIM/CIV<sup>4</sup> systems).

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Rail Transport will carry out the following activities:

### CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Consideration of specific difficulties encountered at border crossings in the transport of passengers and goods by rail with a view to accelerating border crossing operations and establishing a programme to deal with problems common to several routes.

Output expected: ~~Annual report on bi- and multilateral contacts of Governments and railways~~ **the progress of the CIM/SMGS project of the International Rail Transport Committee (CIT) and the Organization for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD), aiming to improve the crossing of borders in international rail traffic. (2007)**

Priority: 1

- (b) Consideration of follow-up of the implementation of recommendations and preparation of new texts or amendments to existing texts, if necessary, especially concerning the facilitation of border crossing with the aim to improve international rail traffic.

Priority: 1

- (c) Review of requirements concerning railway operations and regulations, reduction of transport time and improvement in the precision of movements in the international carriage of goods, new operative developments in rail transport, the integration of services of different railways.

Priority: 2

- ~~(d) The study of the possibilities for harmonizing the application and periods of summer time with a view to upgrading transport quality in rail transport.~~

~~Output expected: Report on the application of summer time. (Report on change in application of summer time when it takes place)~~

~~Priority: 3~~

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<sup>3</sup> Contract for International Goods Transport by Rail (SMGS), Contract for International Passenger Transport by Rail (SMPS).

<sup>4</sup> Contract for International Carriage of Goods by Rail (CIM), Contract for International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Rail (CIV).

- (d) Analysis of government policies concerning rail safety **and security** to contribute to an improvement of safety **and security** in international transport.

Output expected: Report on safety **and security** and implementation of risk assessment techniques in rail transport in the UNECE region. (2008 2011)

Priority: 1

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- (f) Analysis of the various elements of **railway productivity growth**, ~~in rail transport and the possibilities to increase rail productivity~~, in particular **in for international freight** transport.

Output expected: Biannual report on the development of **railway productivity**~~in rail transport~~ in member countries. (2009-2010)

Priority: 2

- ~~(g) Consideration on the basis of reports by the international organizations concerned of the progress accomplished in the harmonization of legal regulations applicable to the contract for the transport of goods and passengers by rail to examine whether the compatibility of the regulation concerned can be ensured.~~

~~Output expected: Report by international organizations concerned on the progress made in the elimination of difficulties arising from different legal systems in international rail transport. (2008)~~

#### PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.6: INLAND WATER TRANSPORT

##### A. Inland waterway infrastructure

Priority: 1

Description: Development of a coherent navigable waterway network in Europe

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Inland Water Transport will carry out the following activities:

#### CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Monitoring the implementation of AGN Agreement and consideration of possible amendments to it.

Output expected:

- (i) Preparation of action plans on elimination of concrete bottlenecks and completion of missing links on particular E waterways crossing the territory of more than one State Party to AGN and preparation of proposals on the development of concrete river-sea routes in the

context of the AGN Agreement (as called for in resolution No. 252 of the Inland Transport Committee of 20 February 2003).

Priority: 2

(ii) Updating the lists of ports and waterways of international importance in annexes I and II of the agreement.

Priority: 2

(b) Revision of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network ("blue book") in order to enable Governments to monitor the progress in the implementation of the AGN Agreement.

Output expected: Preparing every five years a revised version of the blue book. **Next revised version is scheduled to be published in 2011.**

Priority: 1

(c) Updating maps of European inland waterways in order to avail Governments with up-to-date data concerning inland waterway infrastructure in Europe

Output expected: Publication every five years of the update of the Map of European Inland Waterways. **Next revised version is scheduled to be published in 2011.**

Priority: 2

#### ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION

None.

B. Harmonization of requirements concerning international inland waterway transport including inland water transport safety and facilitation of its operations

Priority: 1

#### Description:

- (a) Exchange of views on selected aspects of new and improved techniques in inland water transport, their economic importance and appropriate applications; standardization of ship's papers and consideration of relevant legal provisions with a view to their harmonization aimed at facilitating and promoting international water transport in Europe.
- (b) Standardization of technical requirements for inland navigation vessels with a view to ensuring the high level of safety of navigation throughout the European network of inland waterways and the reciprocal recognition on this basis of ship's certificates.
- (c) Harmonization of safety requirements for inland navigation in Europe with a view to ensuring homogeneous and internationally acceptable standards of safety of navigation throughout the European network of inland waterways.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party, using when necessary the expertise of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety

Requirements in Inland Navigation, will continue its work on the following questions:

### CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Consideration of the possibility and need for amending existing UNECE legal instruments and recommendations with provisions aimed at enhancing transport security.

