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**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE****JOINT MEETING ON TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Joint Ad hoc Expert Group on  
Transport and the Environment<sup>1/</sup>  
(First session, 26 and 27 February 2001)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION**

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10.00 hours on Monday, 26 February 2001**<sup>2/</sup>

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Terms of reference and mandate of the expert group

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<sup>1/</sup> The Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Transport and the Environment was established by the Joint Meeting on Transport and the Environment at its third session on 6 June 2000 (JMTE/2000/8). It should be composed of national focal points, lead actors and other experts on transport and the environment, as well as be open to experts nominated by Member States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations working in the field of transport and the environment (JMTE/2000/2).

<sup>2/</sup> For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no documentation available in the meeting room. In accordance with the accreditation procedures applicable for all meetings held at the Palais des Nations, delegates are requested to fill-in the attached registration form (also available from the web site of the UN/ECE Transport Division ([www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org))) and to transmit the duly filled-in form at the latest one week before the session to the UN/ECE Transport Division, either by fax (+41-22-917-0039) or by e-mail ([Tea.Aulavuo@unece.org](mailto:Tea.Aulavuo@unece.org)). In Geneva, prior to the session, delegates are requested to present themselves at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at Villa Les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix (see attached map), for issuance of an identification badge. In case of difficulties, please phone the UN/ECE secretariat (Int. 72453).

4. Status of implementation of the Programme of Joint Action on Transport and the Environment
  - (a) Review of national activities in the Programme of Joint Action
  - (b) Review of international activities in the Programme of Joint Action
5. Preparation of the 2002 mid-term review meeting
  - (a) Objectives and activities of the mid-term review meeting
  - (b) Organizational aspects of the mid-term review meeting
6. Follow-up to the London Charter on Transport, Environment and Health
7. Other business

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The expert group is expected to adopt the agenda of the session.

### **2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The expert group is expected to elect its officers for the session.

### **3. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MANDATE OF THE EXPERT GROUP**

The Joint Meeting on Transport and the Environment adopted the terms of reference of the ad hoc expert group at its third session (6 June 2000). According to the decisions taken (JMTE/2000/8), the expert group is mandated to assist the Joint Meeting, in particular in :

- “identifying priorities for the effective implementation of the Vienna Programme of Joint Action and in the preparation of the 2002 mid-term review including, in particular, an evaluation of the realization of its programme of work and the identification of possible gaps and the means for resolving them; and

- following the work of the World Health Organization Steering Group for the Implementation of the London Charter on Transport, Environment and Health as well as other relevant international organizations, in order to link the activities of those organizations with the activities of the UN/ECE.”

The expert group may wish to specify further how it intends to implement this mandate. It may also determine in more detail the modalities of its functioning as stipulated in the document JMTE/2000/2, notably relating to the structure and composition of the expert group, election of officers, etc.

#### **4. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF JOINT ACTION ON TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

##### **(a) Review of national activities in the Programme of Joint Action**

The expert group will have before it an informal document prepared by the secretariat on the basis of the replies to the questionnaires sent to the national focal points. Informal document No. 1 (2001) summarizes information received on time on:

- the ongoing and projected activities and projects to implement POJA at the national level, including possible partnerships
- the expertise available or needed for the POJA implementation
- the level of implementation of the POJA at the national level.

The expert group may wish to review the national activities based on Informal document No. 1 (2001) as well as on the possible updates and presentations provided by the national contact points. It may wish to highlight in particular aspects or obstacles encountered in relation to the implementation of national projects, with specific emphasis on the countries with economies in transition. It may also wish to decide on the adequate way of reporting on the status of implementation of the national activities for the fourth session of the Joint Meeting on Transport and the Environment, tentatively scheduled for 6 June 2001.

##### **(b) Review of international activities in the Programme of Joint Action**

###### **(i) Priority setting for international activities**

In accordance with its mandate, the expert meeting is expected to assist in the identification of priorities in the effective implementation of the POJA. It may wish to recall the international priority setting of 24 UN/ECE Member States, as reflected by document JMTE/2000/4, as well as to take note of the updated version of the document prepared by the

secretariat on the basis of the information provided by additional Member States (Informal document No. 2 (2001)).

The expert meeting may also wish to agree on the methodology to be used in prioritization of the international elements, in view of the reporting to the fourth session of the Joint Meeting.

(ii) **Evaluation of progress in the implementation of the work plan**

The expert group is expected to discuss the progress achieved to date in the implementation of the Programme of Joint Action at the international level, based on the work plan established for the period July 2000 to June 2001 (JMTE/2000/5) as well as to set up a draft work plan for the period July 2001 to June 2002.

Lead actors are invited to present to the expert group progress reports on the implementation of the current work plan to date and to indicate their work plan for the period July 2001 to June 2002 (objectives; time schedule for the activities; method of work).

In addition, the expert group may wish to take account of an informal document prepared by the secretariat on the basis of the information received from the lead actors to the questionnaires they have been sent (Informal document No. 3 (2001)).

(iii) **Other international activities on transport and the environment relevant to the implementation of the Programme of Joint Action**

At its third session, the Joint Meeting was informed of the activities achieved, under way or planned at the international level other than the lead actor activities listed in the work plan for implementation of the Programme of Joint Action (JMTE/2000/6). Member States and Organizations are invited to inform the expert meeting on possible new activities on transport and the environment they have planned for.

## **5. PREPARATION OF THE 2002 MID-TERM REVIEW MEETING**

(a) **Objectives and activities of the mid-term meeting**

In order to prepare the 2002 mid-term review meeting as stipulated in the Programme of Joint Action (ECE/RTC/CONF./3/FINAL), and in line with its mandate, the expert meeting is expected to consider the objectives and activities to be discussed at that occasion.

International organizations dealing with data, indicators and analytical work related to transport and the environment will be invited to provide an overview of the major developments that have occurred in these areas during 1997-2002 in the European region. The expert group may wish to suggest which of these developments the mid-term review should focus on.

The expert group may also propose priority elements in the Programme of Joint Action, whose implementation during the period 1997-2002 should be assessed at the occasion of the mid-term review.

With a view to recommending future directions for the POJA implementation during the period extending from 2002 to 2007, the expert meeting may wish to address the following :

- Priority setting for international activities
- Advisability of inclusion into the POJA of new key issues as well as deletion and/or modification of existing elements
- Development of initiatives providing a renewed impetus for the implementation of POJA
- Improvement of the mechanism of coordination and cooperation at national and international levels and development of efficient reporting systems.

**(b) Organizational aspects of the mid-term review meeting**

The Joint Meeting on Transport and the Environment decided at its third session that the mid-term review should be undertaken by a joint meeting of the Inland Transport Committee and the Committee on Environmental Policy (JMTE/2000/8). The expert group may wish to discuss the organizational, procedural and logistical aspects of the mid-term review meeting, such as: documentation, date, meeting venue etc.

**6. FOLLOW-UP TO THE LONDON CHARTER ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH**

According to its mandate, the expert group is expected to follow the work of the World Health Organization Steering Group for the Implementation of the London Charter on Transport, Environment and Health as well as other relevant international organizations, in order to link the activities of those organizations with the activities of the UN/ECE. The expert meeting may wish to further specify methods of implementing its mandate.

WHO may wish to present to the expert meeting an update of the progress of the implementation of the London Charter Plan of Action. The expert meeting may wish to discuss

the progress report presented as well as to identify ways for further strengthening the cooperation between the Vienna and London processes.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

The expert group may wish to decide on the date for its next session.

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