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Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-ninth session^{}**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on 17 September 2019,
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/168

2. Activities of interest to the Working Party

Due to time constraints, neither interventions nor presentations are 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

At the last session, WP.1 continued discussing ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1 (France, Italy and Laser Europe) as well as Informal document No. 8 (March 2019) submitted by the Government of Germany. At this session, WP.1 will resume its discussions by first addressing points (i), (j), (r), (t), 34, 35 and 36 in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1 while taking into account Informal document No. 8 (March 2019). Slovakia and Laser Europe will be invited to present ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/10 (submitted by Slovakia) and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/11 (submitted by Laser Europe) which propose amendments to the Convention relevant to ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/1/Rev.1, Informal document No. 8 (March 2019), ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/10, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/11

(b) Driving permits

At the last session, the informal group of experts tabled Informal document No. 7 (March 2019) in lieu of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.2 which proposed an approach of amalgamating the three options in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.1. WP.1 requested that

the informal group of experts incorporate the information contained in Informal document No. 7 (March 2019) into ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.2 as well as to reflect the possibility of contracting parties exploring digital solutions for future IDPs for this session. Belarus has tabled Informal document No. 1 which contains recommendations in relation to the amalgamated approach proposed in Informal document No. 7 (March 2019) from the last session.

WP.1 is invited to consider the amalgamated approach contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.2 and recommendations made by Belarus in Informal document No. 1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1, Rev.1 and Rev.2, Informal document No. 1, Informal document No. 7 (March 2019)

(c) Automated driving

(i) Vehicles with automated driving systems: The concept of activities other than driving

At the last session, WP.1 began discussing Informal document No. 4/Rev.1 (March 2019) and France – one of the co-authors of the document – requested that WP.1 delegates provide feedback to the secretary of the informal group of experts on automated driving so that the document may be revised. At this session, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/3 (which is a revised version of Informal document No. 4 (March 2019)) will be tabled by Canada, Finland, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, and the United Kingdom for discussion and possible adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/3, Informal document No. 4/Rev.1 (March 2019)

(ii) Situations when a driver operates a vehicle from the outside of the vehicle

At the last session, WP.1 began discussing Informal document No. 5 (March 2019). While the authors requested that WP.1 delegates provide feedback to the secretary of the informal group of experts on automated driving, no revised version of this document has been submitted. Instead, the United Kingdom has submitted ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/2 - a discussion document for a resolution on remote driving which is based on information from Informal document No. 5 (March).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/2, Informal document No. 5 (March 2019)

(iii) Highly and fully automated vehicles

At the last session, WP.1 took note of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4/Rev.3 and considered how it might promote the resolution on highly and fully automated vehicles. WP.1 delegates suggested that the secretariat could contact the ECE Information Unit to explore possibilities of a communications strategy to promote the resolution including social media. At this session, the secretariat will provide an update.

WP.1 may wish to suggest that the resolution on highly and fully automated vehicles is referred to in the 2020 General Assembly resolution “On improving road safety”

(iv) Amendment proposal to Article 8 in the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic

At the last session, France tabled ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/1 which contains an amendment proposal to Article 8 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic. A more comprehensive set of amendment proposals for automated vehicles (including to Article 8) was also submitted by the United Kingdom in Informal document No. 2 (March 2019). WP.1 began discussing the two documents, starting from whether an amendment was necessary or a different approach would be more suitable to accommodate automotive technological advances in harmonizing the legal frameworks established in the 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic. At this

session, WP.1 may wish to consider discussing ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/7 (updated version of Informal document No. 2 -March 2019-) submitted by the United Kingdom.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/1, Informal document No. 2 (March 2019),
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/7

(v) *Amendment proposal to Article 34 in the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic*

At the last session, WP.1 took note of interest expressed by Belgium, France, Portugal, and the United Kingdom to explore the possibility to amend Article 34 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic (should it prove impossible to amend Article 8).

In this context, Belgium, Finland, Luxembourg, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom submitted ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/6. The United Kingdom has also submitted ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/8.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/6, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/8

(vi) *Policy Statements in relation to the 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic*

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/9, submitted by the United Kingdom, sets out its current domestic policy with respect to automated vehicles and the 1949 and 1968 Conventions. It also sets out five core outcomes that the United Kingdom considers appropriate for proposed amendments to the 1968 Convention.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/9

4. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

The Chair of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals will be invited to update WP.1 on the progress made by the Group in reviewing the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the convention. To this end, the Chair will introduce ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4 which contains the Group's final report and ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/5 which contains proposals to amend Annexes 1 and 3 of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals.

