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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION^{1/2/}
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 October 2000

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^{1/} By decision of the UNOG Conference Services and for reasons of economy, delegates are kindly asked to take copies of the documents referred to in this provisional agenda with them to the fiftieth session of the Working Party on Transport Statistics. Any missing documents may be obtained from the Documents Distribution Section of the United Nations at Geneva (Room C.111, 1st Floor, Palais des Nations).

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda. The Working Party will note that, at the suggestion of the Conference of European Statisticians and the Head of the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) in order to coordinate work in line with the Integrated presentation of Transport Statistics, the session of the Working Party is being convened as a Joint ECE-Eurostat session.

2. ACTIVITIES OF ECE BODIES OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

(a) Economic Commission for Europe

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the decisions taken by the Commission at its fifty-fifth session (May 2000) which are of relevance to the Working Party, in particular, that the Commission “welcomed the secretariat’s initiative with regard to developing joint projects with ECA and ESCAW for the Mediterranean region as well as with ESCAP” (E/2000/37-E/ECE/1381, para. 30).

(a) **Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies**

The Working Party will be informed about matters of interest considered by the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-second session under the respective agenda items below (ECE/TRANS/133, paras. 91-94).

3. FOLLOW-UP TO THE UN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

(a) **Results of the Third Joint Meeting on Transport and the Environment (JMTE) and the Joint WHO-UN/ECE Session on Transport, Environment and Health**

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the results of the Third Joint Meeting on Transport and the Environment (6 June 2000) and the Joint WHO-UN/ECE session on Transport, Environment and Health, (7 June, 2000), as reflected in the Reports of the two meetings (JMTE/AC.1/2000/1 and JMTE/2000/7), respectively.

Moreover, the Working Party may wish to consider further input into international activities relevant to the Programme of Joint Action, such as the Workshop on the Extension of TERM to ECE Countries in Transition, and the follow-up to the Barcelona Task Force on Sustainable Urban Transport Indicators.

(b) **Results of the meeting of national focal points, lead actors and other experts**

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the results of the first meeting of national focal points, lead actors and other experts held 7-9 February 2000 in Geneva, as reflected in the Report of the meeting (JMTE/AC.1/2000/2).

4. INTERSECRETARIAT WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORT STATISTICS (IWG)

(a) **Reports of the last three meetings of the IWG**

The Working Party may wish to consider the Report of the last three sessions of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG), made up of representatives of the secretariats of UN/ECE, ECMT, and Eurostat. The meetings held since the last session of WP.6 took place on 30 November – 2 December 1999 in Luxembourg; 25 and 28 April 2000 in Paris and 11-12 July 2000 in Paris. The decisions taken at these meetings are reflected in TRANS/WP.6/2000/2.

(b) **Results of the Second Informal Meeting on the Common Questionnaire**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the results of the Second Informal Meeting on the Common Questionnaire, held from 25-26 April 2000 in Paris, hosted by the ECMT. The Report of the Meeting is contained in document TRANS/WP.6/2000/5.

5. METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND HARMONIZATION OF TRANSPORT STATISTICS

(a) Harmonization of transport and environment statistics

At its fiftieth session, the Working Party asked the secretariat to incorporate new variables into the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics in order to obtain better information on the environmental impact of transport. This decision was the culmination of previous years' work on this issue, and the circulation of a Pilot Questionnaire on Road Vehicle Fleets, developed by Eurostat, in the context of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG). The agreed modifications to the Common Questionnaire would be made to the Chapter on Road Transport (II. Transport Equipment) and would ask for more detailed information in three areas: Alternative fuels, Cylinder capacity and Unladen vehicle weight (TRANS/WP.6/2000/2, section IV).

Recognizing the importance of obtaining improved statistics on the environment as critical indicators of sustainable transport, and as a follow-up to the Vienna Conference (agenda item 3 above), the Working Party may wish to consider the possibility of incorporating further indicators into the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics, and/or convening an Informal Working Group on Transport and Environment Statistics to further explore this field, with the participation of Governments and other appropriate experts.

