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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTY-NINTH SESSION ^{1/}, ^{2/}

Addendum

Annotations to the Provisional Agenda and
Suggested Timetable for the Committee's Sixty-Ninth Session

Tuesday, 6 February 2007 at 10 a.m.

I. QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN GENERAL

Item 1: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/191

Item 2: RESULTS OF THE COMMITTEE'S BUREAU MEETINGS

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2007/1; ECE/TRANS/2007/1/Add.1.

1. [C] The Committee will have before it documents ECE/TRANS/2007/1 and Add.1 containing the results of the Bureau meetings held in 2006 since the last session of the Committee.

^{1/} The documents of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies may be consulted on the following website of the UNECE Transport Division: <http://www.unece.org/trans/>.

^{2/} Subsequent to a decision taken by its Bureau on 7 June 2004, the Committee may wish to discuss the agenda items/sub-items in accordance with the following three categories: [A] points of a political nature or which need discussion, [B] points needing approval by the Committee and [C] points of an informative nature or which do not require discussion (TRANS/BUR.2004/17, item 3). In line with the above categories, the Committee may focus its discussion on categories [A] and [B].

2. [C] The Committee may wish to **refer** to the decisions of the Bureau under the relevant items of its agenda.

Item 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNECE REFORM AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES AND CONFERENCES

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2007/2.

3. [C] The Committee will have before it document ECE/TRANS/2007/2 containing information on the implementation of the UNECE reform as well as the specific requests to the sectoral committees and, in particular, to the Committee, contained in the Work Plan on the UNECE Reform.

4. [A] The Committee may wish to **consider** the recommendations on the review of its intergovernmental structure and their conferences servicing needs, prepared by its Bureau on the basis of the views expressed by the chairpersons of the subsidiary bodies of the Committee and **decide** the proposals to be submitted to the Executive Committee in this respect.

5. [A] The Committee may also wish to **consider** the transport priorities identified in the Work Plan of the UNECE Reform and the proposals to be submitted to the Executive Committee in this respect.

6. [A] The Committee may wish to **consider** other implications to the work of the Committee arising from the UNECE Reform.

7. [C] The Committee will **be informed** orally about any other matter arising from the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies and conferences.

Item 4: ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE

8. [C] The Committee will **be informed** orally on the activities related to transport, which are being carried out within other international organizations.

Item 5: INTERSECTORAL ACTIVITIES

(a) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/2006/10.

9. [C] The Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) was established in 2002 to consolidate and focus on relevant UNECE and WHO/Europe follow-up activities to the so-called Vienna (Transport and Environment) and London (Transport and Health) processes. The Committee may wish to **take note** of the report of THE PEP Steering Committee on its fourth session (10-11 April 2006) that provides an overview of the main activities undertaken within THE PEP, including the pilot operation of the THE PEP Clearing

House (www.thepep.org/CHwebsite), the organization of workshops on institutional mechanisms for integrated policy-making in Berlin and on sustainable urban transport in Tbilisi, and the preparations for the third Ministerial Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health planned to be held in spring 2008.

(b) Blue Corridor Project

10. [C] The Committee will **be informed** about any developments, including interest shown in the Project by the Group of Eight nations (G8).

(c) Cooperation with the Committee on Trade

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2007/4.

11. [C] The Committee may wish to **consider** the report on “Areas and activities of mutual interest between the Committee on Trade and the Inland Transport Committee”. In particular, the Committee may wish to **note** the activities of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) and the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6) and the potential areas for cooperation between the Committee on Trade and the Inland Transport Committee.

Item 6: REVIEW OF THE TRANSPORT SITUATION IN UNECE MEMBER COUNTRIES AND EMERGING DEVELOPMENT TRENDS

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2007/5.

12. [C] The Committee may wish to **consider** the document on the transport situation and trends in member countries in 2006, prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of national contributions and other sources, following the decision taken by the Committee at its sixty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/166, para. 14). Discussion of this item may focus on emerging issues in international transport identified in the information submitted.

Item 7: TRANSPORT AND SECURITY

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2007/6.

13. [A] Following the request by the Committee at its sixty-eighth session to its subsidiary bodies to accelerate the work already in progress and to consider new activities in relation to transport and security the Committee may wish to **be informed** about the progress made in subsidiary bodies. Furthermore, following the request by the Committee to the Bureau to discuss the questions of setting up a multidisciplinary ad hoc expert group on transport security as well as the effectiveness of the existing Inland Transport Committee (ITC) structure for reaching results in this field of activity, the Committee may also wish to **consider** the outcome of its discussions. Finally, the Committee may wish to **be informed** by Governments and by intergovernmental organizations of the measures taken in this field at national and intergovernmental level.

