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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION ^{1/2/}
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 June 2003

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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.

2. REVISION OF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS USED IN TRANSPORT STATISTICS

(a) Presentation of the new classification system for transport statistics (NST/2000)

The Working Party may wish **to continue consideration** of a future subdivision of the NST/2000 classes with the goal to create a model which may serve all UNECE countries (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 39). In connection with this agenda item, the representative of the Eurostat will highlight the various facets of the NST/2000 classes.

(b) Detailed presentation of a future subdivision of the NST/2000 classes

In accordance with the request by the Working Party and on the bases of information to be provided by Governments reflecting their views on the subdivision of the new classification system for transport statistics (NST/2000), circulated in document TRANS/WP.6/2002/6, the Working Party may wish **to continue detailed discussion** about the proposal made by the representatives of France and Poland for a future subdivision of the NST/2000 classes which would serve as a model for all UNECE countries. The views received from the Governments of Bulgaria, Denmark and Finland were reproduced as documents TRANS/WP.6/2003/1, TRANS/WP.6/2003/2, and TRANS/WP.6/2003/3, respectively. The views of other Governments on the proposal by France and Poland will be circulated when available.

In connection with this agenda item, it is recalled that the Working Party intended to devote the first day of its fifty-fourth session to the item concerning the sub-division of the NST/2000 classes (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 39).

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

(a) Economic Commission for Europe

The fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Europe was held in Geneva from 4 to 6 March 2003.

The Working Party may wish **to be informed** about the decisions taken by the Commission at its fifty-eighth session, concerning such questions as the UNECE reform, major policy directions in UNECE's work, and UNECE technical assistance (ECE/2003/37; E/ECE/1406).

(b) Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

The Inland Transport Committee (ITC) held its sixty-fifth session in Geneva from 18 to 20 February 2003.

The Working Party may wish **to be informed** about matters of interest considered by the Committee, in particular, in the work areas as contained in paras. 129-135 of the Committee's report (ECE/TRANS/152).

(c) Transport, environment and health

Documents: ECE/AC.21/2003/1 (EUR/03/5040828/1); ECE/AC.21/2003/5 (EUR/03/5040828/5).

The Working Party may wish **to be informed** about the outcome of the first session of THE PEP Steering Committee (10-11 April 2003), which may have relevance for the activities of the Working Party. The Steering Committee is responsible for the implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), established by the Second High-Level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health (5 July 2002).

(d) Transport and environment reporting mechanism (TERM)

The Working Party may wish to be **informed** about the new developments within the European Environment Agency (EEA) regarding the transport and environment reporting mechanism (TERM) and consider in this context document TRANS/WP.6/2003/4 highlighting the major subjects dealt with by the EEA.

4. INTERSECRETARIAT WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORT STATISTICS (IWG)

(a) Annual report of the activities of the IWG

The Working Party may wish **to be informed about and to discuss** the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG), composed of representatives of the secretariats of UNECE, ECMT and Eurostat which took place on 6-7 February 2003 in Paris. The

report of the meeting is circulated in document TRANS/WP.6/2003/5 for **consideration** by the Working Party (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 11).

(b) Glossary of Transport Statistics

(i) Third edition of the Glossary

The Working Party may wish to note that the secretariat received no comments subsequent to its fifty-third session on documents TRANS/WP.6/2002/3 and Add.1 containing definitions to be included in the Glossary (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 15).

Following the request of the Working Party (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 16), the IWG **will inform** the Working Party about the publication of the third edition of the Glossary. The document TRANS/WP.6/2003/6 will present a consolidated version of the third edition of the Glossary. In addition, IWG **will inform** the Working Party on the ongoing work within IWG regarding future updates of the Glossary (see also item 4(b)(ii) below).

(ii) Continued work on the revision of the Glossary

IWG **will inform** the Working Party on the definitions that relate to rail transport accidents, inland waterway transport and intermodal transport as requested by the Working Party at its fifty-third session (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 17).

(c) Web version of the Common Questionnaire

The Working Party may wish to be **briefed** by the representative of Eurostat about the project initiated by his institution regarding the Internet version of the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 42).

IWG will **present** to the Working Party the web version of the Common Questionnaire and **inform** it about the IWG's intention to send this version of the Common Questionnaire in September 2003 to governments.

(d) Presentation of the results from the rail and road pilot questionnaires

In reply to a request of the Working Party (TRANS/WP.6/143, paras. 19-20), Eurostat will send before April 2003 the pilot questionnaires on railway and road transport on behalf of IWG to all countries member of the WP.6. Depending on the replies, IWG **will submit** to the Working Party the information received.

5. METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND HARMONIZATION OF TRANSPORT STATISTICS

(a) Harmonization of urban and regional transport statistics (Follow-up to the Barcelona Task Force on Sustainable Urban Transport Indicators)

The Working Party **will be informed** about the results achieved by the UNECE ad hoc meeting on the harmonization of urban and regional transport statistics. The Ad hoc meeting will be hosted by the Czech Republic in Prague (15 and 16 May 2003) as a follow-up meeting to the Barcelona Task Force on Sustainable Urban Transport Indicators (28 and 29 March 2000, Barcelona). The Working Party may wish to **take note** of the report of this Ad hoc meeting (TRANS/WP.6/143, paras. 24-25).

