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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2000-2004

Note by the secretariat

The Working Party may wish to examine its draft programme of work for 2000-2004 and, in particular, the continued relevance of priorities assigned to individual work elements and the expected outputs identified for the next two-year period, i.e. by 2001.

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PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.3: ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY

02.2.3. Road traffic safety

Priority: 1

Description: Mindful of the world-wide scope of its work, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) will examine matters and adopt measures aimed at improving road traffic safety. To this end, it will consider, inter alia, the implementation of the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and the European Agreements supplementing them and elaborate proposals for updating these legal instruments as well as the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.1 and R.E.2).

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety will pursue the following activities:

- (a) Monitoring and encouraging the implementation of the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and of the European Agreements supplementing them, and elaboration of amendment proposals to these legal instruments with a view to raising of road safety standards. (Continuing) Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of **2001**:

- Consideration **and adoption** of a number of amendment proposals to the above instruments concerning, in particular, the safety of cyclists and moped riders; international driving permits; definitions for mopeds, motorcycles and quadricycles; **behaviour of motorists at pedestrian crossings; siting of traffic signs; safety in tunnels**, etc;
 - Establishment of a feedback mechanism with the help of a questionnaire to be circulated among States Parties to the above legal instruments;
 - **Establishment of a small permanent group of experts to examine proposals to amend the Conventions;**
 - Examination of the possibility of contributing to activities envisaged in the Programme of Joint Action adopted at the 1997 Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment.
- (b) Development of new recommendations to be included in the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic and Road Signs and Signals (R.E.1 and R.E.2) and updating of the existing ones (in cooperation with other subsidiary bodies of ITC) for the purpose of ensuring higher standards of safety on roads. (Continuing) Priority: 1

*/ New text and programme elements or elements replacing old text adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-first session (ECE/TRANS/128/Add.1) are indicated in bold characters; programme elements proposed for deletion appear in square brackets.

Output expected by the end of **2001**:

- Formulation and inclusion in R.E.1 of new recommendations on pedestrians;
 - Incorporation in R.E.1 and R.E.2 of recommendations concerning speed control humps **and their signing**, as well as the sign for contraflow cyclists and the conditions for its use;
 - **Consideration, development and incorporation into R.E.1 and R.E.2 of recommendations concerning assistance to victims of road accidents, safety in tunnels and road works signing;**
 - Submission to the Inland Transport Committee of revised texts of Consolidated Resolutions R.E.1 and R.E.2 for adoption.
- (c) Exchange of information on national road safety programmes, in particular taking into account means of financing of road safety activities, and on road safety regulations and requirements in force in member States and circulation of such information in order to avail Governments of the practice and experience gained on these matters.
(Continuing) Priority: 3

Output expected by the end of **2001**: Updating the set of tables reflecting current national road traffic safety requirements, national legal instruments and national methods of training and follow-up for categories A and B driving licences.

- (d) Assisting countries in transition in the establishment of sound and up-to-date traffic safety practice and procedures and organizing to this end workshops or seminars on road safety.
(Continuing) Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of **2001**: Organization of a workshop on road traffic safety issues of priority concern to countries in transition, possibly within the framework of the Third Road Safety Week (Host country to be identified).

- (e) Consideration of selected timely topics related to road safety in the form of an in-depth discussion based on papers prepared by experts and undertaking appropriate follow-up action with a view to finding concerted solutions to the most urgent problems in the field of traffic safety. (Continuing) Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of **2001**: Identification of at least one timely topic for in-depth discussion.

- (f) Revision of the 1975 Agreement on Minimum Requirements for the Issue and Validity of Driving Permits (APC).
(To be undertaken by an ad hoc informal group of experts with a renewable mandate of two years). Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of **2001**: Examination with the help of a small group of experts of **the possibility of preparing a new legal instrument on driving permits based on the EU Directive** [proposals aimed at the establishment in Europe of a unique legal regime for the issue of driving permits.]

- (g) Preparation of the Third ECE Road Safety Week with a view to encouraging greater partnership between public administrations, private sector organizations and road-users aimed at improving the safety of vulnerable road users. (2000) Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2000:

- Organization in May 2000 of the Road Safety Week campaign in the ECE region in accordance with the Programme adopted by WP.1;
- Evaluation of the Road Safety Week and adoption of possible follow-up action.

- (h) Consideration of possible approaches to the work on a United Nations Long-Term Strategy on Road Safety aimed at the establishment within the UN of a concerted programme of action in this regard. [2000] **(2001) Priority: 2**

Output expected by the end of 2001: [Elaboration jointly] **Collaboration with [all] UN and non-UN international governmental and non-governmental organizations** [concerned of a concerted] **on a long-term strategy aimed at the improvement of road traffic safety in the ECE region.**