(b) Harmonization of urban and regional transport statistics

The Working Party will recall that, at its last session, it asked the secretariat to organize a Task Force on Sustainable Urban Transport Indicators. The Task Force meeting, convened in cooperation with the Institut d'Estudis Territorials was held from 28-29 March 2000 in Barcelona. The Working Party may wish to consider the results of the meeting, as reflected in the report (TRANS/WP.6/2000/4) and to discuss plans for a follow-up meeting on Definitions, tentatively scheduled for spring 2001 in Prague, to be hosted by the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic.

Moreover, the Working Party will recall that it asked the secretariat at its fiftieth session to circulate the Pilot Questionnaire on Urban Passenger Transport as an Appendix to the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics (CQ) for the first time in September 2000 (1999 data). The Appendix to the CQ would include a request for meta-data, as well as methodological notes, definitions of term, and disabled contact information (TRANS/WP.6/137, paras. 23-25). The Working Party may wish to discuss the future direction of its work related to urban transport statistics.

(c) Harmonization of statistics on the transport of dangerous goods

Status of Council Regulation on Statistical Returns in Respect of Carriage of Goods by Road (European Council)

The Working Party may wish to be informed by the representative of Eurostat about progress in implementing the European Council Regulation on Statistical Returns in Respect of Carriage of Goods by Road, which includes, inter alia, a requirement for respondents to indicate

goods-related variables, including dangerous goods, according to the classes defined in the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous goods by Road (ADR, of 30 September 1957) (TRANS/WP.6/137, paras. 926-27), and to discuss the implications for non-EU ECE member countries.

(d) **Harmonization of road traffic accident statistics**

(i) **Report of the Second Meeting of the Task Force on Definitions on Road Traffic Accidents**

The Working Party will be informed orally about the results of the second meeting of the Task Force on Definitions on Road Traffic Accidents held in Geneva on 27 October 2000, prior to the Working Party.

(ii) **Proposed modifications to RAS Questionnaire**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposed modifications to the Questionnaire on Road Traffic Accident Statistics as reflected in TRANS/WP.6/1999/4, and in light of the decisions taken at the Task Force Meeting on Definitions on Road Traffic Accidents.

(e) **Harmonization of statistics of transport equipment for perishable foodstuffs**

The Working Party will recall that it had asked the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) to send out and compile the results of the Pilot Questionnaire itself, instead of WP.6 (TRANS/WP.6/137, paras. 28-29). The Working Party may wish to be informed about the results achieved by WP.11, in particular in light of its meeting held in Munich in May 2000.

6. **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) IN TRANSPORT STATISTICS**

(a) **Report of the Workshop on GIS in Transport (15-16 November 1999, Geneva)**

The Working Party may wish to consider the Report of the Workshop on GIS in Transport, convened 15-16 November, 1999, since it was not available for the fiftieth session of the Working Party. (TRANS/WP.6/2000/1). The objective of the Workshop was to further explore the use of GIS technology for transport planning and road management, and to have an exchange of experiences among member Countries and experts in this field (TRANS/WP.6/137, para. 31).

(b) **Preparations for a Workshop on GIS for Urban Transport and Land Use Planning (Spring 2000, Tunis)**

The Working Party may wish to follow-up on its suggestion to convene another Workshop in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Africa. The follow-up Workshop on GIS for Urban Transport and Land Use Planning has tentatively been scheduled for April 2001 in Tunis, in cooperation with the Urban Authority of Greater Tunis (UAGT). The objective of the Workshop would be to bring together experts in land use and urban transport to further explore

the possible cross-sectoral uses of GIS for planning purposes in these two areas. This Workshop would be in line with a recently developed project of the ECE's Environment and Human Settlements Division on Urban Transport Patterns and Land Use Planning.

7. TRANSPORT DATABASE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

(a) Design and implementation of a European Transport Database System

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the experiences of Eurostat and the ECMT in developing a Transport Database System linked to the Common Questionnaire, and to recommend that the ECE secretariat also take steps to develop a related system, if necessary, by retaining a consultant, to meet the increasing demands for electronic exchange of transport data.

