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Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated Provisional Agenda for the seventy-second session^{1,2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 29 March 2016

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- (b) Driving permits;
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4. European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic (1971).
5. Convention on Road Traffic (1949):
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 - (b) Registration plates.
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 - (a) Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals;
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 - (a) A Safe System Approach;
 - (b) Multi-Disciplinary Crash Investigation (MDCI);
 - (c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving;
 - (d) Amendment proposals on policies for Powered Two Wheelers (PTW).
8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2):
Secure Parking Areas.
9. Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings.
10. Programme of work and biennial evaluation.
11. Revision of the terms of reference and rules of procedure for WP.1.
12. Decade of Action – Time for Results.
13. Other Business.
14. Date of next session.
15. Adoption of the report of the seventy-second session.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/152

2. Activities of interest to the Working Party

The Chair and secretariat will inform the Working Party about relevant outcomes of the most recent session of the Inland Transport Committee. Due to time constraints,

presentations are not foreseen for this agenda item. National delegations and international organizations will have the opportunity to submit in writing, information on national and international road safety activities and initiatives, including recent and forthcoming changes to their traffic legislation as well as any information on the events going to take place prior to the next WP.1 session.

3. Convention on Road Traffic (1968)

(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations

The secretariat will make ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.6 available. The document incorporates the amendment proposals (related to lights and light-signalling from ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/1) adopted by the Working Party at the last session.

WP.1 will be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.2 submitted by France, Italy and Laser Europe. ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.2 consolidates the outcome of discussions on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.5 (which is now available as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.6) as well as all other proposals not yet examined by WP.1. The Working Party will be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.2 in conjunction with ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/4/Rev.6, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/2/Rev.2,
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/3

(b) Driving permits

The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the status of official translation of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1 into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish. The Working Party may wish to recall that translating ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1 appeared not to have been possible without the appropriate mandate from the Inland Transport Committee.

WP.1 will be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/1 prepared by Fédération internationale de l'automobile (FIA) and International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The document contains amendment proposals related to domestic and international driving permits. ISO will also update WP.1 on the progress in identifying a Contracting Party to both the 1968 and 1949 Conventions to partner with WP.1 on the amendment proposals.

The secretariat will provide a further update on the creation of the proposed image bank of International Driving Permit (IDP) booklets provided by Contracting Parties to the 1968 and 1949 Conventions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/8/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/1

(c) Autonomous driving

At the last session, WP.1 decided to establish an informal group of experts which would continue to explore possibilities for WP.1 to work closer with WP.29 on the human factors issues (especially human-machine interaction). The Group would also consider possible amendments to facilitate testing of autonomous vehicles on public roads. The Chair and Vice-Chair of this informal Group of Experts will be invited to provide information on the Group's progress.

The Government of Belgium may wish to table a proposal to amend the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic, which would aim to create clarity and thus a level playing field for any international legal basis for testing of autonomous vehicles on public roads (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/2).

WP.1 Deputy Chair (France) will be invited to report on any relevant developments in the area of autonomous driving arising from the 13 October 2015 meeting of the European Union's Road Safety High Level Group in Brussels.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2016/2

(d) Loading of vehicles

WP.1 will be invited to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5/Rev.1 submitted by the International Road Union (IRU) and Laser Europe. IRU will also update WP.1 as to whether a Contracting Party to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic has been identified to partner with IRU and Laser Europe to propose these amendments.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/5/Rev.1

4. European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic (1971)

The secretariat will provide an update on the status of the questionnaire to be distributed to Contracting Parties on the level of implementation of provisions related to international technical inspection certificates (in particular, Annex, point 26bis, paragraph 5(c)).

5. Convention on Road Traffic (1949)

(a) Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1949) and Vehicle Technical Regulations

WP.1 has adopted ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/4/Rev.1 submitted by Austria, Belgium, France and Italy which proposes amending Articles 8 and 22 of the Convention (Annex II of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/149). The amendment proposal was submitted to the United Nations Secretary-General who issued depositary notification (C.N.549.2015.TREATIES-XI.B.1) dated 3 November 2015. The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the status of the amendment proposal.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/149

(b) Registration plates

WP.1 has adopted Belgium's proposal to amend paragraph 1 of Annex 3 of the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic to allow the issuance of (personalized) registration plates containing only letters (Annex II of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/149). The amendment proposal was submitted to the United Nations Secretary-General who issued depositary notification (C.N.550.2015.TREATIES-XI.B.1) dated 3 November 2015. The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the status of the amendment proposal.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/149

6. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)**(a) Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals**

The Chair of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals will be invited to provide an update on progress and most recent developments in the Group.

(b) Amendment Proposals on Variable Message Signs (VMS)

At the last session, WP.1 took note of the information provided by the Chair of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals about considerations to amend the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals in the area of variable message signs. Given that the Convention seemingly does not require amendments to effectively use variable message signs (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/151 para. 24), the secretariat proposes to discontinue this agenda item.

7. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)**(a) A Safe System Approach**

WP.1 will continue to discuss ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6 which incorporates Sweden's amendment proposals to include a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6

(b) Multi-Disciplinary Crash Investigation (MDCI)

WP.1 will consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.2 submitted by Finland and Sweden. At one of the previous sessions, the proponents were asked to revise the document to follow the R.E.1 format (i.e. the substantive text, recommendations and boxes).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2013/6/Rev.2

(c) Amendment proposals on distracted driving

The WP.1 Chair will be invited to provide a proposal on the distracted and impaired driving policies, on attentive/inattentive driving, and on the cognitive process in the automated autonomous driving development (Informal document No. 1).

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

(d) Amendment proposals on policies for Powered Two Wheelers (PTW)

The Chair will provide an update (Informal document No. 2) on the follow-up of the seventieth session Round Table's conclusions (Annex I, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/149). In this context, several activities have been carried out and more are envisaged in the forthcoming months.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/149

8. Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

Secure Parking Areas

WP.1 will consider ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9/Rev.1 prepared by Austria and Spain in cooperation with the Chair.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9/Rev.1

9. Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings

The Chair of the Group of Experts will be invited to summarize the Group's progress to-date.

10. Programme of work and biennial evaluation, 2016-2017

At the last session, WP.1 reviewed its programme of work for 2016–2017 and for 2016-2020 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation as contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/9 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/10. After discussion, WP.1 made changes to both documents and requested the secretariat to table them as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/9/Rev.1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/10/Rev.1 at the next session. The Working Party will be invited to formally approve the documents at this session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/9/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2015/10/Rev.1

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

At the last session, WP.1 recognized the need to revise its Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1). WP.1 decided to establish an informal group of experts to make proposals at future sessions. Austria, France and Laser Europe, which volunteered to become members of this group, will be invited to present preliminary results of the Group's work (Informal document No. 3).

Documentation

Informal document No. 5 (September 2014), TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1, ECE/EX/1, ECE/EX/2/Rev.1 and E/ECE/1468 (Annex III), Informal document No. 3

12. Decade of Action – Time for Results

The WP.1 Bureau will inform the Working Party about the Second Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety held in Brasilia, 18-19 November 2015 (The Brasilia Declaration is available at www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/rscrisis.html, miscellaneous).

13. Other Business

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

14. Date of next session

The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 19-22 September 2016 in Geneva.

15. Adoption of the report of the seventy-second session

The Working Party will adopt the report of its seventy-second session.
