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Ad hoc Meeting on the Implementation of
the AGR

(Nineteenth session, 6-7 May 2003)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE AD HOC
MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON
MAIN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC ARTERIES (AGR) ^{*/}**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 May 2003

1. Adoption of the agenda TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/37
2. Election of Chairperson
3. Status of accession to the AGR
4. Relevant decisions of the Working Party on Road
Transport (SC.1) and the Inland Transport
Committee (ITC) TRANS/SC.1/371

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| 5. | Consideration of proposals for amendments to Annex I of the AGR | TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2003/2
TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2003/3 |
| 6. | Consideration of proposals for amendments to Annex II to the AGR | TRANS/AC.7/9 and Add.1
TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2003/1
TRANS/SC.1/2002/6
and Add.1
TRANS/SC.1/2002/13
and Rev.1 |
| 7. | Other issues | |
| 8. | Report of the Ad hoc Meeting | |

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/37.

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

2. Election of Chairperson

The Ad hoc Meeting will elect a Chairperson for its nineteenth session.

3. Status of accession to the AGR and prior amendments

The Ad hoc Meeting will be informed about any new Contracting Parties to the AGR.

The Ad hoc Meeting will also be informed about the status of the amendments to the AGR adopted by SC.1 at its 96th session (October 2002).

4. Relevant decisions of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) and the Inland Transport Committee (ITC)

Documentation: TRANS/SC.1/371 ; ECE/TRANS/152.

The Ad hoc Meeting is informed below about the relevant decisions of the 96th session of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) (October 2002) (TRANS/SC.1/371) and of the 65th session of the Inland Transport Committee (18-20 February 2003).

At its 96th session, the Working Party was informed that draft amendments to the AGR adopted by SC.1 at its ninety-fifth session in 2001 had entered into force on 29 August 2002.

The Working Party adopted the proposals to amend Annex 1 to the AGR as proposed at the eighteenth session of the Ad Hoc Meeting on the Implementation of the AGR (TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/36) with the exception of the proposal concerning the section of the E 40 from Leninogorsk to Ust Khan. The Working Party also adopted the proposal by Slovenia concerning the E 653 (TRANS/SC.1/2002/5) and the proposal by the Russian Federation to extend the E 125 to Ishim (TRANS/SC.1/2002/11). It asked the secretariat to transmit these proposals to the Secretary-General in order to initiate formal amendment procedures.

The Working Party endorsed the proposals for amendments to Annex II of the AGR adopted by the Ad Hoc Meeting on the Implementation of the AGR at its eighteenth session (TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/36, annex 2), on the basis of a proposal by the TEM Project. It decided, however, to wait for the other existing proposals for amendments to Annex II to be adopted so that all the proposals concerning this Annex could be transmitted globally as a package to the Secretary-General.

In order to expedite the work on Annex II, the Working Party requested the Inland Transport Committee to agree to the holding of a nineteenth session of the Ad Hoc Meeting in 2003 in order to consider the proposals made by France (TRANS/SC.1/2002/6) and the secretariat (TRANS/SC.1/2002/6/Add.1) on the environment, and by Italy (informal document No. 6, the content of which can be found in document TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2003/1) on the subject of safety in road tunnels. It also requested that the Ad Hoc Meeting should address the correspondence between the E road network and the Asian road network, particularly in the light of developments in the draft legal instruments for the Asian road network based on the AGR which ESCAP was in the process of drawing up. The Working Party took note of document TRANS/SC.1/2002/13 (and Rev.1) prepared by the secretariat. In the event of the Inland Transport Committee's agreement, this meeting would be held on 6 and 7 May 2003.

At its sixty-fifth session (18-20 February 2003) the Inland Transport Committee approved the above-mentioned report of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) on its ninety-sixth session.

The Committee supported the proposal by SC.1 to convene the nineteenth session of the ad hoc meeting on the implementation of the AGR in order to continue work on tunnels, the environment and the correspondence between the Asian and European networks (ECE/TRANS/152).

5. Consideration of proposals for amendments to Annex I of the AGR

Documentation: TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2003/2.

The Ad hoc Meeting may wish to consider proposals submitted by Germany (TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2003/2) and Azerbaijan (TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2003/3).

Any other proposals submitted will be circulated as soon as they are received.

6. Consideration of proposals for amendments to Annex II to the AGR

*Documentation: TRANS/AC.7/9 and Add.1; TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2003/1 ;
TRANS/SC.1/2002/6 and Add.1; TRANS/SC.1/2002/13 and Rev.1.*

At its 18th meeting, the Ad hoc Group considered the final recommendations of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels (TRANS/AC.7/9 and Add.1) as formally approved by the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-fourth session, and identified recommendations which could be incorporated into Annex II to the AGR. The delegate of Italy offered to make a concrete proposal for their incorporation into the AGR.

The proposal is contained in TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2003/1.

In response to a request made in the UNECE/WHO document “Synthesis Report: Overview of Instruments relevant to Transport, Environment and Health and Recommendations for Further Steps” (ECE/AC.21/2001/1), the Ad hoc Meeting considered proposals related to the environment and particularly noise reduction from France and Germany. The Ad hoc Meeting requested the delegate of France and the secretariat to further elaborate the proposals made and to submit appropriately worded amendment proposals regarding the environment and noise reduction.

The proposals are contained in TRANS/SC.1/2002/6 and Add.1.

At its 96th session, SC.1 requested the Ad Hoc Meeting to address the correspondence between the E road network and the Asian Highway network, particularly in the light of the draft legal instrument for the Asian Highway Network which ESCAP was in the process of drawing up.

The Ad hoc Meeting will have before it two documents prepared by the secretariat (TRANS/SC.1/2002/13 and Rev.1) which list the roads which the Asian and European networks have in common. The Ad hoc Meeting may wish to discuss the consequences of this overlap and examine the parameters proposed in the draft Asian Highway Agreement. A copy of the draft Asian Highway Agreement will be made available to the Ad hoc Meeting as an Informal document.

7. Other issues

The Ad hoc Meeting may discuss any other relevant issues under this item.

8. Report of the meeting

The report of the Ad hoc Meeting will be prepared by the secretariat after the session and will be submitted for consideration and adoption by the 97th session of SC.1 (28-30 October 2003).



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