Item 8: ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/9.

(a) United Nations Development Account Project on Capacity Building for developing Interregional Transport Linkages

14. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** the progress of the United Nations Development Account Project on Capacity building in developing Interregional Transport Links, which is jointly implemented by the five United Nations regional commissions over the period 2003-2006, as reflected in document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/9 and the informal report on Operational Activities January-December 2006. The Committee may wish to **note** in particular the results of the UNECE-UNESCAP joint project component on developing Euro-Asian transport links, including the outcome of the Fourth Expert Group Meeting, kindly hosted by the Greek Government, in Thessaloniki, 21-24 November 2006 as well as of the other two project components on developing interregional transport links connecting UNECE and UNESCAP to UNESCWA and UNECE and UNESCWA to UNECA regions.

15. [C] The Committee may also wish to **note** the latest information on the outcome of the efforts of the Secretariat to ensure funding for the continuation of the Euro-Asian transport linkages project in a new phase beyond 2006.

16. [B] In view of the importance of the development of Euro-Asian Transport Links, confirmed in the ECE Work Plan, the Committee may wish to express its **support** for the continuation of the Euro-Asian Transport Links Project in a new Phase II (2007-2010) and **invite** Governments, international organizations and potential donors to consider providing the needed financial assistance to the UNECE-UNESCAP, considering this as the only way to ensure its continuation.

17. [B] The Committee may wish to **express** its gratitude to the Government of Greece for the hosting of the Fourth Expert Group Meeting on developing Euro-Asian links under the Project in November 2006.

(b) Implementation of the Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Master Plan

18. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** the follow-up activities to the TEM and TER Master Plan carried out in 2006, as reflected in document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/9 and the updated informal report on Operational Activities January-December 2006. The Committee may wish to **note** in particular the results of the comparison of the TEM and TER Master Plan backbone networks with the five axes proposed by the High-Level Group, with the legal commitments from the Accession Treaties and the Decision 884/2004/EC of the EU member countries involved in the Master Plan, as well as the progress made, in 2006, in the implementation of the priority projects identified in the Master Plan.

19. [B] The Committee may wish to consider to **reiterate** its support to this activity and **invite** the TEM and TER Projects, in close cooperation with the Secretariat and the concerned

countries, to continue pursuing the follow-up actions recommended by the Master Plan, including monitoring of its implementation and updating when necessary and appropriate.

(c) Other activities, including submission of new project proposals

20. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** the activities aimed at assisting countries with economies in transition, undertaken in the year 2006, as reflected in document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/9 and the updated informal report on Operational Activities January-December 2006, particularly related to the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA), the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), advisory workshops and missions. The Committee may also wish to **note** a number of capacity building projects elaborated by the Secretariat for the implementation of which extra budgetary funding is needed.

(d) Fund-raising issues

21. [B] The Committee based on above documentation and information, may wish to (i) **reiterate** its request that adequate resources be made available in the Secretariat for the substantive backstopping and further development of these activities and (ii) **encourage** member countries to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT).

Item 9: STATUS OF APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL UNECE TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS AND CONVENTIONS

22. [C] The Committee will have before it an informal document in English, French and Russian prepared by the Secretariat containing tables on the latest status as at 31 January 2007 of signatures, ratifications and accessions concerning international instruments on inland transport concluded under the auspices of the Committee. The Committee will also have before it another informal document on the accessions registered since its last session.

23. [B] The Committee may wish to **take note** of this information and **invite** countries, which have not yet done so to become Contracting Parties to UNECE Agreements and Conventions in the field of transport as soon as possible.

II. QUESTIONS DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE'S SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Item 10: TRANSPORT TRENDS AND ECONOMICS

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/40.

24. [B] The Committee will have before it for **consideration** and **approval** the report of the nineteenth session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/40).

(a) Infrastructure bottlenecks and missing links

25. [B] The Committee may wish to **endorse** the decision of the Working Party to convene a small informal group of experts, which would undertake the task of revising and updating the "Report on the methodological basis for the definition of common criteria regarding bottlenecks,

missing links and quality of service of infrastructure networks” (TRANS/WP.5/R.60 of 20 July 1994), in light of new methodological developments, evolution and the current practice in the UNECE member countries. This informal group will comprise the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, country experts as well as experts from transport related international organizations and bodies concerned. The Committee may also wish to **endorse** the Secretariat’s endeavours to ensure the necessary resources for engaging external expertise, as appropriate, the involvement of which is considered essential for the success of this work.

