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NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND SUGGESTED TIMETABLE FOR THE COMMITTEE'S SIXTY-SECOND SESSION

Note by the secretariat

<u>Addendum 1</u>

6. ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION (Cont'd)

TRANS/2000/10

The Commission, at its annual session in May 1999, requested each Principal Subsidiary Body to look at the operational activities undertaken within its field of competence and mandate and to identify the needs for operational activities and financing for them. It further requested that a synthesis of the conclusions of each PSB's review be prepared for consideration at its fifty-fifth session in 2000.

The Committee is, therefore, invited to review its operational activities and, on this basis, to:

- identify needs for operational activities which cannot be met at present;
- specify the constraints encountered in responding to those needs;
- make recommendations on the ways and means to overcome these constraints, including possibilities for additional funding; and

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S provide strategic direction in terms of priority areas, types of projects and cooperation with partners (development banks, regional or sub-regional organizations and the business community).

It should be noted that the Committee's conclusions will be consolidated with those of other PSBs and submitted to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session in May 2000.

The Committee may wish to consider the question of operational activities on the basis of document TRANS/2000/10 and provide guidance on which action may be taken.

12. SAFETY IN TUNNELS

TRANS/2000/13

In connection with this agenda item, the Committee may also wish to consider modifications to the proposal regarding the establishment of a multi-disciplinary group of experts submitted by the delegate of France in document TRANS/2000/13.

20. TRANSPORT STATISTICS

TRANS/WP.6/137 TRANS/WP.6/2000/1 (Report of GIS Workshop, if available) 1995 Census of Motor Traffic on Main International Traffic (hard-copy and CD-ROM) 1999 Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America 1999 Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America

The Committee may wish to endorse the report of the Working Party on Transport Statistics on its fiftieth anniversary session (TRANS/WP.6/137) which was devoted to the theme of Indicators for Sustainable Transport and to be informed about the progress made in the following areas:

(a) Harmonization of transport and road traffic accident statistics

The Committee may wish to be informed about the results of the work done in the context of the Intersecretariat Working Group (ECE-ECMT-EUROSTAT), in particular, the efforts to improve the collection of harmonized statistics at

the international level in the areas of transport and the environment, urban transport and road traffic accidents.

In this connection, the Committee may wish to endorse the decision of WP.6 to convene an Informal Working Group on Sustainable Urban Transport Indicators (28-29 March 2000, Barcelona), an Ad Hoc Meeting on the NST/2000 commodity classification in April 2000, an Informal Meeting on the Common Questionnaire in April 2000, a Workshop for the Extension of the TERM project (Transport and Environment Reporting Indicators) to ECE Countries in Transition, in September 2000 in Copenhagen and an Ad Hoc Expert Group on Road Traffic Accident Statistics on 23 October 2000. (A complete list of meetings scheduled for 2000 in Transport Statistics is attached to the WP.6 Report as annex 1.)

(b) Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Transport

The Committee may wish to be informed about the results of the first UN/ECE Workshop on GIS in Transport (15-16 November 1999, Geneva), which addressed the areas of infrastructure development, traffic and road management and transport planning. WP.6 asked the secretariat to examine the possibilities of convening in 2001 a follow-up Workshop on GIS in Transport Infrastructure Development in Africa, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Africa.

(c) 2000 Combined Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe

The Committee may wish to be informed about the preparations under way for the 2000 Combined Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe, and its GIS application, in accordance with resolution No. 247 adopted by the Committee at its sixty-first session (ECE/TRANS/128, annex 3). Member Governments would be reminded, if they had not already done so, to inform the Executive Secretary of the ECE of their intention to carry out the 2000 Census and Inventory, according to the Recommendations to Governments set forth by the Ad Hoc Meeting on the Road Traffic Census (TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/14, Addendum 1 and Corrigendum 1). The secretariat has sent diskettes containing the Recommendations and relevant tables to ECE member countries, with replies requested, to the extent possible, by <u>30 June 2001</u>. The final deadline for acceptance of 2000 census data is 31 March 2002.

In this connection, the Committee may wish to take note of the decision of WP.6 to convene an Informal Working Group on Rail Census Methodologies in May or June 2000 in Geneva.