Output expected: Possible adoption of relevant draft amendments to AGN Agreement, European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) and/or Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-wide technical requirements for Inland navigation vessels (Resolution No. 61).

Priority: 2

- (b) Preparation and circulation of studies on the situation and trends in inland navigation in order to provide Governments with up-to-date basic information and data concerning inland water transport mode.

Output expected:

Possible adoption of relevant draft amendments to AGN Agreement, CEVNI and/or Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-wide technical requirements for Inland navigation vessels (Resolution No. 61).

Priority: 2

- (i) Regular publishing (once every ten years) of “White Paper on Trends in and Development of Inland Navigation and its Infrastructure” to inform general public about advantages of transport by inland waterway and issues in its development. **Next revised version is scheduled to be published in 2009,**

Priority: 1

- (ii) Drafting a summary on recent developments in the field of inland navigation in member Governments once every two years. **Next summary is scheduled to be published in 2010.**

Priority: 2

- (iii) Consideration of the possibility to elaborate a comprehensive strategic policy for inland navigation, extending beyond the EC and covering also such countries as Belarus, Croatia, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia and Ukraine.

Priority: 2

- (iv) Consideration of the questions of financing of inland waterway development. Certain basic aspects of possible distribution of cost among beneficiaries as well as the main economic indicators for such infrastructure development could become a subject of a White Paper on financing the infrastructure of inland waterway transport.

Priority: 3

- (c) Application and updating of Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-wide technical requirements for Inland navigation vessels (Resolution No. 61) in order to ensure a high-level of safety of navigation.

Output expected:

- (i) Updating Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-wide technical requirements for Inland navigation vessels (Resolution No. 61) with due regard, in particular, to the provisions in force within the European Union and River commissions. Priority: 1
- (ii) Further development of Resolution No. 61, including, in particular, consideration of a possibility and modality for the elaboration of specific unified technical requirements for sea-river vessels, ~~sea-going ships and recreational craft~~. Priority: 1
- (d) Assisting Governments in facilitating the free movement of crew members across Europe.

Output expected:

- (iii) ~~Revision of the~~ **Promoting harmonized pan-European standards on the issuance of boatmasters' certificates on the basis of the revised** Recommendations on Minimum Manning Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmasters' Licenses **certificates** in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic (annex to resolution No. 31) ~~and their harmonization on a Pan-European level~~ with due regard, in particular, to the provisions in force within the European Union and river commissions (2010). Priority: 1
- (iv) Elaboration of a harmonized procedure for consideration of applications for recognition of ship's certificates and boatmasters' licenses with the aim of ensuring a general and non-discriminatory approach to this consideration. Priority: 1
- (v) Consideration of the possibility of developing an all-European uniform Riverfarers' identity Document taking **into account the relevant activities of river commissions**. Priority: 2
- (vi) Rationalization and unification to the extent possible and, in cooperation with river commissions, of the requirements on checking the knowledge by boatmasters of specific stretches of inland waterways and their skill in coning vessels on those stretches. Consideration, with the participation of shipping companies, of the harmonization of crew members' job profiles. Priority: 2
- (vii) Consideration, jointly with river commissions, of the establishment of a European network aiming at the facilitation of exchanges on national educational programmes and vocational training in inland navigation. Priority: 3

- (e) Application and updating of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) and the provisions concerning Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) to ensure a high-level of safety in international traffic.

Output expected:

- (i) ~~Adoption of amendments to CEVNI concerning, in particular, high-speed vessels and navigation in reduced visibility;~~ **Promoting the fourth revised edition of CEVNI as a basis for the harmonized navigation rules in the UNECE region in close cooperation with river commissions.** Priority: 1
- (ii) Publication of a revised SIGNI. Priority: 1
- (iii) Helping Governments and river commissions to identify and reduce, if possible, the difference between the CEVNI rules and the national/regional legislation. Priority: 1
- (f) Elaboration of requirements for the prevention of pollution from vessels with a view to protecting the environment from pollution, noise and vibration originating from shipping.

Output expected:

- (i) ~~Amendment of~~ **Promoting the revised** Resolution No. 21 on the Prevention of Water Pollution by Vessels; and consideration of measures aimed at preventing air pollution by inland navigation vessels. Priority: 1
- (ii) Regular revision, in cooperation with EC and river commissions, the environmental standards taking into account the technological progress and the ever-increasing demand for the protection of the environment. Priority: 2
- (g) Promotion of implementation of existing UNECE Conventions pertaining to inland navigation and assessment of the legal instruments concerned in order to consider updating those, which have become obsolete.

