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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-third session*, ****

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday,
7 September 2020, Room XXIV, Palais des Nations

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 - (a) Euro-Asian Transport Links;
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 - (c) Trans-European Transport Network;
 - (d) Transport in the Mediterranean Region;
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4. Transport infrastructure data:
 - (a) International Transport Infrastructure Observatory;

* 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 Sustainable Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html). 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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- (b) Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs.
- 5. Transport and climate change:
 - (a) Group of Experts on Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Inland Transport;
 - (b) Climate Change mitigation: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe For Future Inland Transport Systems tool.
- 6. Inland transport security.
- 7. Sustainable urban mobility and public transport.
- 8. Review and monitoring of emerging issues and sustainable development goals:
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 - (b) Transport Trends and Economics 2019–2020;
 - (c) Technical assistance to countries with economies in transition:
 - (i) Regional Adviser technical assistance;
 - (ii) Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators;
 - (iii) Support for Landlocked Developing Countries.
 - (d) ECE Transport statistics analysis.
- 9. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party.
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda for its thirty-third session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/67

2. Workshop on Economic analysis of the transformation of urban transport systems

A workshop on economic analysis of the transformation of urban transport systems will be held by the secretariat. Interested stakeholders, including city authorities, urban and spatial planners, national Ministry of Transport/ Mobility experts, NGOs and academia have been invited to present case studies discussing transport policy cost-benefit analyses currently being used in a variety of cities of different sizes with a focus on one of the three policy categories "Avoid policies", "Shift policies" and "Improve policies" or combinations thereof (i.e. policy mixes). The workshop will give WP.5 the opportunity to explore the possible establishment of an analytical "policy assessment model" enabling city authorities to select those mobility policies that best meet their needs and help them to most effectively address the challenges faced by their respective urban transport systems.

Informal document No.1 contains the programme and concept note for the workshop.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

3. Development of transport networks and/or links

(a) Euro-Asian Transport Links

At its thirty-second session (September 2019) WP.5 requested the secretariat to invite countries to submit contributions with ideas on how the corridor operationalisation could be further developed following the completion of the Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) phase III project. WP.5 also invited the secretariat to consult relevant working parties such as the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), Road Transport (SC.1) and Rail Transport (SC.2) on their ideas for the operationalization of the international corridors.

The Inland Transport Committee at its eighty-second session (ECE/TRANS/294, para. 52) called upon WP.5 in close cooperation with WP.24, to continue its work on the operationalization of Euro-Asian Transport corridors and other corridors and requested them to present their common proposals through the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) Bureau, to the eighty-third ITC session in 2021.

Working document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/1 elaborates on the feedback received from the sister Working Parties and from the countries and outlines various options for further operationalization work. It also contains inputs gathered during a workshop on strengthening security and inter-operability along Euro-Asian inland transport corridors co-organized by the secretariat with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (Tbilisi, 12 and 13 December 2019).

Working document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/2 describes the potential role of WP.5 in the implementation of the Inland Transport Committee Strategy until 2030 and in particular regarding the promotion of sustainable regional and interregional inland transport connectivity and mobility.

WP.5 will be expected to consider these documents and agree on the way forward.

(b) **Trans-European Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects**

The managers of the TEM (Trans-European Motorway) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/3) and TER (Trans-European Railway) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/4) projects will inform WP.5 about the activities implemented over the reporting period 2019–2020.

(c) **Trans-European Transport Network**

The European Commission will brief WP.5 about the recent progress of Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) activities and extending the network to countries neighbouring the European Union.

(d) **Transport in the Mediterranean Region**

The Mediterranean Transport Study Centre (CETMO) will update WP.5 on CETMO activities. The European Commission will brief WP.5 on its activities in developing the Euro-Mediterranean transport network.

(e) **Other initiatives on transport corridors/ links development**

Representatives of other organizations and/or institutions may wish to brief WP.5 about their activities along various corridors.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/4

4. Transport infrastructure data

(a) **International Transport Infrastructure Observatory**

The secretariat will provide a demonstration of the GIS-based International Transport Infrastructure Observatory. It will inform about the various functionalities the observatory offers to users and the way ahead in making it fully operational.

WP.5 will be invited to exchange views on how to further strengthen collection of transport data in GIS format needed to turn the Observatory into a data-rich interactive platform.

(b) **Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs**

The Chair of the Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs and the secretariat will present the final report of the Group.

