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Working Party on Road Traffic Safety  
(Forty-seventh session, 12-15 September 2005)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION \***

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 12 September 2005

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| 1. | Adoption of the agenda  | TRANS/WP.1/99                                |
| 2. | Adoption of the report of the<br>forty-sixth session  | TRANS/WP.1/98                                |
| 3. | Communications  |  |
| 4. | Amendments to and implementation of the<br>1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and on<br>Road Signs and Signals and the 1971 European<br>Agreements supplementing them | TRANS/WP.1/2005/11<br>TRANS/WP.1/2005/13     |
| 5. | Revision of the Consolidated Resolutions<br>on Road Traffic (R.E.1) and on<br>Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)  | TRANS/SC.1/294/Rev.5<br>TRANS/SC.1/295/Rev.3 |

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R.E.1

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| (a) | Roadside checks  | TRANS/WP.1/2004/14/Rev.1   |
| (b) | Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and medication | TRANS/WP.1/2005/14   |
| (c) | Improving motorcycle and moped safety                        | TRANS/WP.1/2004/6/Rev.2<br>TRANS/WP.1/2004/9/Rev.1                                   |
| (d) | Increasing seat belt usage                                   | TRANS/WP.1/2004/7/Rev.2  |
| (e) | Overtaking   | Informal document  |
| (f) | Pedestrian rules and signs                                   | TRANS/WP.1/2005/4/Rev.1  |
| (g) | 1949 driving permits   | TRANS/WP.1/2005/5<br>TRANS/WP.1/2005/13  |
| (h) | Restructuring of Consolidated Resolution R.E.1               | TRANS/WP.1/2005/15<br>TRANS/WP.1/2004/17   |
| (i) | New issues   | TRANS/WP.1/2005/16<br>TRANS/WP.1/2005/17<br>TRANS/WP.1/2005/18<br>TRANS/WP.1/2005/19 |

R.E.2

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| (j) | Safety in tunnels  | TRANS/WP.1/2005/10/Rev.1<br>TRANS/WP.1/2005/10<br>TRANS/WP.1/2005/13 |
| (k) | Variable message signs   | TRANS/WP.1/2005/6<br>TRANS/WP.1/2005/6/Rev.1                         |
| (l) | New sign for fuelling stations selling compressed natural gas  | TRANS/WP.1/2005/7  |
| 6.  | Follow-up to General Assembly Resolutions on road safety   |  |
| 7.  | Terms of reference and rules of procedure  | TRANS/WP.1/2004/8/Rev.2  |
| 8.  | Evaluation of the Fourth Road Safety Week in the ECE Region and follow up to the Seminar on Aggressive Driving | Informal documents   |

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| 9.  | Preparation of the first Global Road Safety Week | TRANS/WP.1/2005/21                       |
| 10. | Collection and dissemination of information      | Informal document                        |
| 11. | Draft programme of work for 2006-2010            | TRANS/WP.1/2005/20<br>TRANS/WP.1/2005/22 |
| 12. | Other business                                   |  |
| 13. | Adoption of decisions                            |  |

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTES <sup>1</sup>**

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

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

#### **2. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FORTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY**

The Working Party is invited to adopt the report on its forty-sixth session (TRANS/WP.1/98), which was prepared after the session by the secretariat in cooperation with the Chairman of WP.1.

#### **3. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Working Party will be informed about the results of other meetings which have a bearing on its activities and about activities that may be of interest to the Working Party.

#### **4. AMENDMENTS TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1968 CONVENTIONS ON ROAD TRAFFIC AND ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS AND THE 1971 EUROPEAN AGREEMENTS SUPPLEMENTING THEM**

In document TRANS/WP.1/2005/11, the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) requested the advice of WP.1 on the compatibility of proposed new vehicle systems with the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic.

At its 46<sup>th</sup> session, the Working Party requested the Legal Group to examine these issues and report to WP.1 at its 47<sup>th</sup> session.

The report of the Legal Group is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2005/13.

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<sup>1</sup> For reasons of economy, delegates are kindly requested to bring to the meeting copies of the documents received by mail prior to the meeting or downloaded from the Internet.

5. REVISION OF THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTIONS R.E.1 AND R.E.2

Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

(a) Roadside checks

At its forty-sixth session, the Working Party delayed discussion of document TRANS/WP.1/2004/14/Rev.1 because of its non-availability in Russian.

The Working Party is invited to consider adoption of the proposal on roadside checks, which is intended for inclusion in the modified R.E.1.

(b) Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and medication

At its forty-sixth session, the Working Party requested the small group (Finland, Italy, Romania, United States and WHO, under the chairmanship of Italy) to accelerate its work on the preparation of a draft questionnaire on the subject of driving under the influence of alcohol.