Output expected:

- (i) Discussing the question of practical implementation by member Governments of the provisions of the Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway (CMNI) and its impact on national legislation. Priority: 2
- (ii) Revision and updating of the 1965 Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels. Priority: 2

- (iii) Initiating the consideration of the findings and recommendations of the Group of Volunteers on legislative obstacles, as reflected in TRANS/SC.3/2005/1 with a view to simplifying national legislation of member countries.

Priority: 3

- (h) Application and maintenance, in close cooperation with competent international groups of experts, of resolutions on common principles and technical requirements for a pan-European River Information Service.

Output expected: Maintenance of texts and technical annexes of the following Resolutions:

Priority: 2

- (i) No. 48 - Recommendation on Electronic Chart Display and Information System for Inland Navigation (Inland ECDIS).
- (ii) No. 57 - Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services.
- (iii) No. 60 - International standards for notices to skippers and for electronic ship reporting in inland navigation.
- (iv) No. 63 - International Standards for Tracking and Tracing in Inland Waterways.

#### **ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION**

- (i) Following the developments relating to the possible accession of Central and Eastern European countries to the Strasbourg Convention on the Limitation of Liability in Inland Navigation (CLNI) of 1988 with a view to deciding whether this may ensure the establishment in Europe of a unique regime of liability of owners of inland navigation vessels. ~~(2007)~~.
- (j) Consideration of upgrading the status of Resolutions Nos. 61 (Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-wide technical requirements for Inland navigation vessels), 24 (European Code for Inland Waterways) and 31 (Recommendations on boatmasters' licences) including their possible conversion into binding instruments with a view to providing, inter alia, for reciprocal recognition by its Parties of ship's certificates and crew members' licences issued on their basis. ~~(2006)~~.

Priority: 3

Output expected: Presentation of amendments to the annex to Resolution No. 61, and to CEVNI in such a way that they could become a part of a binding instrument.

Priority: 2

- (k) Assisting Governments and river commissions in facilitating transport of disabled people.

Output expected: ~~Possible~~ Revision of Resolution No. 25, which contains Guidelines for Passenger Vessels also suited for carrying Disabled Persons.

Priority: 2

## **PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.7: TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

Regulations on the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail, inland waterway and combined transport

Priority: 1

Description: Consideration of regulations and technical questions concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods in the region. Preparation of new international agreements and harmonization of existing agreements in this field to enhance safety at the same time as facilitating trade, in cooperation with the Economic and Social Council's Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

Work to be undertaken: By the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15)

### **CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

- (a) Consideration of proposed amendments relating expressly to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and relating to administrative and technical questions pertaining to its implementation and the national and international implementation of its annexes, to ensure the necessary updating of legislation and the introduction of a uniform, harmonized and coherent system for the regulation of the national and international transport of dangerous goods by road. (Continuing) (WP.15).

Output expected: Adoption of a set of draft amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR by the end of ~~2009~~ 2011 for entry into force on 1 January ~~2011~~ 2013, and by the end of ~~2011~~ 2013 for entry into force on 1 January ~~2013~~ 2015.

Publication of revised consolidated editions of ADR in ~~2008~~ 2010, ~~2010~~ 2012 and ~~2012~~ 2014.

Priority: 1

- (b) Consideration of proposed amendments relating expressly to the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) and pertaining to administrative and technical questions concerning their implementation, in order to ensure the necessary updating of those provisions and the introduction of a uniform, harmonized and coherent system for the regulation of the national and international transport of



dangerous goods by inland waterway throughout Europe (Continuing) (WP.15/AC.2).

Output expected: Adoption of a set of draft amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN in ~~2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010~~ 2010, 2012 and 2014 for submission to the ADN Administrative Committee.

Publication of revised consolidated editions of ADN in ~~2008~~ 2010, 2010 ~~2012~~ and ~~2012~~ 2014.

Priority: 1

- (c) Harmonization of the provisions of ADR, ADN and the International Regulations concerning the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), on the basis of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, and consideration of proposed amendments to the provisions common to ADR, RID and ADN in order to harmonize regulations governing the various modes of inland transport, in accordance with the provisions recommended by the United Nations for worldwide application to all transport modes, so as to facilitate multimodal transport and international trade under safety conditions in keeping with each mode of transport (Continuing) (WP.15/AC.1).