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

Following the invitation by the Working Party (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 27), Eurostat **will inform** it about new developments regarding the update of the transport of dangerous goods part of the survey conducted in connection with the Council Regulation on Statistical Returns in Respect of Carriage of Goods by Road (1172/98 of 25 May 1998) (TRANS/WP.6/2003/7). Eurostat transmitted to the secretariat this Regulation in English and French only, which is available for technical reasons as Informal Document No.1.

In relation to this agenda item, the representative of Eurostat **informed** the secretariat that the European Union's legal acts concerning transport can be visited at the following web address:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy_transport/etif/other_pages/legal_acts_transport.html.

(c) Presentation of the Road Traffic Accident Statistics Common Questionnaire

The Working Party may wish **to consider** a draft Common Questionnaire for Road Traffic Accidents Statistics prepared by IWG as requested during the fifty-third session of the Working Party (TRANS/WP.6/143, paras. 29 and 32), which will be circulated in document TRANS/WP.6/2003/8 for consideration by the Working Party.

In connection with this agenda item, the World Health Organization (WHO) has prepared an information note which is reproduced as document TRANS/WP.6/2003/9.

(d) Road traffic accidents caused by the use of mobile phones while driving
(The experience of Italy)

The Working Party will be **informed** by the representative of Istat on the progress made in the analysis carried out in Italy regarding road traffic accidents caused by drivers using a mobile telephone while driving and the problems which prevented further development of this study (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 33).

(e) Pilot questionnaire on transport of gas through pipelines

In accordance with the request by the Working Party, IWG **will inform** the Working Party on progress made regarding the setting up of a pilot questionnaire on gas pipelines. In so doing, the Working Party will also **report** on the information received by the secretariat from member countries, which has been taken into account in drafting the pilot questionnaire on the various national systems (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 36). In relation to this agenda item, the Governments of Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland and Latvia sent notes which are reproduced as documents TRANS/WP.6/2003/10, TRANS/WP.6/2003/11, TRANS/WP.6/2003/12 and TRANS/WP.6/2003/13, respectively.

6. TRANSPORT DATABASE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

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

The Working Party may wish to be **briefed** by a member of the secretariat on further progress made in the application of the geographic information system (GIS) in the transport sector. With this in mind, the Working Party **will be informed** about the progress made in the development of the databases established by the Trans-European Railway (TER) Project and the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project on the basis of information prepared by representatives of the Project Central Offices (PCO) of both projects (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 44).

(b) Sources of transport statistics on the Internet

In accordance with its request (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 45), the Working Party may wish **to take note of** the updated list of internet links provided by the secretariat and made available on the UNECE Transport Statistics Home Page:
<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatlinks.html>.

The secretariat may wish **to remind** the Working Party to request the member countries to inform the secretariat regularly about changes in the addresses of the relevant web sites in order to have the home page up to date.

7. TRAFFIC CENSUSES IN THE ECE REGION

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

The Working Party may wish **to be informed** about the final version of the 2000 Combined Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 46).

(b) Preparations for the 2005 Combined Census of Motor Traffic Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe

The Working Party may wish **to be briefed** by a representative of the secretariat about the preparations for an Ad hoc preparatory meeting for the 2005 Combined Census of Motor Traffic Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe which will take place on 29 and 30 September 2003 in Geneva (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 47).

(c) Preparations for an E-Rail Census (AGC)

The Working Party may wish **to be informed** about the preparations for an Ad hoc Meeting on the Rail Traffic Census which will take place 2 and 3 October 2003 in Geneva (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 49).

The representative of the secretariat **will inform** the Working Party about the activities envisaged regarding this agenda item.

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

The Working Party may wish **to continue to have an exchange of views** regarding UN/EDIFACT, as well as other developments in electronic data interchange related to the transport sector (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 51). In this respect, the Government of Bulgaria has prepared a document which is reproduced as document TRANS/WP.6/2003/14.

9. 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 future 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 the session.

- (a) European Commission (EC)
- (b) Eurostat
- (c) European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT)
- (d) European Environment Agency (EEA)
- (e) International Union of Railways (UIC)
- (f) Activities of other international organizations.

10. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2003-2007

The Working Party may wish **to discuss** its draft Programme of Work for 2003-2007 as circulated in document TRANS/WP.6/2003/15.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Price and quantity indices in transport

The Working Party may wish to **note** the information received from the Russia Federation (TRANS/WP.6/2003/16) on the development of price and quantity indices in transport and **consider** the possibility of convening an ad hoc meeting for the presentation of best practices and the setting up of a harmonized methodology on this subject.

- (b) Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics

The Working Party may wish **to consider** dates and locations of meetings in 2003-2004 of the following bodies:

- (a) Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics
- (b) Coordinating Committee for Transport Statistics (CCST).
- (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-fifth session to be held from 9 to 11 June 2004.

12. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the secretariat will prepare a list of decisions taken at the meeting for adoption by the Working Party. This list will later be incorporated into the report of the session that will be prepared by its Chairman with the assistance of the secretariat after the session.



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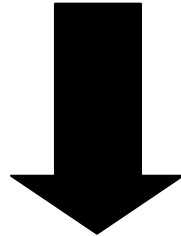
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