The secretariat will update WP.1 on the progress in developing e-CoRSS (electronic version of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/5

5. Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

(a) **A Safe System Approach and amendment proposals on distracted driving**

At the last session, WP.1 completed its discussions on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1 which incorporates the amendment proposals of Sweden to include a safe system approach into the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1). It also finished discussing ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/5/Rev.1 prepared by Italy, Spain, and the United States of America on the role of penalties and other restrictive measures. At this session, WP.1 will resume its discussion on the proposed changes under Section 1.5 "Context" to better elaborate on distractive driving. To this end, WP.1 will be assisted by ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2/Rev.2 prepared by France, Italy and the Russian Federation.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2014/6/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/5/Rev.1,
ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2017/2, Rev.1 and Rev.2

(b) Policies for Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) and Powered Two Wheelers (PTW): their impact in South-East Asia and other regions of the World.

At the last session, WP.1 discussed Informal document No. 5 (March 2019) containing consolidated comments on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/6. WP.1 delegates were invited to provide further comments directly to the authors. At this session, Informal document No. 2, submitted by the IRTE and University of Birmingham, will provide information about the current status of this initiative as well as requirements and templates to be used while collecting various case studies. In this regard, the Chair will table Informal document no. 5 which suggests a template to collect case studies on VRUs including PTWs.

At the last session, WP.1 also agreed to create an informal group of experts (Canada, Italy, United Kingdom, International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association, Institute of Road Traffic Education, and Johns Hopkins University) to further investigate and assess VRUs as well as PTW policies and their impact in South-East Asia. The objective of this initiative was to develop a model to be replicated also in other regions of the world. The informal group will be invited to provide an update.

At the last session, the delegate of IRTE invited WP.1 delegates to participate in formulating a draft policy on safety transportation of school children in all modes of transport in India and in SEA at the workshop held on 29 and 30 April 2019 in New Delhi, India. At the current session, the IRTE will be invited to provide an update, including detailed information on the compendium of policies and guidelines for all modes of transport used in South East Asia and on the Road Safety Living Lab which has been established in Pondicherry, India.

Documentation

Informal document No. 5 (March 2019), ECE/TRANS/WP.12018/6, Informal document No. 2, Informal document No. 5

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

At the last session, WP.1 continued discussing ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.4 and revised the Terms of Reference of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety up to paragraph (i) of the preamble. WP.1 will resume discussions on this topic at the current session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1/Rev.4

7. Sustainable Development Goals: Potential contribution by WP.1

At the last session, WP.1 continued discussions on how it could enhance its involvement in meeting the road-safety related Sustainable Development Goals. Subsequently, WP.1 reaffirmed its interest in this area in consideration of the fact that road safety is incorporated across several SDGs (e.g. 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17) and it is a key factor for all the global strategies aiming at the sustainability and the inclusiveness of mobility policies. On this point, Sweden will submit Informal document No.4.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4

8. Definition of a serious injury

At the last session, Sweden provided information about the use of Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS) in combination with the “risk of permanent medical impairment” (RPMI) concept in

Sweden and explained how the regulators have been using this indicator. As a result of interest in this topic, the Chair invited WP.1 to partner with Sweden to further develop the WP.1 work in this area. Sweden will be invited to provide an update.

9. Other Business

The secretariat will inform WP.1 about the adoption of the ITC Strategy at the last ITC session in February (para 15(a), ECE/TRANS/288) as well as the resulting implications to ITC subsidiary bodies, including WP.1. In particular, the secretariat will inform WP.1 about the ITC request for “its subsidiary bodies to take follow-up actions to align their work with the strategy” (para 15(c), ECE/TRANS/288). The “Inland Transport Committee Strategy until 2030” is contained in ECE/TRANS/288/Add.2 while Table 1 in Section V contains a “List of priorities until 2030”. The final deadline for contributions by all subsidiary bodies is 30 June 2020. WP.1 will be invited to discuss how it can respond to this request.

The WP.1 Chair and/or the secretariat will inform WP.1 about the work of the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund.

WP.1 will be informed of the recent activities of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety in promoting road safety and United Nations legal instruments at global level.

Sweden will be invited to provide information about the Third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety which is taking place on 19-20 February 2020 in Stockholm, Sweden. WP.1 will be informed about the opportunity of being involved in a dedicated side event, preceding the 2020 Ministerial Conference, which will focus on the potential contribution of advanced automotive technology to road safety targets and policies.

Finally, the WP.1 Chair will provide an update on the meeting of the “WP.1/WP.29 Executive Task Force” that took place on 27 June 2019 in Geneva. WP.1 will be invited to discuss these developments including the relevance of the Executive Task Force acting as a hub for information exchange and coordination on topics of common interest. At the last session, WP.1 expressed interest in developing a common methodological approach on how WP.1 and WP.29 could cooperate. With this mind, Canada and the United States will submit an informal document to facilitate the discussion on a proposed approach (Informal document No.3).

WP.1 may wish to discuss other issues.

Documentation

Informal document No. 3, ECE/TRANS/288 and Add.2

10. Date of next session

The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 10-13 March 2020 in Geneva.

11. Adoption of the report of the seventy-ninth session

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