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Geneva, 15 October 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-second session***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Council Chamber, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 15 October 2019.

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Programme of Work:
 - (a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis;
 - (b) Appendix 1C;
 - (c) Dedicated short range communication (DSRC);

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- (d) Application of Regulation (European Commission) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”.
- 3. Amendment of Article 14.
- 4. TACHOnet.
- 5. Reconciliation of “AETR regimes” in the European Union and non-European Union contracting parties after 15 June 2019.
- 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.21/50

2. Programme of Work

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

At the last session, the Russian Federation and the European Commission reiterated their earlier positions (indicated in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.3), but also reported on progress achieved during their bilateral consultations. At the present session, the Group of Experts will be invited to report on any new developments.

(b) Appendix 1C

At the last session, the Group did not review Informal documents No.1 and No. 2 (June 2019), nor did it resume its discussions of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1. However, it held in-depth discussions focusing on three main outstanding issues (in relation to Appendix 1C): data protection, the strength of DSRC signal transmission which may make the DSRC system non-operational, and the use of CEN references in the context of DSRC. The Chair invited the Group of Experts to provide – for the present session - specific amendment proposals addressing all three outstanding issues using Informal document No. 2 (June 2019) for that purpose.

(c) Dedicated short range communication (DSRC)

At the last session, the Group of Experts agreed that the use of the road-side DSRC equipment is optional while DSRC components embedded in the vehicle unit are mandatory. Given that the vehicle unit’s DSRC can only be activated upon receiving a signal from the road side DSRC equipment, prohibiting (or not employing) the road-side DSRC equipment appears to be sufficient in countries where the use of this equipment may not be legal. The Group of Experts may consider discontinuing this agenda item.

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

At the last session, the Group of Experts briefly reviewed this topic and agreed to keep this item on the agenda. The Group will be invited to continue its discussions on the subject.

3. Amendment of Article 14

The secretariat will remind the Group of Experts that in order to accommodate the request of the Government of Egypt to amend Article 14 (to make the country eligible to accede), an AETR contracting party is required to formally submit an amendment proposal. Any formal submission is subject to the proposal being adopted by SC.1 at its October 2019 session.

4. TACHOnet

At the twentieth session, the Group requested that the European Commission submit ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.2/2019/1/Rev.1 taking into account the feedback received on the graphs, diagrams and references to European Union and European Commission regulations in Informal document No. 4 (February 2019). The Group of Experts will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.2/2019/1/Rev.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.2/2019/1/Rev.1

5. Reconciliation of “AETR regimes” in the European Union and non-European Union contracting parties after 15 June 2019

At the last session, the Group of Experts committed to intensifying its work with the objective of finalizing Appendix 1C by 15 October 2020. The Group also agreed to continue formal and informal discussions on the high-level principles with the objective to possibly making a proposal to the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1). The Group of Experts will be invited to provide an update.

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 24 February 2020 in Palais des Nations in Geneva. The deadline for the submission of formal documents is 16 December 2019.

8. Adoption of the Report

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