(b) Development of Euro-Asian transport links

26. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** that the Working Party supported the continuation of the joint UNECE-UNESCAP project for the development of Euro-Asian transport links and that it approved a joint proposal for the Phase II of the project.

27. [B] Furthermore, the Committee may wish to **endorse** the Working Party’s decision to convene an informal meeting with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and country experts to prepare proposals on how the outcome of the UNECE-ESCAP in-house study could be best used by the Working Party in its future work.

28. [C] The Committee may also wish to **note** that the Working Party proposed to the TER and TEM Projects to consider further strengthening their collaboration with the Working Party in the form of organization of joint workshops and meetings, promotion and elaboration of focused studies, support in the implementation of their Master Plan.

29. [B] During its nineteenth session, the Working Party organized the Workshop “From Pan-European Corridors to major transport axes – Consequences for Euro-Asian transport links”. Participants appreciated the exchange of experiences and information during the Workshop, and welcomed the workshop as a useful initiative that could increase the interest in activities of the Working Party. The Committee may wish to **support** the decision of the Working Party to continue organizing workshops related to priority areas of its Programme of work.

(c) Transport in the Mediterranean

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2007/11.

30. [C] The Committee may also wish to **consider** the problems of transport in the Mediterranean region on the basis of the work of the Centres, the European Union and other groupings of countries or individual countries and provide guidance for future work to be undertaken in this field.

(d) Activities related to seaports

31. [B] The Committee may wish to **endorse** the decision of the Working Party to consider the issues related to infrastructure and hinterland connections of the sea ports in the UNECE region, their operations, management, status and further development, and, to this end, its decision to convene an informal meeting of country experts and relevant international organizations dealing with seaports, in order to formulate concrete proposals for the future involvement of the Working Party in this regard.

(e) Studies on transport economics and track costs undertaken by other organizations

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2007/7 and Add.1-2.

32. [C] The Committee may wish to **take note** of the information received from the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT), the European Commission (EC), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Tuesday, 6 February 2007 (afternoon)

Item 11: ROAD TRANSPORT

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/379.

33. [B] The Committee will have before it the report of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1), on its one-hundredth session, for **consideration** and **approval** (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/379) pending final adoption at SC.1's one-hundred-and-first session in October 2007.

(a) Road transport infrastructure

(i) European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)

34. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** that proposed amendments to the AGR adopted by SC.1 at its ninety-ninth session in 2005 (TRANS/SC.1/377, Annex 1) were communicated to Contracting Parties on 23 February 2006 by depositary notification C.N.160.2006.TREATIES-1. They were considered accepted on 23 August 2006 and entered into force on 23 November 2006.

35. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** the proposals adopted at the one-hundredth session of SC.1 to amend Article 9, Annex I and Annex II of the AGR (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/379, Annex 1).

(ii) Activities of the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/5.

36. [C] The Committee may wish to **take note** of the progress report of the TEM Project (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/5), particularly, the implementation in 2006 of the short-term strategy for further integration of TEM into the new European transport context and the follow-up actions on the implementation of the TEM Master Plan.

37. [B] Based on the above information, the Committee may wish to **consider reiterating** its support to this activity and **request** that adequate resources be made available in the Secretariat for the substantive backstopping and further development of this Project that will support the implementation of its ongoing activities.

(b) Facilitation of international road transport

(i) European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)

38. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** that proposed amendments to the AETR adopted by SC.1 at its ninety-eighth session in 2004 (TRANS/SC.1/375/Add.1) entered into force on 16 June 2006 and that the 4-year transition period for introduction of the digital tachograph started on that date.

39. [B] The Committee may wish to **note** that SC.1 approved the report of the Ad hoc Working Group on the Revision of the AETR, which had met on 22-24 May 2006 to propose amendments to the AETR to bring it into line with the new EU Regulation which had simplified rules relating to driving and rest times and reinforced checks on compliance. The Committee **is requested** to authorise the holding of an additional meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group of Experts on 14-16 May 2007 so that the necessary draft amendments to the Agreement can be adopted by SC.1 at its one-hundred-and-first session in October 2007.

