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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirteenth session^{*,**}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 21 November 2017

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Programme of Work: Taking Stock of National Legislation:

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- (a) Analysis of information collected via the web-based Road Signs Management System: remaining G and H signs;
 - (b) New design for signs G, 1a, G, 1b, and G, 1c;
 - (c) Secretariat's amendment proposals;
 - (d) Sign to communicate the need to crash through gates (barriers) if a vehicle is trapped at a level crossing;
 - (e) Use of an oblique bar in the C, 3, C, 4a and C, 4b signs;
 - (f) Amendment proposal to the text of point 8 (a) (i) of Section E, Annex 1;
 - (g) Use of rectangular panels or other solutions to warn road users about temporary road works;
 - (h) Evaluation of the non-Convention signs and related observations.
3. Other Business.
 4. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
 5. Adoption of the Report.

II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/25

2. Programme of Work: Taking Stock of National Legislation

(a) Analysis of information collected via the web-based Road Signs Management System: remaining G and H section signs

At the last session, the secretariat presented Informal document No. 3 (August 2017) on the G section signs and undertook to revise the document by incorporating comments received during the twelfth session, and to present it as an official document in three languages at the current session (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2017/3).

The Group of Experts also considered and commented on Informal document No. 1 (August 2017) prepared by the secretariat in relation to the H, 3, H, 4 and other H section signs. The Group of Experts requested the secretariat revise the document and propose amendments for its consideration at this session (Informal document No. 1).

Thereafter, the Group of Experts will continue with its analysis of the information collected via the web-based Road Signs Management System from H, 4 a onwards using the methodology agreed upon at the second session, i.e. sign-by-sign assessment focusing on deviation identification and description, deviation

evaluation, recommendations and assignment of “in-conformity indicators” for both images and definitions. The experts of Kuwait will facilitate discussion by providing their analysis for the signs H, 4 to H, 9.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2017/3, Informal document No. 1

(b) New design for signs G, 1a, G, 1b, and G, 1c

Due to time constraints at the last session, the Group of Experts agreed to postpone their discussion of new designs for signs G, 1a, G, 1b, and G, 1c based on options that experts had prepared for that session. In the preparation of their options for new G, 1 signs, experts were asked to consider the “nesting and stacking” technique, as presented by Spain at the eleventh session. The secretariat will present G, 1 designs in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2017/3.

(c) Secretariat’s amendment proposal

The Group of Experts will be invited to endorse and incorporate ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2017/4 into the Annex. This document is based on Informal document No. 2 (August 2017) which sought to amend a number of provisions within the Convention related to Sections F and G within Annex I.

The Chair will provide feedback on his review of the Convention and its 1971 European Supplement in relation to the references to “band” and “diagonal bar” (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2017/5).

The secretariat will present Informal document No. 2 which contains amendment proposals to Articles 9 through 14 of the Convention.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2017/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2017/5, Informal document no. 2

(d) Sign to communicate the need to crash through gates (barriers) of a vehicle if trapped at a level crossing

The experts from Austria and Kuwait, and any other experts, will be invited to present the revision of their original designs of a sign to communicate the need to crash through gates (barriers) of a vehicle if trapped at a level crossing.

(e) Use of an oblique bar in the C, 3, C, 4a and C, 4b signs

The experts from Portugal and Switzerland will be invited to offer suggestions for the use of an oblique bar in the C, 3, C, 4a and C, 4b signs, as well as other prohibitory signs.

(f) Amendment proposal to the text of point 8 (a) (i) of Section E, Annex 1

At the ninth session the Group of Experts formulated an amendment proposal to the text of point 8 (a) (i) of Section E, Annex 1 but did not reach a consensus on it. Accordingly, the Group of Experts may wish to revert to this amendment proposal.

(g) Use of rectangular panels or other solutions to warn road users about temporary road works

The Group will be invited to discuss the use of rectangular panels or other solutions to warn road users about temporary road works (ref. Article 31) or permanent changes to the road infrastructure in the 1968 Convention and to clarify the meaning of “exceptional circumstances” (ref. to point 7 of the European Agreement).

(h) Evaluation of the non-Convention signs and related observations

The Group will be invited to continue its discussions started at the sixth session on the evaluation of the non-Convention signs and related observations, that were presented by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/2016/1).

3. Other Business

At the last session, the secretariat provided a detailed presentation on e-CoRSS and informed the Group of Experts that e-CoRSS would be made available to them for testing with a list of questions to be answered before this session. The secretariat will summarize the results of testing undertaken by experts.

The secretariat will inform the Group of Experts about further progress to be made to e-CoRSS.

The secretariat will inform the Group of Experts on the status of their request to extend the Group’s mandate until the end of 2018.

The representatives of International Road Sign Comprehension Evaluation Project will be invited to present their project.

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other matters of interest.

4. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Group of Experts is scheduled to take place on 15 and 16 February 2018 in Geneva.

5. Adoption of the Report

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of its thirteenth session.