Output expected: Adoption of draft amendments to ADR, RID and ADN by the end of ~~2009~~ 2011 for entry into force on 1 January ~~2011~~ 2013 and by the end of ~~2011~~ 2013 for entry into force on 1 January ~~2013~~ 2015.

Priority: 1

#### **PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.8: TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT <sup>4</sup>**

**Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)**

**Priority: 1**

**Description: The Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) was established in 2002 under the joint auspices of UNECE (Environment and Transport Divisions) and World Health Organization (WHO)-EUROPE. The objectives of THE PEP are to promote policy integration and sustainable transport development through the sharing of best practice, capacity building and awareness-raising.**

**The programme focuses on activities to assist member States in implementing the Amsterdam Declaration adopted by the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (22–23 January 2009), with a particular focus on sustainable urban transport solutions in the Russian Federation and in Eastern European Caucasus and Central**

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<sup>4</sup> The current programme of work, decided upon at the third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment and is in line with that included into the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy, completely replaces the previous programme.

**Asia (EECCA) and South-Eastern Europe (SEE) countries. The priority goals for the programme are: (a) sustainable economic development and job creation through investment in environment- and health-friendly transport; (b) sustainable mobility and promotion of a more efficient transport system; (c) reduced emissions of transport-related greenhouse gases, air pollutants and noise; and (d) promotion of policies and actions conducive to healthy and safe modes of transport.**

**Their implementation of THE PEP work programme is undertaken by means of three implementation mechanisms stipulated in the Amsterdam Declaration. The Fourth High-level Meeting shall be convened no later than 2014 to review THE PEP priority goals and its work plan and to plan future activities.**

**The Committee, the UNECE Committee on Environment Policy as well as WHO/Europe bodies will be informed of the activities undertaken under THE PEP.**

**Work to be undertaken:**

- (a) Implementation of THE PEP workplan (2009-2014) focusing on the following measures:**
  - (i) Develop a platform to attract and support investment in environment- and health-friendly transport;**
  - (ii) Build capacity for the integration of transport, health and environment policy;**
  - (iii) Share and disseminate good practice, in line with THE PEP priority goals;**
  - (iv) Facilitate the implementation of actions at local, national and regional levels;**
  - (v) Support international advocacy and cooperation projects to promote best practice in sustainable urban transport;**
  - (vi) Enhance monitoring and reporting mechanisms for implementation of the THE PEP priority goals and work plan.**

**Priority: 1**

**Output expected: Research, documentation and workshops by means of THE PEP Implementation Mechanisms, i.e. National Transport, Health and Environment Actions Plans (NTHEAPs), THE PEP Relay Races (“staffette”) and THE PEP Partnership.**

- (b) Support for the preparation of the annual sessions of THE PEP Steering Committee and its Bureau.**

**Priority: 1**

**Output expected: Documentation for and annual report of THE PEP Steering Committee.**

**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.9: INTERMODAL TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS**

~~Promotion of intermodal transport~~

Priority: 1

Description: Consideration of **technical, legal, administrative, documentary, technical, economic and environmental and policy** aspects of intermodal transport **and logistics for the preparation of policy advise and the negotiation and administration of multilateral legal instruments** with a view to **promoting the development of measures to promote intermodal transport as an integral part of sustainable transport policies and to support** as well as the maximum utilization of infrastructure, equipment and terminals used for such transport.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics will pursue the following activities:

**CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

- (a) Monitoring, review and updating of the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) and the Protocol on Inland Waterways with a view to:
- (i) Extending the AGTC network to all UNECE member countries concerned ~~taking account of the work already undertaken by UNESCAP and OSJD~~ taking into account new developments in transport markets ~~(demands and requirements)~~ resulting from the globalization of the world economy, including new east-west traffic flows;
  - (ii) **Monitoring implementation of the technical characteristics of the rail and inland waterway networks as well as its infrastructure standards and performance parameters;**
  - (iii) **Reviewing and, whenever feasible, improving existing infrastructure standards and performance parameters with a view to raising interoperability and establishing benchmarks;**  
~~— Implementing and, whenever feasible, improving existing standards and operational parameters;~~
  - (iv) **Reviewing minimum standards for terminals to optimize transshipment procedures as well as mechanisms for the optimum location, construction and operation of terminals;**

(v) **Reviewing performance parameters to increase capacity and efficiency of port hinterland transport services;**

(vi) Raising environmental, energy as well as safety and security standards.