40. [A] The Committee may wish to **consider** that SC.1 also discussed measures that non-EU AETR countries would have to take to ensure the implementation of the digital tachograph before the deadline of 2010 as described in document ECE/TRANS/SC.1/2006/9. These included such issues as type approval, security policies, workshop approval, card issuance, training, data protection and risk management at the national level. The Secretariat expressed caution regarding the proposal to involve the Secretariat in the management of certain of these tasks and stated that additional secretariat resources would be required if it was to play a similar role as the European Commission had done for EU member States. It also stated that the current wording of the AETR did not give the Secretariat any mandate to play an active role in this respect.

41. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** that SC.1 accepted in principle the opening up of the AETR to non-UNECE member States but decided that the subject should be re-examined at a later date once the discussion on driving and rest times was completed.

(ii) Draft additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)

42. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** that at its one-hundredth session, SC.1 adopted the final text of a draft additional Protocol to the CMR introducing the possibility of using electronic consignment notes. The text was submitted to the United Nations Treaty Section in New York for its approval of the Final Provisions.

43. [C] The Committee will **be informed** of current developments related to the draft additional Protocol, which appears in ECE/TRANS/SC.1/379, Annex 3.

Item 12: ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.1/102; ECE/TRANS/WP.1/104; ECE/TRANS/WP.1/106; A/RES/58/289; ECE/TRANS/2007/9.

44. [B] The Committee will have before it the reports of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) on its forty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/102), forty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/104) and fiftieth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/106) for **consideration and approval** pending final adoption at the fifty-first session of the Working Party in March 2007.

(a) Publication of the Consolidated Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and European Agreements supplementing them

45. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** that in response to ITC resolution No. 257 concerning the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week, the Secretariat is preparing consolidated versions of the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals in the five authentic languages as a contribution to the Week. Work on the English, French and Russian versions is well advanced, but the completion of the Spanish and Chinese versions is dependent upon the availability of resources.

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

46. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** that the work of WP.1 in the past year has been concentrated on the revision of the Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1). The aim had been to issue the revised R.E.1 during the Global Road Safety Week. However, it has become clear that this will not be possible due to the large volume of work still to be completed.

47. [C] At its sessions in 2006, the WP.1 adopted an introduction to R.E.1 and new recommendations dealing with driving under the influence of alcohol, improving bicycle, motorcycle and moped safety, increasing seat-belt usage, the safety of pedestrians, driving at night, driving permits, communication and road safety campaigns and daytime running lamps. Work continued on recommendations dealing with such subjects as speed, mobile phones, safety of children, contents of the first-aid kit, special rules concerning certain categories of vehicles, driving instruction, etc.

48. [B] The Committee is requested to **authorize** the holding of an additional session of WP.1 on 3-6 July 2007 to enable it to finalize the work on R.E.1.

(c) Preparation of the First United Nations Global Safety Week, 23-29 April 2007

49. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** that the United Nations regional commissions and the World Health Organization are jointly organizing the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week from 23-29 April 2007. It will be targeted at young road users including young drivers. The slogan selected for the Week is "Road safety is no accident".

50. [C] The Week will be launched by a World Youth Assembly on Road Safety to be held in the Palais des Nations on 23 and 24 April 2006 and will be followed by a Stakeholder Forum on 25 April 2006. Other global activities to take place during the Week include a memorial for

victims of traffic crashes, a global short film competition and possibly, a competition organized in cooperation with UNICEF.

51. [C] All countries in the world have been asked by letter to nominate a youth delegate to the Assembly and to nominate a focal point at the national level to take responsibility for coordination regarding the Road Safety Week.

52. [C] In order to help countries to participate in the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week, a toolkit has been produced with information on the background of the Week, statistics on young road users and the road safety problems they face, and guidelines on how to prepare an event. Countries are **invited** to download the toolkit from the Transport Division website, translate it into their national languages and disseminate it as widely as possible before the Week.

53. [B] The Committee may wish to **support** to the holding of the World Youth Assembly and the Stakeholder Forum and **request** its members to inform the UNECE Transport Division about the activities they intend to organize during the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week and promote the Week in their countries.

(d) United Nations Road Safety Collaboration

54. [C] The Committee will **be informed** about the results of meetings of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration, held on 9-10 May 2006 in Bangkok and in Geneva on 30-31 October 2006. The United Nations Road Safety Collaboration was established in response to General Assembly Resolution A/RES/58/289 on improving global road safety.

