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Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels (Third session, 20-21 March 2001)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION */

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 20 March 2001

1. Adoption of the agenda

TRANS/AC.7/5

2. Report on the second session

TRANS/AC.7/4

3 Results of sixty-third session of the Inland Transport Committee

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Delegates are requested to fill-in the attached registration form (also available from the Internet web side of the ECE Transport Division) and transmit it at the latest two weeks before the session to the ECE Transport Division, either by fax (+41-22 917 0039) or by E-mail (caroline.jeunet@unece.org). Please note that a photo is not required. 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 (please see plan on the last page), for issuance of an identification badge. In case of difficulties, telephone the ECE secretariat (Int. 73242).

4. Tunnel survey by the German Automobile Club (ADAC) Informal document

5. Austrian cable car tragedy

6. Review of replies to questionnaire on TRANS/AC.7/2001/8

safety in tunnels and Add.1

Informal document

7. Consideration of draft recommendations of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels Informal document

8. Consideration of other documentation TRANS/AC.7/2001/2

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9 Other issues

Report on the meeting

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: TRANS/AC.7/5.

The first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. Report of the second session

<u>Documentation:</u> TRANS/AC.7/4.

The Group of Experts is expected to approve the report of its second session.

3. Results of the sixty-third session of the Inland Transport Committee

The Group will be informed about the results of the sixty-third session of the Inland Transport Committee (13-15 February 2001) which have a bearing on the work of the Group of Experts.

4. Tunnel survey by the German Automobile Club (ADAC)

<u>Documentation:</u> Informal document to be provided by ADAC.

The Group of Experts will consider the results of a survey of tunnels conducted by the German Automobile Club (ADAC). The ADAC examined 47 European tunnels (16 from Austria, 9 from Switzerland, 6 from France, 5 from Germany, 3 each from Italy, Spain and UK and 2 from Belgium), of which 25 are covered in the report.

A representative of ADAC, participating as an AIT/FIA delegate, will be at the meeting to present the results of the survey and the methodology used.

5. Austrian cable car tragedy

The member from Austria will make a presentation to the Group of Experts on the cable car accident which killed 155 people in a mountain tunnel in Kaprun, Austria on 11 November 2000.

6. Review of replies to the questionnaire on safety in tunnels

Documentation: TRANS/AC/2001/8 and Add.1; Informal document

The secretariat will inform the Group of Experts about the replies received. To date 23 countries have replied to the questionnaire, of which 16 have tunnels longer than 1km. A print-out of Part B of the tunnel data base or part of it will be made available to the Group. Replies to Part A of the questionnaire are reproduced in documents TRANS/AC/2001/8 and Add.1.

A representative of the World Road Association (PIARC) is invited to inform the Group of Experts about replies received from PIARC members which are not ECE member States.

The Group of Experts will discuss how the secretariat should proceed with work on the questionnaire (i.e. soliciting more replies and missing information, analysis of the results, etc.)

7. Consideration of draft recommendations of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels

Documentation: TRANS/AC.7/2001/1; Informal document.

The draft recommendations of the Group of Experts will be forwarded to members by the Chairman two weeks before the meeting. The Group of Experts will also have before it comments on earlier proposals made in a joint document by the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and the International Road Federation (IRF) (TRANS/AC.7/2001/1).

8. Consideration of other documentation

<u>Documentation:</u> TRANS/AC.7/2001/2; TRANS/AC.7/2001/3; TRANS/AC.7/2001/4; TRANS/AC.7/2001/5; TRANS/AC.7/2001/6; TRANS/AC.7/2001/7.

Under this agenda item, the Group of Experts will have before it for consideration documents made available by France (Annex 2 of Interministerial circular N° 2000-66 of 25 August 2000) (TRANS/AC.7/2001/2-6) and Germany (results of a German research project) (TRANS/AC.7/2001/7).

9. Other issues

The Group of Experts may discuss any other relevant issues under this item.

10. Report on the meeting

A report on the meeting will be prepared by the secretariat in coordination with the Chairman and will be sent to participants after the meeting.



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