Priority: 1

Output expected: **Preparation and adoption of amendment proposals to the AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on Inland Waterways, as required.** ~~Adoption of an extended AGTC network covering all UNECE member countries in Central Asia and the Caucasus. Inclusion into the AGTC Agreement of new East-West intermodal transport lines.~~

(b) Consideration of measures to promote efficiency of intermodal transport as part of a sustainable transport system whereby goods are moved in one and the same loading unit or road vehicle using successively two or more modes of transport without handling the goods themselves in changing modes. **This includes also bottlenecks in intermodal transport services at the pan-European level.**

Priority: 1

Output expected: **Exchange of experiences and good practices in intermodal transport operations and policies, addressing also infrastructure and border crossing questions and preparation of advice on technical and policy measures.**

(c) Monitoring enforcement and review of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) Consolidated Resolution on Combined Transport adopted by the ECMT in Bucharest in 2002 (CEMT/CM (2002)3/Final). Monitoring and analysis of national measures to promote intermodal transport. **Consideration** ~~Analysis~~ of ways to implement a harmonized set of best practices and partnership models for intermodal transport operations (road, rail, inland water transport and short-sea shipping).

Priority: 1

Output expected: **Reports on national policy measures to promote intermodal transport on an internationally comparable basis.** ~~Exchange of experiences and good practices in intermodal transport operations and policies, addressing also infrastructure and border crossing questions.~~ Monitoring the use of and, if necessary, preparing implementation procedures for the “model” action plans and partnership agreements for the development of intermodal transport prepared by the Working Party and adopted by the ECMT Council of Ministers (2005) and the ITC (2006).

- (d) **Peer reviews on technical, institutional and policy aspects for efficient intermodal transport.**

Priority: 2

Output expected: Based on peer reports prepared by selected experts, consideration of the results of the peer reviews and its conclusions.

- (e) Analysis of the consequences on the organization of intermodal transport in Europe resulting from the development of intermodal transport services on interregional rail links between Europe and Asia, including the Trans-Siberian railway, and vice versa, ~~in close cooperation with ECMT, UNESCAP, UNCTAD, EC, OSJD, etc.~~

Priority: 2

Output expected: Based on the recommendations adopted at the ECMT/UNECE Kiev Seminar on Intermodal Transport between Europe and Asia and the corresponding framework action plan adopted by the ECMT Council of Ministers (2005), review of measures to facilitate border crossing procedures and analysis of the coherence between the various rail and intermodal infrastructure parameters and their possible harmonization in the longer term.

- (f) **Monitoring and exchange of best practices on new concepts, design, of weights and dimensions of loading units used in intermodal transport in accordance with Resolution No. 241 adopted by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) on 5 February 1993. This includes consideration of possibilities for standardization of loading units and the compliance with safety regulations**

Priority: 1

Output expected: Review of the issues based on reports to be prepared by the secretariat on latest developments in this field.

- (g) Analysis of technical and organizational measures to optimize terminal, ~~and transshipment~~ **and logistical** procedures allowing for ~~more~~ cost-effective handling procedures of loading units. ~~Analysis of possibilities to improve efficiency and quality of terminal operations in intermodal transport.~~

Priority: 2

Output expected: Reports to be prepared on the basis of information provided by UNECE member Governments and international organizations allowing for the preparation of benchmarks for the efficient operation of intermodal terminals.

- (h) **Consideration** ~~Analysis~~ of possibilities for reconciliation and harmonization of liability regimes governing intermodal transport operations **in a pan-European context.**

Priority: 1

Output expected: ~~Analysis Review~~ of relevant activities undertaken by international organizations, **particularly United Nations Commission on Intermodal Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and United Nations**

**Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** and, if appropriate, preparation of a draft legal instrument for multimodal land transport covering the UNECE region.

- (i) Analysis of modern transport chains and logistics that allow for an integration of production and distribution systems providing a rational basis for Governmental decisions on transport demand, modal choice as well as on efficient intermodal transport regulations and infrastructures and taking into account transport safety and security requirements.