(e) Global road safety conference in 2008

55. [A] At its fiftieth session in November 2006, the WP.1 considered a proposal concerning the possible holding of a Global Ministerial Conference on road safety in 2008 under United Nations auspices. In principle, the WP.1 considered that the idea of organizing such a conference deserved to be supported, but questioned its relevance in the absence of any clear orientation regarding its objectives. The WP.1 requested the Secretariat to prepare a note on this subject to the intention of the Committee. The note will be circulated with symbol ECE/TRANS/2007/9. The Committee may wish to **consider** this issue.

Item 13: HARMONIZATION OF VEHICLE REGULATIONS

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1050; ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1052;
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1056.

56. [B] The Committee may wish to **consider** and **approve** the work carried out by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its six subsidiary Working Parties on Pollution and Energy (GRPE), General Safety (GRSG), Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF), Lighting and Light-signalling devices (GRE), Noise (GRB) and Passive Safety (GRSP) during 2006, as reflected in the reports of WP.29 on its one-hundred-and-thirty-eighth (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1050), one-hundred-and-thirty-ninth (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1052) and one-hundred-and-fortieth (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1056) sessions.

(a) The 1958 Agreement and annexed UNECE Regulations

57. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** that, following the accession of Malaysia on 4 April 2006 and of Thailand on 1 May 2006, the number of Contracting Parties to the Agreement reached 46. Two new UNECE Regulations were adopted raising the number of Regulations annexed to the Agreement to 125. One hundred and twelve amendments to seventy-seven existing Regulations were adopted.

(b) The 1998 (global) Agreement and global technical regulations (gtrs)

58. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** that, following the accession of Malaysia on 4 April 2006, India on 22 April 2006 and Lithuania on 25 July 2006, the number of Contracting Parties to the 1998 Agreement reached 28. The Executive Committee (AC.3) of the Agreement adopted the third, fourth and fifth global technical regulations (gtrs) concerning motorcycle brake systems, world-wide heavy duty certification procedure of pollutant emissions and heavy-duty on-board diagnostics. Work continued in fifteen priorities for establishing new draft global technical regulations and to update the existing ones. A new priority, concerning the Electronic stability control systems (ESC), was incorporate in the programme of work. The six subsidiary Working Parties of the World Forum continued to work not only on these fifteen priorities, but also on the five items that the Executive Committee of the Agreement (AC.3) had authorized to continue or begin to work on in order to become new priorities.

(d) The 1997 Agreement on Periodical Technical Inspections

59. [B] The Committee might wish to **note** that the number of Contracting Parties to the Agreement remained the same (9). The Committee may wish to **note** that an amendment to the Agreement is in the legal process of adoption, and that, hopefully, it will enter into force on 4 July 2007. This amendment was requested by the European Communities in order to facilitate its accession to the Agreement. The Committee may again **consider** inviting the 18 countries, which signed the Agreement on 13 November 1997, to speed up their national ratification procedures and may again **decide** to invite the European Community to accede to the Agreement. The Committee may wish to **note** that an amendment to Rule No. 1, concerning periodical inspections of vehicles with respect to protection of the environment, was adopted at the 2006 June session of WP.29 and is expected to enter into force on 15 February 2007. The Committee may wish to **note** that draft Rule No. 2, concerning periodical technical inspections with respect to safety of heavy commercial passenger and goods vehicles used in international transport, remained under consideration.

(e) Secretariat resources for the WP.29

60. [B] The Committee may wish to **note** that the selection process for the new P-3 post allocated to perform the technical and administrative functions related to the development of global vehicle regulations in the framework of the 1998 Agreement was completed. The Committee may **request** again that the post be upgraded to the P-4 level as originally requested due to the quite complex tasks inherent to it and may **recommend** the Permanent Missions to support this request.

Item 14: RAIL TRANSPORT

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.2/206.

61. **[B]** The Committee will have before it the report of the sixtieth session of the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/206) for **consideration** and **approval**.

(a) Rail transport infrastructure

(i) European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC)

62. **[B]** The Committee may wish to **take note** that in total 26 countries are at present Contracting Parties to the AGC Agreement. It may also wish to **note** the amendments proposed by Latvia to Annex 1 of the AGC (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/206, annex 1). The Committee may wish to **endorse** the invitation to those Governments that have not yet acceded to the AGC, to examine the possibility of doing so (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/206). It may also wish to **endorse** the Working Party's approval of the updated version of Annex 1 of the AGC, and the decision to set up a consolidated version of the Agreement (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/206).

