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Working Party on Road Traffic Safety

Fifty-sixth session
Geneva, 18-21 November 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION^{1,2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 November 2008

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report of the
fifty-fifth session
3. Information on activities of interest to the Working Party
 - (a) Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

¹ 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 UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp1.html>). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by email (roadsafety@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).

² Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email (roadsafety@unece.org) or by fax (41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 72401). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>.

- (b) International organizations
 - (c) National delegations
- 4. Future role of the Working Party
- 5. Joint meeting of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) and the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC)
 - (a) Activities of the Working Party- presentation by the UNECE secretariat
 - (b) Activities of the UNRSC- presentation by the WHO secretariat
 - (c) Cooperation- possible ways forward
- 6. Revision of the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic (R.E.1) and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

- (a) Restructuring of R.E.1
- (b) Use of substances that affect the capacity of driving vehicles
- (c) Driving at level-crossings
- (d) Motor car insurance
- (e) Draft of the Consolidated R.E.1 revised

Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

- (f) Signing for cycle routes
- 7. Election of officers
- 8. Other business
- 9. Date of next session
- 10. Adoption of decisions

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/118

1. According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2 Adoption of the report of the fifty-fifth session

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/117

2. The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report on its fifty-fifth session.

Item 3 Information on activities of interest to the Working Party

3. The Working Party will be informed of road safety-related developments that took place since its previous sessions in the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies, in international organizations and at national levels.

Item 4 Future role of the Working Party

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2008/5

4. The Working Party is expected to discuss of its future role and the reshaping of its scope and activities so as to adapt to the fast changing situation in road safety and better contribute to finding solutions to the Global Road Safety Crisis. The document ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2008/5 is a revised version of the Informal document 1 presented during the 55th session. It is expected that the WP.1 considers and possibly approves this new, shorter 'road map', which takes into account the points raised during the 54th and 55th sessions of the Working Party.

Item 5 Joint meeting of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) and the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC)

5. The first joint meeting of the WP.1 and the UNRSC will take place on 18 November 2008 in the afternoon, at the Palais de Nations. This joint meeting will be dedicated to mutual information on ongoing activities and to exploring ways of enhancing cooperation, based on complementarities and with a view to developing synergies. It is hoped and expected that WP.1 and UNRSC agree on transforming the "one joint meeting every year" in a regular practice.

Item 6 Revision of the Consolidated Resolutions on Road Traffic (R.E.1) and on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

(a) Restructuring of R.E.1

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2005/15/Rev. 8

6. The updated structure of R.E.1 appears in ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2005/15/Rev.8 and maintains an indication of previous documents/sub-chapters, to reflect the evolution of revision work. The Working Party is not expected to discuss the document, which is provided for reference only as the structure of the R.E.1 has been already approved by WP.1.

(b) Use of substances that affect the capacity of driving vehicles

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2008/6

7. The Working Party is expected to consider and approve the document, for inclusion in the consolidated resolution.

(c) Driving at level-crossings

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2008/7

8. The Working Party is expected to consider and approve the document, for inclusion in the consolidated resolution.

(d) Motor car insurance

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2008/2/Rev.1

9. The Working Party is expected to consider and approve the document, for inclusion in the consolidated resolution. The text has been revised by a small group of volunteers in order to make it acceptable to and applicable in all UNECE member countries.

(e) Draft of the Consolidated R.E.1 revised

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2008/8

10. The secretariat will make all the possible efforts to provide the Working Party with the text of the consolidated resolution in the three official languages, for consideration and approval.

Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

(f) Signing for cycle routes

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/24/Rev.1

11. The Working Party is expected to consider and possibly approve the revised text concerning signing for cycle routes for inclusion into the Consolidated R.E.2.

Item 7 Election of officers

12. The Working Party will be invited to elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson(s).

Item 8 Other business

13. WP.1 may wish to be updated by the Russian Federation on the progress regarding the preparations of the Global Ministerial Meeting on Road Safety to be held in Moscow on 20-21 November 2009. WP.1 may also wish to consider specific ways to assist the Russian Federation in the organization of this high-level meeting.

14. The Working Party may wish to be informed by Spain on the preparations of the high-level road safety meeting with Latin American countries (to be held in Madrid in February 2009).

15. The Working Party may wish to discuss any other business under this agenda item.

Item 9 Date of next session

16. The 57th session of the Working Party is scheduled to take place from 23 to 25 March 2009 in Geneva. Participants wishing to submit proposals for that session are invited to do so by 30 December 2008 at the latest, in order to allow the secretariat to process the documents according to the internal procedures.

Item 10: Adoption of decisions

17. The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its fifty-sixth session based on a draft to be prepared by the secretariat.

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