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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-third session*,**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday,
24 February 2020, Salle XXVII.

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

* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the ECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/sc1/sc1.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (roadtransport@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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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.21/52

2. Programme of Work

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

At the last session, the Group of Experts reviewed ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.3 and made a number of changes. The secretariat – as requested - incorporated these changes and issued ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.4. At this session, the Group will be invited to continue discussing this topic.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2017/2/Rev.4

(b) Appendix 1C

At the last session, the Group of Experts reviewed Informal documents No. 1 and 2 (October 2019), submitted by the European Commission, made some changes, and requested the secretariat to issue the revised documents. In this context, the secretariat prepared Informal documents No.1/Rev.1 (October 2019) and No. 2/Rev.1 (October 2019) for discussions at this session. The European Commission will be invited to revert to the Group on a few remaining questions in those documents.

Documentation

Informal document No.1/Rev.1 (October 2019), Informal document No.2/Rev.1 (October 2019)

(c) Dedicated Short Range Communication (DSRC)

At the last session, during discussions about Informal document No. 2 (October 2019), in particular Table 14.1 item D4 (**) (page 16), the Group of Experts agreed that the vehicle unit’s DSRC can only be activated upon receiving a signal from the road side DSRC equipment. The Group of Experts was also informed that the vehicle’s unit DSRC responds with the same strength as it receives from the road side DSRC equipment. At this session, the Russian Federation will be invited to propose an alternative text to reflect this understanding in relation to the explanatory note for D4 (**).

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

The Group will be invited to continue its discussions on this 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.

4. TACHOnet

The European Commission will be invited to present ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.2.

Documentation

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

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 reiterated its commitment to finalizing Appendix 1C as soon as possible. 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 15 June 2020 at Palais des Nations in Geneva. The deadline for the submission of formal documents is 23 March 2020.

8. Adoption of the Report

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