The draft questionnaire is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2005/14.

(c) Improving motorcycle and moped safety

At its forty-sixth session, the Working Party requested the small group comprised of the United States, FEMA, FIM and IMMA under the chairmanship of the United States to finalize its work on two draft questionnaires on improving motorcyclist and moped safety.

The revised questionnaires (TRANS/WP.1/2004/6/Rev.2 and TRANS/WP.1/2004/9/Rev.1) were disseminated by the secretariat in July with replies requested by 1 October. The other regional commissions were also requested to send the questionnaires to their member countries.

(d) Increasing seat-belt usage

The Working Party will have before it a synthesis of the replies to the seatbelt questionnaire (TRANS/WP.1/2004/7/Rev.2). On the basis of the synthesis, the Working Party may wish to request the small group on increasing seat-belt usage (Spain, United Kingdom, United States and FIA Foundation, under the chairmanship of the United States) to prepare a draft recommendation for inclusion in R.E.1 to be submitted to the 48<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Party.

(e) Overtaking

At its meeting in May, the Legal Group examined the questionnaire prepared by the small group on overtaking (TRANS/WP.1/2005/3) and proposed some further revisions to the text. The revised questionnaire was sent to members by the secretariat on 23 May with a request that replies be returned by 20 June.

The secretariat will report on the replies to the questionnaire.

(f) Pedestrian rules and signs

At its 46<sup>th</sup> session, the Working Party made comments on the draft questionnaire prepared by the small group on pedestrian rules and signs (Israel, Netherlands, FIP and GRSP, under the chairmanship of FIP). The small group was requested to submit a revised draft for consideration by the Working Party at its 47<sup>th</sup> session.

The revised draft is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2005/4/Rev.1. The Working Party may wish to approve the questionnaire and propose a timetable for completion of the work.

(g) 1949 driving permits

At its 46<sup>th</sup> session, the Russian Federation presented on behalf of the small group on 1949 Convention driving permits (Portugal, Spain, Russian Federation, IMMA, under the chairmanship of the Russian Federation) proposals for modifications to the 1949 Convention (TRANS/WP.1/2005/5). Because of the non-availability of the document in English and French, the Working Party was not able to deal with this item and requested the Legal Group to discuss this issue. The report of the Legal Group is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2005/13.

The secretariat will also inform the Working Party about replies received to the questionnaire on driving permits sent to Contracting Parties to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic that have not subsequently adhered to the 1968 Vienna Convention.

(h) Restructuring of Consolidated Resolution R.E.1

The small group on the restructuring of R.E.1 (France, Switzerland, PRI, European Commission and the secretariat) has suggested several modifications to the structure and presentation of R.E.1 to make it a more relevant and modern document. The draft new structure is presented in TRANS/WP.1/2005/15.

Under this item, the Working Party may also wish to consider the proposal relating to the contents of the first aid kit to be carried on board vehicles, which is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2004/17. The secretariat will inform the Working Party about replies to the questionnaire on complementary safety equipment relating to first aid kits.

(i) New issues

The Working Party will have before it draft texts for inclusion in R.E.1 on communication and road safety campaigns (TRANS/WP.1/2005/16), daytime running lamps (TRANS/WP.1/2005/17), driving at night (TRANS/WP.1/2005/18) and speed (TRANS/WP.1/2005/19).

Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)(j) Safety in tunnels

At its 46<sup>th</sup> session, the Working Party examined a proposal made by the United Kingdom concerning signs for the transport of dangerous goods through tunnels (TRANS/WP.1/2005/10). It requested the Legal Group to discuss the proposal and in particular its consistency with the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals and the European Agreement supplementing it and the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2) and to report back to the 47<sup>th</sup> session of WP.1.

The report of the Legal Group on this issue is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2005/13 and its Annex. Following the meeting of the Group of Legal Experts, the secretariat was informed that WP.15 intends to modify its proposal as concerns the classification for tunnels and that the United Kingdom would submit a new document.

The revised proposal from the United Kingdom can be found in TRANS/WP.1/2005/10/Rev.1.

(k) Variable message signs

At its 46<sup>th</sup> session, the Working Party examined document (TRANS/WP.1/2005/6) prepared by the small group on variable message signs (France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain under the chairmanship of Spain).

The Working Party was requested to send comments on the document to the small group so that a revised proposal could be prepared for the 47<sup>th</sup> session. The revised proposal by the small group appears in TRANS/WP.1/2005/6/Rev.1.

(l) New sign for fuelling stations selling compressed natural gas

At its forty-sixth session, the Working Party examined a proposal for a new road sign to denote a fuelling station selling compressed natural gas, submitted by Germany and Switzerland (TRANS/WP.1/2005/7).