(b) Status report on the Trans-European Railway Project (TER) and Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project Databases

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the progress made in the development of the databases established by the Trans-European Railway Project (TER) and the Trans-European North-South Motorway Project (TEM) (TRANS/WP.5/1999/11).

8. TRAFFIC CENSUSES IN THE ECE REGION

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

At its fiftieth session, the Working Party was presented with the results of Phase II of the Project on the Automation and Geographic Application of the E Road Census, the CD-ROM publication of the 1995 Census GIS. The Working Party may wish to consider steps toward the finalization of Phase III of the Project, the Internet Application of the E-Road Census, and give feedback on the use of the CD-ROM.

The Working Party may wish, moreover, to discuss the preparations under way for the Geographic Application of the 2000 Combined Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe, in accordance with the Recommendations developed by Governments (TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/14, Add.1 and Corrs.1-2). The Census Tables 1-8 have been sent to Governments on diskette with an early deadline for receipt of data of 31 June 2001.

(b) Results of the Informal Working Group on Rail Census Methodologies

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the results of the Informal Working Group on Rail Census Methodologies held in Geneva from 13-14 June 2000. In particular, the Working Party may wish to endorse the recommendation by the Group to initiate a data collection exercise on rail traffic and infrastructure parameters along the AGC network (TRANS/WP.6/2000/7-TRANS/SC.2/2000/10).

9. REVISION OF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS USED IN TRANSPORT STATISTICS

(a) Results of the Ad Hoc Meeting on Classification of Goods for Transport Statistics (NST/2000)

The Working Party will recall that at its fiftieth session, the representative of Eurostat presented a proposal to replace the NST/R classifications of goods with a completely new classification under the working name "NST-2000" (TRANS/WP.6/137, para. 48). The Working Party may wish to give its opinion on the latest version of this proposal, following the joint Eurostat-UN/ECE ad hoc meeting on Classification of Goods for Transport Statistics, held from 4 to 5 May 2000 in Luxembourg (TRANS/WP.6/2000/6).

10. UN/EDIFACT AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI)

The Working Party may wish to be informed of the status of message development within UN/EDIFACT, as well as other developments in electronic data interchange related to the transport sector.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF PRICE AND QUANTITY INDICES IN TRANSPORT

The Working Party will recall that, at its fiftieth session, it had asked the secretariat to examine the possibility of having this item taken up by the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) and to identify any other bodies within ECE dealing with Price and Quantity Indices. The Working Party may wish to be informed by a member of the Statistical Division on this item (TRANS/WP.6/137, para. 47).

12. ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

The Working Party may wish to receive oral reports from the representatives of the following organizations on their current activities in the field of transport statistics. Representatives of these organizations are kindly asked to transmit to the secretariat a brief written summary of their activities before or during the session.

- (a) Commission of the European Communities (CEC)
- (b) European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT)
- (c) International Union of Railways (UIC)
- (d) International Union of Public Transport (UITP)
- (e) Activities of other international organizations

13. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2001-2005

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposals for revisions to its Programme of Work for 2001-2005 as reflected in TRANS/WP.6/2000/9.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics

The Working Party may wish to take a decision regarding the proposed dates and locations of the following suggested meetings in 2001:

Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (12-13 March 2001, Luxembourg)
Coordinating Committee for Transport Statistics (CCST) (14-16 March 2001, Luxembourg)
Workshop on GIS for Urban Transport and Land Use Planning (April 2001, Tunis)
Task Force on Sustainable Urban Transport Definitions (May 2001, Prague)
Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (July 2001, Paris)

(b) List of Decisions taken during the session requiring action

The Working Party may wish to decide whether, as part of its Final Report, it would like to have a List of Decisions for Actions to be Taken, as was done for its forty-ninth session.

(c) Date of next session

The Working Party may wish to decide on the date for its next session. The secretariat has tentatively scheduled the fifty-second session to be held from 14 to 16 November 2001.

15. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report on its fifty-first session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.



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