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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION ^{1/ 2/}
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 9 June 2004

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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.

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

(a) Economic Commission for Europe

The fifty-eighth session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe was held in Geneva from 24 to 26 February 2004.

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.

(b) Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

The UNECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC) held its sixty-sixth session in Geneva from 17 to 19 February 2004.

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. 118-122 of the Committee's report (ECE/TRANS/156).

(c) Transport, environment and health

The Working Party may wish **to be informed** about the outcome of the second session of THE PEP Steering Committee (29-30 March 2004), 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** by the TERM representative about the new developments within the European Environment Agency (EEA) regarding the TERM.

3. 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 will take place on 22 and 23 April 2004 in Paris. The report of the meeting will be circulated in Informal document 1 for **consideration and adoption** by the Working Party (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 14).

(b) Glossary of Transport Statistics

(i) Third edition of the Glossary

The Working Party may wish to **note** that the third edition of the Glossary was published as a joint publication by the UNECE, ECMT and Eurostat separately in English, French and Russian in December 2003 (ECE/TRANS/NONE/2003/25) (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 20).

(ii) Continuation of work on the revision of the Glossary

IWG **will inform** the Working Party on the ongoing work within IWG regarding future updates of the Glossary (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 19). The Working Party may wish to **endorse** the work of the IWG.

(c) Web version of the Common Questionnaire

The Working Party may wish to be **briefed** by the representative of Eurostat about the new developments regarding the Internet version of the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics.

(d) Presentation of the Draft Common Questionnaire on Road Traffic Accident Statistics

The Working Party may wish **to consider** a draft Common Questionnaire for Road Traffic Accidents Statistics prepared by IWG as requested during the fifty-fourth session of the Working Party (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 28), which will be circulated in Informal document 2 for consideration and **approval** by the Working Party.

(e) Pilot questionnaires for road and rail statistics

The representative from the Eurostat will **inform** the Working Party about the activities related to the pilot questionnaires for road and rail statistics (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 22).

4. METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND HARMONIZATION OF TRANSPORT STATISTICS

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

The Working Party may wish **to consider and adopt** the final version (TRANS/WP.6/2004/1) of the proposal for a future subdivision of the NST/2000 classes which would serve as a model for all UNECE countries (TRANS/WP.6/145, paras. 7 and 8).

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

In accordance with its request at the fifty-fourth session, the Working Party **may wish to discuss** the results achieved by the UNECE Ad hoc Meeting on the Harmonization of Urban and Regional Transport Statistics which was 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 **adopt** the report of this Ad hoc meeting (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 24).

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

Following the invitation by the Working Party (TRANS/WP.6/143, para. 27), Eurostat **will provide information** 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.6/145, para. 27).

- (d) Pilot questionnaire on transport of gas through pipelines

The representative from the Russian Federation will **present** document (TRANS/WP.6/2004/2) and **inform** the Working Party about the situation and developments in the statistical coverage of transport of gas through pipelines in the Russian Federation.

In accordance with the request by the Working Party (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 32), the secretariat invited two associations, Gas Transmission Europe, as well as Eurogas, **to inform** the Working Party on their achievements and problems regarding statistics on gas transmission through pipelines. The representatives from the two associations will inform the Working Party on the experiences of their respective institutions. In this connection, the Working Party may wish **to decide** on further steps regarding the possible future questionnaire about the collection of statistics on transport of gas through pipelines.

- (e) Correlation of statistical systems used in the UNECE

In accordance with the request by the Working Party (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 9), the secretariat will present, **for information**, a note about the correlation of various classification systems in use in the UNECE.

5. 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 **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 both Project Central Offices (PCO) (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 33).

(b) Sources of transport statistics on the Internet

In accordance with its request (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 35), 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>

Under this agenda item, the Working Party may request member countries to inform the secretariat regularly about changes in the addresses of their relevant web sites in order to have the home page up-to-date.

6. TRAFFIC CENSUSES IN THE UNECE REGION

(a) 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 note** that the Inland Transport Committee, at its sixty-sixth session, adopted resolution No. 254 on the 2005 Combined Census of Motor Traffic Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe (ECE/TRANS/156). This resolution is based on the outcome of the 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 took place on 29 and 30 September 2003 in Geneva (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 38).

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

The Working Party may wish **to note** that the Inland Transport Committee, at its sixty-sixth session, adopted resolution No. 255 on the E-Rail Traffic Census 2005. This Resolution was based on the results of the Ad hoc Meeting on the E-Rail Census that took place on 2 and 3 October 2003 in Geneva (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 40).

7. 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.6/145, para. 42).

8. 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 and future activities in the field of transport statistics. Representatives of these organizations are kindly asked to transmit to the secretariat a brief written summary (not more than 300 words) about 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

9. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2004-2008

The Working Party may wish **to discuss** its draft Programme of Work for 2004-2008 as circulated in document (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 48).

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Publication of periodicals done under the auspices of the Working Party

The Working Party may wish to **note** the information about the publication of the following periodicals: Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics, Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America, and Main Transport Indicators, as well as about the quinquennial Census of Motor Traffic on Main International Traffic Arteries 2000 (TRANS/WP.6/145, para. 48).

- (b) Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics

The Working Party may wish **to consider** dates and locations of meetings in 2004-2005 of the following bodies:

- Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics
- 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-sixth session to be held from 8 to 10 June 2005.

11. 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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