Priority: 2

Output expected: **Monitoring and review of modern transport chains and logistics affecting intermodal transport based on reports and development of regional implementation tools and measures in line with the role of Governments in this field. This includes best practices in the preparation and implementation of logistics action or master plans.** ~~Review of technical and legal issues and development of regional implementation tools and measures based on considerations on the role of Governments in this field.~~

- (j) Monitoring and reports by the secretariat on behalf of the Working Party on the following subjects for consideration by the Working Party upon specific request only:

- (i) ~~Translation and~~ **Updating and review of the international glossary of terms used in intermodal transport, including logistical aspects** ~~intermodal transport terminology into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish in order to contribute to the dissemination of the joint ECMT, EC and UNECE glossary of terms used in this field;~~

~~— Intermodal transport techniques and operations (including inland waterways and coastal shipping techniques) as a basis for a possible international compendium of measures for the safe handling and temporary storage of dangerous goods;~~

- (ii) National approval procedures for containers and swap-bodies in the framework of relevant conventions, such as the CSC Convention, with a view to better harmonizing such procedures;

- (iii) New services and technologies in intermodal transport, including sea/inland waterways and sea/land interfaces, ~~and the use of bimodal road/rail vehicles~~ with a view to analysing **their impact on the potential of intermodal policies** ~~transport.~~

~~— Data requirements for transshipment and handling operations, of marking, coding and identification systems for means of transport and loading units in intermodal transport, including electronic data processing;~~

- (iv) Analysis of economic and environmental aspects of intermodal transport, including administrative measures and activities of the

transport industry, with a view to promoting sustainable transport development.

Priority: 2

Output expected: Report(s) to be prepared by the secretariat as a basis for discussion by the Working Party, as appropriate.

#### **ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION**

- (k) Review and update of the IMO/ILO/UNECE<sup>5</sup> Guidelines for Packing of Cargo in Intermodal Transport Units.

Priority: 2

Output expected: Secretariat report to be prepared in cooperation with IMO and ILO for consideration and adoption by the Working Party and the Inland Transport Committee (ITC).

#### **PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.10: CUSTOMS QUESTIONS AFFECTING TRANSPORT**

Harmonization and simplification of requirements for border crossing procedures concerning modes of inland and intermodal transport.

Description: (a) Preparation and implementation and, where appropriate, review and modification of international legal instruments and (b) simplification and harmonization of administrative formalities, documents and procedures.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport will pursue the following activities:

#### **CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

- (a) Review of relevant Conventions and Agreements on border crossing facilitation under the auspices of the Working Party in order to ensure their relevance and implementation as well as coherence with other international or subregional treaties and to keep them in line with modern transport and border control requirements.

Priority: 1

Output expected in 2010: Analysis of the application of the following UNECE Conventions on border crossing facilitation: TIR Convention 1975; International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods 1982; International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Passengers and Baggage carried by Rail 1952; Customs Conventions on the Temporary Importation of Private (1954) and Commercial (1956) Road Vehicles.

- (b) Study of the possible extension of relevant UNECE Conventions on border crossing facilitation to other regions, particularly relating to legal and administrative aspects.

Priority: 2

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<sup>5</sup> International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Labour Organization (ILO).

Output expected in 2010: Preparation and organization of regional and/or national workshops, possibly in cooperation with UNESCAP, ECA and UNESCWA and other relevant United Nations (UN) and international organizations, on the implementation of relevant UNECE Conventions on border crossing facilitation, in particular in Asia, North Africa and the Middle East.

- (c) Study of Customs questions with a view to simplifying Customs formalities and documents in the field of transport, in particular taking account of the possibility of electronic data interchange solutions.

Priority: 1

Output expected in 2010: Analysis and revision of the provisions of both a strategic and technical nature of the TIR Convention, in particular the provisions relating to the guarantee system with a view to enhancing the functioning and efficiency for both the public and private partners in the TIR system;

Continuation of work on phase III of the TIR revision procedure, focusing on the revision of the TIR Carnet and on provisions for a modernized Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) based Customs administration and control system.

- (d) Study of specific legal and other measures to combat fiscal fraud resulting from simplified Customs and other border crossing procedures, such as the TIR regime, including periodic review of the status of implementation of Resolution No. 220 (prevention of the abuse of Customs transit systems by drug smugglers). Setting-up of mechanisms and administrative procedures for the regular exchange of information with other governmental and non-governmental organizations to combat such fraud.

Priority: 1

Output expected in 2010: Preparation of adequate instruments and measures to improve international cooperation among Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, 1975 and concerned national and international organizations to prevent fraud;

Exchange of intelligence among Customs authorities of Contracting Parties to relevant UNECE Conventions on border crossing facilitation on abuses with a view to identifying measures to combat such occurrences.

- (e) Analysis of difficulties encountered relating to border crossing formalities with a view to devising administrative procedures eliminating such difficulties. The analysis will cover health, phytosanitary, veterinary and quality controls, application of standards, public safety controls, etc., including the promotion of the implementation and extension of the scope of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods of 1982 (Harmonization Convention).