The Working Party agreed to introduce a new sign but members were requested to consider for the 47<sup>th</sup> session whether the acronym CNG should be used in addition to the symbol, whether the acronym in national languages should be permitted, and whether the same sign could be used for LPG in light of the safety considerations raised by the European Natural Gas Vehicles Association (ENGVA).

**6. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE**

At its 60<sup>th</sup> session (22-25 February 2005), the Economic Commission for Europe considered the request made by the Inland Transport Committee to extend participation in the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) to non-UNECE States which are Contracting Parties to the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, and to grant them voting rights on issues related to these Conventions.

Having considered the proposal, the Commission agreed to encourage participation of non-UNECE countries which are Contracting Parties to legal instruments administered by WP.1 and the other subsidiary bodies of the Inland Transport Committee but was unable to reach consensus on granting voting rights to such countries at this point. It recognized the need for further discussion.

At its June 2005 meeting, the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee considered the decision taken by the Committee, and, while expressing some difficulties in discerning the practical relevance of voting rights for WP.1 decision making, agreed to refer the question of granting voting rights to non-UNECE States Contracting Parties to the Vienna Conventions to WP.1 for an in-depth analysis.

In light of the decision by the Commission, revised draft terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Working Party are submitted to the Working Party for consideration and adoption (TRANS/WP.1/2004/8/Rev.2).

#### 7. FOLLOW-UP TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ON ROAD SAFETY

The Working Party will be informed about activities undertaken or planned as a follow up to General Assembly Resolution A/RES/58/289 on improving global road safety.

Information will be provided, *inter alia*, on collaboration with the World Health Organization and the other UN regional commissions. The second United Nations Road Safety Collaboration Meeting was held on 16-17 March 2005 in the Palais des Nations and it is planned to hold a third meeting in London in November 2005.

The Second United Nations Collaboration Meeting adopted the proposal made by the Working Party to hold the next Road Safety Week at the global level in 2007 on the theme of young road users including young drivers in cooperation with WHO and the other regional commissions.

The Working Party will also be informed about the preparation of the report of the Secretary General on progress made in implementing Resolution 58/289 to be submitted to the General Assembly at its 60<sup>th</sup> session in 2005.

#### 8. EVALUATION OF THE FOURTH ROAD SAFETY WEEK IN THE ECE REGION AND FOLLOW UP TO THE SEMINAR ON AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

At its 46<sup>th</sup> session, the Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare a questionnaire for evaluating the Fourth Road Safety Week (5-11 April 2004) to be circulated to member States as soon as possible. The results of the questionnaire will be made available to the Working Party in an Informal document.

As a follow-up to the Seminar on Aggressive Driving, the Working Party may consider requesting the small group established to assist with the preparation of the Fourth Road Safety Week (France, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, ECMT and the secretariat) to prepare a recommendation on combating aggressive driving for inclusion in R.E.1.

9. PREPARATION OF THE FIRST GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

The Working Party will be informed about the results of a videoconference convened on 22 June between the regional commissions and WHO to discuss the holding of the first UN Global Road Safety Week in 2007. The Working Party will have before it for consideration a brief discussion paper regarding the first UN Global Road Safety Week (TRANS/WP.1/2005/21).

The Working Party may wish to ask the small group established to prepare the Fourth Road Safety Week to assist the secretariat in the preparation of the first Global Road Safety Week.

10. COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

In order to get a clear picture of which countries require the presence on board vehicles of reflective jackets and first aid kits, the secretariat has prepared a questionnaire on complementary safety equipment, which also includes sections on warning triangles, fire extinguishers, replacement lamp bulbs and other equipment.

The questionnaire was sent to member countries on 23 May and replies were requested by 1 July 2005. Based on the answers to the questionnaire, it is intended to prepare new tables for inclusion in the document on national road safety requirements (latest version TRANS/WP.1/80/Rev.3) and new recommendations for R.E.1.

11. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2006-2010

The Working Party will have before it its draft programme of work for 2006-2010 (TRANS/WP.1/2005/20). The Working Party is expected to revise and approve its programme of work which will then be adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-eighth session in February 2006.

At its 67th session, the Inland Transport Committee approved a revised table showing the relationship between the Strategic Objectives of the ITC and the ITC Programme of Work. The table reflects the results of discussions by the Committee's subsidiary bodies on the strategic objectives and their respective programmes of work. The Committee requested its subsidiary bodies to modify their programmes of work in line with the indications in the table. The table appears in document TRANS/WP.1/2005/22.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

The Working Party may wish to discuss any other business under this agenda item.

The Working Party is informed that its forty-eighth session is scheduled to be held from 21-23 March 2006.

13. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

The Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its forty-seventh session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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