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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Road Transport

##### Group of Experts on European Agreement Concerning Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)

###### Thirty-fourth session

Geneva, 19 February 2024

Item 1 of the provisional

###### Adoption of the Agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session\*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9:30 am on Monday 19 February 2024, Salle XXV.

#### 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) Amendment proposal to Article 4, paragraph 2;
3. Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the “AETR area”.
4. TACHOnet.
5. Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between European Commission Services and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
6. Other Business.
7. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
8. Adoption of the Report.

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\* Delegates are requested to register online at: <https://indico.un.org/event/1007037/>

## II. Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session's agenda (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/73).

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/73

### 2. Programme of Work

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

At the last session, the Group of Experts was informed that neither the Russian Federation nor the European Commission have changed their positions regarding ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/2. The Group will be invited to continue discussing this topic to aim at reaching a compromise solution.

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2021/2

#### (b) Appendix 1C

At the last session, the European Union informed the Group that it was reviewing ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/3 (the Russian Federation comments on Appendix 1C proposal). At this session, the Group will be invited to discuss ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1/Rev.1 (Portugal's proposals to modify Annex IC in order to adapt the European Union specifications on the smart tachograph to the AETR legal framework (as Appendix 1C)) together with ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/3 (which contain comments of the Russian Federation).

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2018/1/Rev.1,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/3

#### (c) Amendment proposal to Article 4, paragraph 2

At the last session, the Russian Federation introduced ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/4 which proposes to amend Article 4 to facilitate the application of the AETR Agreement in the "force majeure" situations. It invited other contracting parties to propose alternative wording to be considered for "force majeure" situations; requested the secretariat to provide advice how to address this matter; and requested the Group to discuss how to address the situations when there are (force majeure) impediments to fulfil obligations under the AETR Agreement. The Group of Experts will be invited to consider these issues at this session.

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2023/4

### 3. Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the "AETR area"

The Group will be invited to continue exchanging information on this subject.

### 4. TACHOnet

At the last session, the European Union did not submit a revised version of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.3 (a proposal to introduce a new Appendix 4 on exchange of information). The Group will be invited to discuss the revised document (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.4) if, and when submitted.

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2019/1/Rev.4

## **5. Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between European Commission Services and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe**

The secretariat will inform the Group about the current status of this issue.

At the last session, Türkiye presented Informal document No. 2 (October 2023) on establishing multiple root and interoperability certification centres. The experts were invited to provide comments to Türkiye in time for the present session. The secretariat, as requested by Belarus and the Russian Federation, will provide information on possibilities of creating multiple centres. To this end, the secretariat will recall the report summarizing the work and accomplishments of the AETR Group of Experts (Informal document No.1/Rev.1(27 October 2014)).

**Documentation:** Informal document No.1/Rev.1(27 October 2014),  
Informal document No. 2 (October 2023)

## **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 31 May 2024 at Palais des Nations in Geneva.

## **8. Adoption of the Report**

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

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