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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighteenth session***

To be held at the Palais des Nations Room XII, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 4 June 2018

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Programme of Work:
 - (a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis;

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- (b) Appendix 1C;
- (c) Dedicated short range communication (DSRC);
- (d) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”;
3. Amendment of Article 14.
4. TACHOnet.
5. The Memorandum of Understanding which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties.
6. Other Business.
7. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
8. Adoption of the Report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

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

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/42

2. Programme of Work

(a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis

At the last session, the Chair urged the Russian Federation and the European Commission to have bilateral discussions to resolve their outstanding differences on ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.3 for this session. The Russian Federation and the European Commission will be invited to provide an update on progress made (if any).

The Group of Experts will also be invited to continue discussing how to amend Article 22, Article 22bis, Article 10 as well as Article 14 (to make regional economic integration organizations eligible to accede) based on ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2 submitted by the Government of Slovakia and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.3 (prepared by the secretariat as per para. 9, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/40).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.3

(b) Appendix 1C

At the last session, the Group of Experts considered ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/2 which contained (respectively) Annex 1C and an amendment proposal by the Government of Estonia to incorporate Annex 1C into the AETR Agreement with the relevant corresponding changes. The Chair requested the secretariat to prepare ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/2/Rev.1 for this session, which consolidates the changes proposed by Estonia and Turkey with those of other interested parties. Interested parties were requested to provide their change proposals directly to the secretariat.

The secretariat was unable to prepare ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/2/Rev.1 as the changes proposed by Turkey (per Informal document no. 2 (February 2018)) could not be incorporated directly into the structure of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/2. Turkey and other interested parties will be invited to submit their comments within the structure of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/2 to facilitate the preparation of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/2/Rev.1 for the nineteenth session. The secretariat will seek clarification if changes were to be made into ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1 instead.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/2.

(c) Dedicated short range communication (DSRC)

At the last session, the Group of Experts discussed a number of issues related to DSRC. Partly in response to the questions raised, the European Union submitted Informal document No. 1 which provides additional information on DSRC. Experts from the Joint Research Centre (JRC) advised that the DSRC facility met European Union standards. The Russian Federation expressed the concern whether the technologies outlined in Informal document No. 1 could be used on its territory (without special authorizations) and sought further information. In addition, Turkey tabled Informal document No. 2 which proposed to include V2X technologies for the remote communication function of smart tachographs. The Group of Experts may wish to resume discussion based on these informal documents from the last session, as well as in light of any new information.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1 (February 2018), Informal document No. 2 (February 2018)

(d) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”

At the last session, the Group of Experts did not further discuss the application of Regulation Nos. 561/2006 and 165/2014 nor did it attempt to harmonize the two regimes for driving times and rest periods. However, at the request of Ukraine, the Group agreed to keep this item on the agenda so that it can be revisited at future sessions if there is desire to do so.

3. Amendment of Article 14

At the last session, the Ambassador to the Permanent Mission of Lebanon attended and reiterated the interest of his government to accede to the AETR Agreement. Turkey also indicated its willingness to be a proponent of the proposal amendment at this session. At the time of writing, the proposal amendment had yet to be received. Turkey or the secretariat will be invited to provide information on the status of this proposal.

4. TACHOnet

At the last session, the European Commission informed the Group of Experts that due to security concerns it would have to eliminate indirect access to the TACHOnet which has been the only way to date for non-EU AETR contracting parties to have access. The Commission was working to put in place a viable alternative which might require the appointment of a registration authority (RA) to verify the authenticity of the trusted courier from the AETR party. The trusted courier is the person in charge of handing the keys to the RA for certification and taking back the certificates to their country of origin. In the framework of the digital tachograph, the JRC is the RA. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between European Union, UNECE and potentially AETR contracting parties, setting out the

boundaries of each one's liability in relation to use of the TACHOnet, might also be required. The European Commission said that it would provide a draft MOU for this session. The European Commission will be invited to provide an update.

5. The Memorandum of Understanding which recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties

At the last session, the European Commission undertook to prepare the first draft of a new Supplement to extend the MOU between UNECE and the European Commission Services which recognizes the JRC as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-European Union AETR contracting parties for this session. The European Commission will be invited to provide an update on the status of the draft.

6. Other Business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

7. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 15 October 2018 in Palais des Nations in Geneva.

8. Adoption of the Report

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of this session.
