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Programme of work for 2020**Draft programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for 2020****Note by the secretariat****Introduction**

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Transport subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2020. The Inland Transport Committee (“the Committee”) is invited to **adopt and recommend it for approval** to the Executive Committee (EXCOM). Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in United Nations Umoja system used by the secretariat for planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, a broad management approach which establishes logical relationship between the hierarchical results (deliverables – objectives – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’ and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent from achieving the objective.
3. The objective, the most significant planned result and the deliverables in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2020. The objective of the subprogramme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. In attaining its objective, the subprogramme builds on cross-sectoral collaboration with other subprogrammes in relevant ECE nexus areas where multiple SDGs converge.¹ This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing synergies, increase the efficiency of its work and have a multiplying effect on the impact of its actions to support countries to implement SDGs. The deliverables of the subprogramme fall into the following main categories: (a) facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies; (b) generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation projects, training events, seminars, workshops, and publications; (c) other substantive deliverables, and (d) communication deliverables.

¹ The ECE nexus areas are as follows: 1) Sustainable use of natural resources; 2) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; 3) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and 4) Measuring and monitoring SDGs.

4. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex I. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex II.

I. Objective and alignment with SDGs

5. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to improve sustainable inland transport by making it safer, cleaner, more efficient and more affordable, for both freight transport and personal mobility.

6. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Sustainable Transport Division.

7. The objective is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 3 (ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages), Goal 6 (ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all), Goal 7 (ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all), Goal 8 (promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all), Goal 9 (build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation), Goal 11 (make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable), Goal 12 (ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns) and Goal 13 (take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts).

8. Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals serves as a framework for contributing to the objective of the subprogramme. Within this framework, the subprogramme will develop cross-sectoral activities with other ECE subprogrammes where there is complementarity between the respective Sustainable Development Goals and targets in line with the nexus areas described in paragraph 3 above.

II. Highlighted planned result for 2020

Enhanced regulatory framework for sustainable inland transport systems

9. The *Sustainable Development Goals Report 2017* concluded that, while considerable progress had been made over the past decade across all areas of development, advancements had been uneven across regions and the pace of progress had been insufficient to fully meet the Sustainable Development Goal targets by 2030. For example, in 2018, the General Assembly, in its resolution [72/271](#), concluded that target 3.6, halving global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents by 2020, would not be met.

Challenge and response

10. The challenge was that despite the global efforts and overall improvements in the ECE region, the global trend appeared to go in the opposite direction.

11. Evidence indicates that countries with a greater number of accessions to conventions and agreements under the purview of the subprogramme have better results in terms of improving the sustainability of their transport systems.

12. In response, for 2020, the subprogramme plans to scale up its efforts to support the development of sustainable inland transport systems internationally and ensure that its activities further benefit other regions in their own efforts to curb the number of road traffic deaths and injuries; improve the environmental performance of the inland transport systems, including regarding the transport of perishable foodstuffs; and enhance efficiency and connectivity, including through digitalization and electronic documents in transport. The subprogramme plans to do so through the implementation of the Inland Transport Committee's strategy by, among other things, encouraging the participation of countries from outside the ECE region in the activities of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies and scaling up outreach and capacity-building activities, including through partnerships with the

United Nations system and external stakeholders and participation in regional and global initiatives.

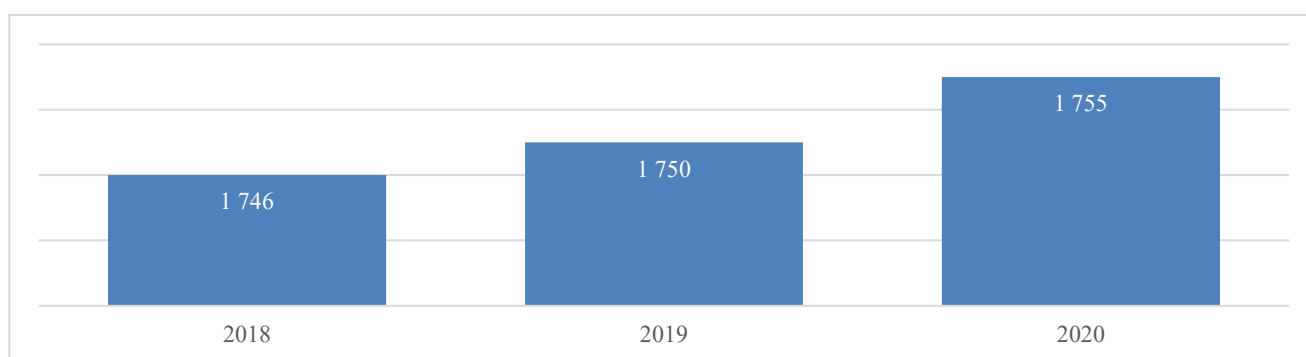
Result and evidence

13. The planned deliverables are expected to contribute to the result, which is the strengthened legal and regulatory framework for sustainable inland transport systems.

