

Distr.: General
21 January 2011

Original: English only

Economic Commission for Europe

Inland Transport Committee

Seventy-third session

Geneva, 1–3 March 2011

Item 9 of the provisional agenda

Discussion amongst the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies on strengthening cooperation, sharing experiences and addressing common challenges (one and one-half hour restricted meeting – for Government delegates only)

Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

Note by the secretariat

1. At its February 2010 meeting, the ITC Bureau noted that several subsidiary bodies to the Committee are often confronted with similar challenges and that some of them are currently discussing issues of common interest. It felt that the exchange of information or best practices amongst the Committee's subsidiary bodies would be useful, and suggested that the seventy-third session of the Committee could include a short meeting of the chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies.
2. At its June meeting, the ITC Bureau agreed that the seventy-third session of the Committee should include a meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies, to be held in the morning (10.00 to 11.30 a.m.) of the second day of the session, as a restricted meeting for Government delegates only. This meeting aims to allow the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies to discuss strengthening cooperation, share experiences and address common challenges, including globalization of UNECE agreements.
3. In view of the restricted character of the meeting, the results of the discussions would be circulated among the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and the members of the Bureau, in the form of Chair's conclusions.
4. The provisional agenda of the meeting is annexed to the present.

Annex

Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

Restricted meeting – for Government delegates only*
(2 March 2011 from 10.00 – 11.30)

Provisional agenda

Welcome and introduction of the meeting objectives

By the ITC Chair and the Director of the Transport Division.

Item 1: Main challenges of the ITC Subsidiary Bodies and ways to address them

The Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and the Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments are expected to make a short introduction (max 3 minutes each) of the main challenges of their intergovernmental bodies, as follows:

- Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1)
- Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2)
- Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3)
- Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)
- Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5)
- Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6)
- Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11)
- Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15)
- Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24)
- World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicles Regulations (WP.29)
- Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP.30)
- Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15/AC.1)
- Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN (WP.15/AC.2)
- Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention (WP.30/AC.2)

* Due to the restricted nature of this meeting, Government experts are requested to communicate their credentials to the secretariat in order to be included in the list of admitted participants. Accreditations may be also communicated through the missions. The Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies, Chairs of Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments and ITC Bureau members do not need to go through this process. Their names will be automatically included by the secretariat in the list of admitted participants.

Item 2: Identification of common challenges and of ways to be addressed

Participating Chairs of the Committees subsidiary bodies, Chairs of Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments, ITC Bureau members and Government experts are expected to identify common challenges and, to the extend possible, common solutions.

Item 3: Globalization of UNECE agreements

Participants may wish to exchange views on the need and possibility of the UNECE to further expand the acceptance of selected legal instruments and existing obstacles.

Item 4. Any other business

Participants may discuss any other business, including the necessity and the time for holding another such meeting in future.