Priority: 1



Output expected in 2010: Monitoring of the implementation of Annex 8 to the “Harmonization Convention” on the international road transport at the national level. Exchange of information on best practices in this field.

Finalization of a new Annex 9 to the “Harmonization Convention” on the facilitation of border crossing procedures for international rail freight in cooperation with the Working Party on Rail Transport.

- (f) Study the UNECE legal instruments in the area of border crossing facilitation with a view to identifying which additional elements for global supply chain security could be incorporated in those agreements, where appropriate.

Priority: 1

Output expected in 2010: Study the implications of the World Customs Organization (WCO) SAFE <sup>6</sup> Framework of Standards for the UNECE legal instruments in the area of border crossing facilitation.

#### **ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION**

- (g) Review of Annex 10 of the TIR Convention on an international EDI control system for TIR Carnets.

Priority: 2

Output expected in 2010: Contribute to the preparation of an example of best practice with regard to the implementation of Annex 10 to the TIR Convention at the national level.

#### **PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.11: TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS**

Harmonization of regulations and standards relating to the international transport of perishable foodstuffs and facilitation of its operation

Priority: 2

Description: Review of the harmonization and the facilitation of the international transport of perishable foodstuffs under the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) Agreement and updating of the Agreement in order to keep it in line with technological and ecological developments, taking into account safety and quality standards.

Work to be undertaken:

#### **CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

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<sup>6</sup> "SAFE Framework" refers to the World Customs Organization (WCO) Framework of Standards to secure and facilitate global trade.

- (a) Consideration of amendment proposals to ATP to ensure it is updated as necessary. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2010: Entry into force of the revision of annexes 1 and 2 to ATP.

- (b) Exchange of information on the implementation of ATP by virtue of article 6. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: Consideration of the information exchanged between Contracting Parties and the consequences on the implementation of ATP.

- (c) Follow-up of resolution No. 243 on “Improving the traffic flow of ATP vehicles for the transport of foodstuffs covered by ATP” for better facilitation. Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2011: Examining the difficulties encountered at border crossings for the transport of perishable foodstuffs, whenever necessary.

- (d) Review of the definitions and standards (in annex 1) for the carriage of perishable foodstuffs following the Copenhagen Conference to take account of new refrigerants and insulating materials, and environmental constraints. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: Contribution to the promotion of less polluting vehicles and fuels, through the possible holding of a workshop on ecological developments in the transport of perishable foodstuffs.

- (e) Consideration of the work of the IIR Sub-Commissions on testing stations and energy labelling. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: To be aware of the work done by IIR relating to the transport of perishable foodstuffs and to promote activities by Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) on energy labelling.

- (f) Updating of the ATP Handbook Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2010: To have a version of the Handbook including the revised annexes.

- (g) Compatibility between European legislation and ATP. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: To cooperate with the European Commission with the aim of harmonizing European regulations with ATP.

- (h) Review of activities on the transport of perishable foodstuffs. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: Adoption of the biennial evaluation of the work of WP.11 for submission to the Inland Transport Committee.

- (i) Promotion of ATP in countries not yet Contracting Parties in and outside the UNECE region with a view to promoting international safe trade in perishable foodstuffs. Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2011: Presenting ATP in international conferences on harmonization and facilitation of international transport

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- (j) Consideration of proposals to extend the scope of ATP to cover the transport of fresh fruit and vegetables (2010) Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2010-2011: To finish the consideration of the feasibility of introducing rules for the transport of fresh fruit and vegetables into ATP.

- (k) Consideration of amendment proposals relating to test methods and procedures for the approval of multi-compartment and multi temperature vehicles, to take account of technical developments (2010). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2010: The adoption of a new amendment to ATP on multi-compartment and multi-temperature vehicles.

- (l) Review of the treatment of kit bodies under ATP (2010). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2010: Common understanding among Contracting Parties of how kit bodies should be treated under ATP.

- (m) Securing of ATP documents (2010). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2010: Entry into force of new model ATP certificate and consideration of other ways of securing ATP documents.

- (n) Revision of ATP paragraphs 29 and 49 (2010). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2010: Drafting of proposals for the revision of ATP paragraphs 29 and 49.

- (o) Consideration of proposals to increase the length of the sea crossing referred to in ATP and to extend the scope of ATP to cover carriage by inland waterways (2010). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2010: Adoption of proposals.

- (p) Decision on whether to include new provisions in the ATP on thermal containers in the light of the proposals on the sea crossing and inland waterways (2010).

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2010: Decision regarding thermal containers.