WP.5 will be invited to consider endorsing the final report of Group of Experts. It then may wish to provide further guidance and directions for further work in this field.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/5, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/6, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/1/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/7, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/8, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/9, Informal document No. 2, Informal document No. 3, Informal document No. 4

5. Transport and climate change

(a) **Group of Experts on Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Inland Transport**

The secretariat will report on the progress in establishing the Group of Experts on Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Inland Transport and on the preparation of the first meeting of this new Group to be held on 1 and 2 October 2020.

(b) **Climate Change mitigation: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe For Future Inland Transport Systems tool**

The secretariat will update WP.5 about new developments on the “For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS)” project during 2019–2020.

6. Inland transport security

Under this agenda item an Expert Round Table on Intelligent Transport Systems and Cyber Security will be held by the secretariat. This round table will give WP.5 the opportunity to take stock of the cyber threats faced by intelligent transport systems and possible policies and methodologies available to address these challenges most effectively. WP.5 may then wish to suggest which topic related to inland transport security to discuss at its next session.

Informal document No. 5 contains the programme and concept note for the roundtable.

Documentation

Informal document No. 5

7. Sustainable urban mobility and public transport

In relation to the workshop on economic analysis of the transformation of urban transport systems, WP.5 may wish to explore the possible establishment of an analytical “policy assessment model” enabling city authorities to select mobility policies that best meet their needs and help them to most effectively address the challenges faced by their respective urban transport systems.

Building further on the WP.5 MaaS publication, WP.5 may wish to discuss the possibility of developing a handbook for launching or strengthening MaaS at the city level.

The secretariat will report on the preparation of the infrastructure module of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Pan-European Cycling Master Plan. WP.5 should consider the information on the THE PEP pan-European Cycling Master Plan and will be invited to seek further contributions from capitals and national cycling networks.

Informal document No. 6 contains the information and data gathered so far.

Documentation

Informal document No. 6

8. Review and monitoring of emerging issues and sustainable development goals

(a) **Transport Trends and Challenges in the road, rail and inland waterway sectors**

Under this agenda item the secretariat will hold a Multidisciplinary Advisory Group Meeting on Transport Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis. The event will gather Ministry of Transport, Health and Customs/ border officials from the UNECE region and beyond. Discussions will be based on the preliminary findings of the First Informal Multidisciplinary Group which took place virtually in June 2020 and a working document on transport responses to the COVID-19 crisis compiled by the secretariat upon the request of the Inland Transport Committee at its eighty-second annual session (February 2020). WP.5 will be expected to endorse next steps aimed at enhancing the inland transport sector’s resilience to and preparedness for future pandemics and/or international emergency situations.

WP.5 may wish to consider additional evolving trends and challenges in the inland transport sectors and contemplate if it should undertake any specific analytical work on such trends and challenges in addition to the ongoing work.

Informal document No. 7 contains the programme for the advisory group meeting.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/10, Informal document No. 7

(b) Transport Trends and Economics 2019–2020

WP.5 may wish to provide further guidance and directions for future work in this field.

(c) Technical assistance to countries with economies in transition

(i) Regional Adviser technical assistance

The Regional Adviser will inform WP.5 about on technical assistance activities provided by ECE to countries with economies in transition (Informal document No. 8).

(ii) Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators

The secretariat will provide information on the ongoing implementation of a United Nations Development Account's project on developing a set of Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators (SITCIN). Emphasis will be put on how the SITCIN will help countries in assessing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

(iii) Support for Landlocked Developing Countries

The secretariat will provide information on its ongoing support to Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) in the framework of the Vienna Programme of Action Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs for 2014–2024.

WP.5 will then be invited to discuss the information and provide its recommendations for areas in which technical assistance should be further strengthened.

Documentation

Informal document No. 8

(d) ECE Transport statistics analysis

The secretariat will present its work on transport statistics data for 2019.

9. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party

The secretariat will inform WP.5 about the main decisions of the eighty second session of the Inland Transport Committee (Geneva, 25–28 February 2020) on issues of its interest.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/294

10. Elections of Officers for the Working Party sessions in 2021 and 2022

The Working Party will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for its sessions in 2021 and 2022.

11. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no proposals under this item.

12. Date of next session

The WP.5 thirty-fourth session is tentatively scheduled to take place in Geneva from 13 to 15 September 2021.

13. Adoption of main decisions

In accordance with the decision of the Working Party taken at its fifteenth session (TRANS/WP.5/32, para. 56), decisions taken at the session will be adopted at the end of the session. The report of the session, including the decisions, will be established by the Chair and Vice-Chair with the assistance of the secretariat, for submission to the Inland Transport Committee.