14. Evidence of the result, if achieved, will include increased accessions worldwide to conventions and agreements under the purview of the subprogramme, as shown in the figure.

15. The result, if achieved, will demonstrate progress made in 2020 towards the collective attainment of the objective. It will contribute to the nexus areas on sustainable use of natural resources; sustainable and smart cities; sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and measuring and monitoring the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Performance measures: increased number of contracting parties to United Nations legal instruments on transport administered by the Economic Commission for Europe



16. The following General Assembly resolutions comprise the main mandates entrusted to the subprogramme: [58/9](#) on the global road safety crisis, [68/269](#) on improving global road safety, [69/137](#) on the Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024, [69/213](#) on the role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development, [70/197](#) entitled “Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors”, [70/217](#) on follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, [72/212](#) on strengthening the links between all modes of transport to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and [72/232](#) on the follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.

17. In its resolution [72/271](#) on improving global road safety, the General Assembly in 2018 entrusted the subprogramme with a new mandate.

18. The subprogramme will continue to be guided by all mandates entrusted to it, which provide the legislative framework for its deliverables.

III. External factors

19. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective and expected accomplishments on the assumption of the following external factors: (a) interested parties reach consensus on the updating of existing legal instruments and the development of new ones; (b) the environment is conducive to the accession to the United Nations transport conventions and their implementation and enforcement nationally; (c) there is a stable political climate internationally that supports the extension of transport infrastructure and networks, and border crossing facilitation; (d) there is political will to promote sustainable mobility.

IV. Deliverables to be implemented in 2020

20. The below table lists all deliverables, by category and subcategory, that would contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>2020 planned</i>
Quantified deliverables	
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies	
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	1,660
Parliamentary documentation for Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies	
1. Documentation for the Inland Transport Committee	31
2. Documentation for the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations	840
3. Documentation for the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs	33
4. Documentation for the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	214
5. Documentation for the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics	32
6. Documentation for the Working Party on Transport Statistics	14
7. Documentation for the Working Party on Road Transport	10
8. Documentation for the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety	16
9. Documentation for the Working Party on Rail Transport	12
10. Documentation for the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics	11
11. Documentation for the Working Party on Inland Water Transport	47
12. Documentation for the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport	71
Parliamentary documentation for Economic and Social Council	
13. Documentation for the Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	5
14. Documentation for the Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	257
15. Documentation for the Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	62
Parliamentary documentation for High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	
16. Documentation for the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	5
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	369
Meetings of Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies	
17. Meetings of the Inland Transport Committee	16
18. Meetings of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations	111
19. Meetings of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs	8
20. Meetings of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	58
21. Meetings of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics	32
22. Meetings of the Working Party on Transport Statistics	6
23. Meetings of the Working Party on Road Transport	6
24. Meetings of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety	14
25. Meetings of the Working Party on Rail Transport	6
26. Meetings of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics	6
27. Meetings of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport	18
28. Meetings of the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport	46
Meetings of Economic and Social Council	
29. Meetings of the Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	1
30. Meetings of the Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	29
31. Meetings of the Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	10

Meetings of High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	
32. Meetings of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	2
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge	
Technical cooperation and field projects (number of projects)	
33. Project on Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM)	1
34. Project on Trans-European Railway (TER)	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	
35. Workshops for Government officials and other stakeholders in the ECE region and in Contracting Parties to legal instruments under the purview of the Inland Transport Committee on: intelligent transport systems; transport statistics and trends; road, rail, inland water, intermodal and intersectoral transport issues; vehicle agreements and regulations	9
36. Seminars for national coordinators, experts, customs officials and transport industry on the TIR Convention and Trans-European North-South Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects	4
Publications (number of publications)	
37. Publications on Transport of Dangerous Goods and special cargoes	3
38. Publications on Green and Safe Transport and cross-cutting issues	8
39. Publications on Vehicles Regulations	1
40. Publications on Statistics	1
Technical materials (number of materials)	
41. Fact sheet on what you should know about safety belts	1
42. Transport statistics - country profiles	1
Non-quantified deliverables	
C. Substantive deliverables	
Consultation, advice and advocacy: Advisory services for Contracting Parties of United Nations Transport Conventions administered by ECE on legal instruments relating to: inland transport; facilitation of transport; border crossing; road safety; vehicle construction; and transport of dangerous goods and other special cargoes	
Databases and substantive digital materials: Update and maintenance of the International TIR Databank on transport operators, including its online version; Development and maintenance of the International TIR Databank online project; Online register of customs sealing devices and customs stamps; TIR website; Internet-based inventory of standards on inland water infrastructure; Web-based inventory of existing European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) and European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) standards and parameters; Databases on transport statistics, road traffic accidents, transport of dangerous goods, transport of perishable foodstuffs, urban transport and transport and environment; Development and maintenance of the web-based International Rail Security Observatory; Electronic Convention on Road signs and signals (E-CoRSS)	
D. Communication deliverables	
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: Information materials on legal instruments and activities of the subprogramme	
External and media relations: Annual set of press releases for the subprogramme	
Digital platforms and multimedia content: Digital platforms and multimedia content on sustainable transport and mobility; Update and maintenance of the website of the subprogramme	