## **PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.12: TRANSPORT STATISTICS AND INFORMATION**

### **02.12.1 Collection, processing and dissemination of transport statistics**

Priority: 1

Description: Collection and compilation of transport statistics, including data on motor traffic, road traffic accidents and rail traffic. Development and maintenance of the online UNECE Transport Statistics Database in order to maintain good quality, relevant, user friendly and timely transport statistics.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Transport Statistics will pursue the following activities:

### **CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

- (a) Build and maintain a database for the annual collection of statistics on inland transport, including road traffic accidents from UNECE member Governments to be published in the following publications:

(i) Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America (ABTS).

(ii) Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS).

(iii) Occasional publications.

Output expected: Publication of ABTS, RAS and Handbook of Transport Statistics; Circulation of Questionnaires and receipt of data from member Governments for ABTS and RAS in electronic format.

Priority: 1

- (b) Publish, in the appropriate way, the results of the E-road and E-rail traffic censuses.

Output expected: Preparation of 2010 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses (2010). Publishing of 2010 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses (2013).

Priority: 1

- (c) Use of PC-Axis for disseminating data collected via the regular questionnaires.

Output expected: Availability of main data online (2010).

Priority: 1

### **02.12.2 Methodological work in transport statistics**

Priority: 2

Description: Development of appropriate and common methodologies and terminology for the harmonization of statistics, aiming also at the determination of indicators of sustainable transport. This includes: methodologies for the collection and compilation of statistics on road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline and combined transport as well as on road traffic accidents, in cooperation and coordination with other UNECE bodies, related international organizations, in order to promote the availability of comprehensive, timely and reliable statistics for sustainable transport planning and analysis and to improve international comparability of transport statistics.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) will pursue the following activities:

### **CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

- (a) Target solutions to improve the collection of statistics in problematic areas, as indicators of sustainable transport, including, but not limited to the following items:
- (i) Statistics on road traffic (vehicle-km).
  - (ii) Statistics on the transportation by buses and coaches.
  - (iii) Statistics on the transport of dangerous goods.
  - (iv) Statistics on transport of gas through pipelines.
  - (v) Statistics on transport to and from seaports and inland waterways ports (hinterland connections).
  - (vi) Statistics on high speed rail transport.

Output expected: A concrete decision for each problematic area, e.g., the addition of supplementary chapters to the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics (gas transport via pipelines, transport by bus and coach) (2010); an assessment of the applicability of the EU Regulations for the collection of dangerous goods data for non-EU member states (2010); as deemed necessary, and assessment of metadata on statistics on the volume of these transports (2011).

Priority: 1

- (b) Statistics related to transport of dangerous goods.

Output expected: Continued progress toward the integration of transport of dangerous goods statistics into the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics, as well as the annual transport publications. Organization of workshops for member States which are not yet collecting statistics on transport of dangerous goods (2010 and 2011).

Priority: 1

- (c) Coordination among member States, other UNECE bodies and related international organizations and non-governmental organizations to harmonize terminology used in the statistics of road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline, combined transport and road traffic accidents, including, but not exclusively, in the context of the work being undertaken by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (UNECE - International Transport Forum - EC/Eurostat) (Meetings 2-3

times per year).

Output expected: Translation of the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics into the UNECE official languages (2010); development of supplementary questionnaires as decided by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG) and WP.6; preparation of meetings of IWG; preparation of draft amendments to the fourth edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics (2011).

Priority: 2

- (d) Development of common methodologies to facilitate and improve the collection of information on road and rail traffic flows and infrastructure parameters through surveys and censuses such as automatic counting procedures, including, but not limited to, in the context of the E-rail and E-road censuses.

Output expected: Development of common methodologies for the E-rail and E-road censuses to obtain data on traffic flows and infrastructure parameters on the AGR, AGC and AGTC networks. Promotion of Recommendations to Governments on E-road and E-rail censuses in 2010 and of resolutions adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on E-road and E-rail censuses in 2010. Preparation of 2015 E-road and E-rail traffic censuses (2012-2013)

Priority: 1

#### **ACTIVITIES OF LIMITED DURATION**

- (e) Development of projects to assist countries in the collection, organization and automation of transport statistics, including the convening of workshops and training seminars, drawing on the expertise of member Governments and related organizations.

Output expected: Information from Member States and international organizations on relevant activities.

Priority: 2

- (f) Examination of methodology about existing statistics on transport of goods by light good vehicles.

Output expected: Preparation of a document on the existing methodology (2010).

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