Annex I

Details of proposed publications and promotional material for 2020

A. Recurrent publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Trim size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s) and Source of funding (RB or XB)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	European Agreement on Main Railway Lines of International Importance (AGC) 3487	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and digital	A4	30	E, F, R		E/F/R=50
2	WORLD FORUM FOR HARMONIZATION OF VEHICLE REGULATIONS (WP.29). HOW IT WORKS – HOW TO JOIN IT 3488	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and digital	A4	100	E	A, C, F, R, S (all RB)	1000E, 0A, 0C, 500F, 300R, 300S
3	Bulletin of Transport Statistics 3498	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and digital	A4	200	E	No translation	
4	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR 2021) (volumes I and II) 3500	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and digital	A4	Vol I: 720 Vol II:760	E, F	R (RB)	200E, 80F, 40R
5	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland waterways (ADN 2021) (volumes I and II) 3501	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and digital	A4	Vol I: 640 Vol II:560	E, F	R (RB)	150E, 150F, 50R
6	Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) 3502	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and digital	A4	100	E, F	R (RB)	200E, 100F, 100R

^a Arabic=A, Chinese=C, English=E, French=F, Russian=R, Spanish=S

B. Non-recurrent publications

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1	Rail Review - 3484	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and digital	A4	100	E	F, R (all RB)	150E, 75F, 100R
2	Climate Change impacts and adaptation for transport networks and nodes 3490	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and digital	A4	150	E	F, R (all RB)	150E, 80F, 80R
3	Benchmarking transport infrastructure construction costs 3494	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and digital	A4	150	E	F, R (all RB)	150E, 80F, 80R
4	Intermodal Transport and Logistics	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and digital	A4	150	E	F, R (all RB)	75E, 25F, 25R
5	BIM for Road Infrastructure: TEM requirements and recommendations - 3544	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Digital		100	E	No translation	
6	Tools for asset management: TEM recommendations for road operators - 3545	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Digital		100	E	No translation	
7	Tolling systems deployment in the TEM Network: considerations and recommendations - 3546	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Digital		100	E	No translation	

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C. Promotional material

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Trim size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language (s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Fact sheet on what you should know about safety belts	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and Electronic	A4	20	E	F;R	E-200; F-100; R-100
2	Transport statistics - country profiles	ECE/TRANS/288, para. 121	Print and Electronic	A4	20	E	F;R	E-200; F-100; R-100

Annex II

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

66/288	The future we want
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
67/290	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development
69/277	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
70/133	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
70/221	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
71/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
71/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
71/162	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
71/243	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
72/230	Development cooperation with middle-income countries
72/234	Women in development
72/237	South-South Cooperation
73/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
73/13	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
73/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM

73/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
73/195	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
73/227	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
73/231	Disaster risk reduction
73/236	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region
A (68)	High-level statement
B (68)	Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

Subprogramme 2

Transport

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

58/9	Global road safety crisis
68/269	Improving global road safety
69/137	Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024
69/213	Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development

70/197	Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors
70/217	Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries
72/212	Strengthening the link between all modes of transport to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals
72/271	Improving global road safety
73/243	Follow-up to the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1999/65	Reconfiguration of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods into a Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
2013/7	Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar
2017/13	Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/AC.21/2014/2	Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment on its fourth session
ECE/TRANS/224	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-fourth session (“UNECE Road Map for promoting ITS-20 global actions 2012–2020”)
ECE/TRANS/236	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-fifth session (Joint Declaration on the promotion of Euro-Asian rail transport and activities towards unified railway law; and Joint Statement on Future Development of Euro-Asian Transport Links)
ECE/TRANS/248	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-seventh session
ECE/TRANS/254	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-eighth session
ECE/TRANS/270	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-ninth session (Ministerial Resolution on embracing the new era for sustainable inland transport and mobility)

ECE/TRANS/274	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its eightieth session
B (66)	Endorsement of the Geneva United Nations Charter on Sustainable Housing

Decisions of the Treaty Bodies of United Nations Transport Agreements

E/ECE/TRANS/ 505/rev.3	1958 Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Harmonized Technical United Nations Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these United Nations Regulations
ECE/RCTE/ CONF/4	1997 Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles and the reciprocal recognition of such inspections
ECE/TRANS/132	1998 Agreement concerning the establishment of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or used on wheeled vehicles
ECE/TRANS/ ADN/CONF/10/Add.1 and Corr.1	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/125	Report of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention 1975 on its sixty-first session (Annex II “Joint statement on the computerization of the TIR procedure”)