(ii) Activities of the Trans-European Railway (TER) Project

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2006/12/Rev.1.

63. **[C]** The Committee may wish to **take note** of the progress report of the TER Project (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2006/12/Rev.1), particularly, the implementation in 2006 of the short-term strategy for further integration of TER into the new European transport context and the follow-up actions on the implementation of the TER Master Plan.

64. **[B]** Based on the above information, the Committee may wish to **consider reiterating** its support to this activity and **request** that adequate resources be made available in the secretariat for the substantive backstopping and further development of this Project that will support the implementation of its ongoing activities.

(b) Facilitation of border crossing in international rail transport

65. **[C]** The Committee may wish to **support** the ongoing preparatory activities on the organisation of an International Conference on Facilitation of Railway Border Crossing, and recommend to involved parties to expedite completion of the texts of the two new legal documents, which would be endorsed by the Conference. In addition, the Committee may wish to **invite** the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) to rapidly conclude its consideration of the draft of a new Annex on Railway Border Crossing facilitation to the Harmonization Convention and the draft of the new Convention on the Border Crossing for Passengers.

66. **[B]** It may also wish to **support** the convening of such a Conference in the second half of 2007 subject to the previous adoption of the above legal documents and with the widest possible participation of Ministries of Transport, customs, police, border control and other involved national authorities.

(c) Demonstration runs of container trains on Euro-Asian transport corridors

67. [C] The Committee may wish to **support** the decision of the Working Party taken at its sixtieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/206, para.16) to organize a Workshop, during its next session, which would be devoted to experiences and lessons learned in organizing successful demonstration runs of container block-trains on Euro Asian transport links.

Wednesday, 7 February 2007 (morning)

Item 15: INLAND WATER TRANSPORT

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/171; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174.

68. [B] The reports of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, on its special and fiftieth session, have been circulated for **consideration** and **approval** by the Committee as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/171 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174.

(a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/120 and Corr.1; TRANS/SC.3/168/Add.1;
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174/Add.1; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.1.

69. [B] The Committee may wish to **note** that, according to the relevant depositary notification, the amendments to annexes I, II and III of AGN adopted by the Working Party at its forty-ninth session in 2005 and appearing in TRANS/SC.3/168/Add.1 entered into force on 29 November 2006, whereas the amendments to the main legal part of the Agreement are to enter into force on 29 May 2007. The Committee may wish to **endorse** the publication by the Secretariat of a consolidated trilingual text of the Agreement as amended. It may also wish to **note** that further amendments to AGN adopted by the Working Party at its fiftieth session and appearing in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174/Add.1 have been presented to the United Nations Legal Office for communication to all the Contracting Parties for its acceptance in accordance with article 12 of the Agreement (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, paras. 17 and 18).

70. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** the publication by the Secretariat of an updated version of the Map of European Inland Waterways and of the updated “Bluebook”, which will be circulated at the meeting room.

(b) Technical and legal questions regarding the development and facilitation of international inland transport by waterway

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2007/10; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172; TRANS/SC.3/2006/11 and Add.1.

71. [A] The Committee will be informed of the main outcome of the Pan-European Conference on Inland Waterway Transport (Bucharest, 13-14 September 2006). In this regard, it may wish to **take note** of the Declaration adopted by Ministers in Bucharest (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/11) and **adopt** a resolution on follow-up by UNECE to the Bucharest

ministerial conference put forward by the Chairman of the Working Party in accordance with the Working Party's instructions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, para. 14) and appearing in ECE/TRANS/2007/10.

72. **[B]** The Committee may wish to **endorse** the adoption by the Working Party at its special session of resolution No. 61 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/171, paras. 7 and 8) with the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels annexed to it and published as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172. The Recommendations establish a Pan-European regime of technical requirements for inland navigation vessels and are a result of efforts of Governments aimed at unification of the divergent regulations in force within different intergovernmental organizations, such as EU and International River Commissions, and within individual UNECE member countries. The unified regulations contained therein are to facilitate the recognition of Ship's Certificates issued on their basis, thus avoiding the need for vessels engaged in international transport by inland waterway to undergo a double inspection.

73. **[B]** The Committee may also wish to **endorse** the adoption by the Working Party of resolution No. 62 on amendment of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) and **instruct** the Secretariat to publish a new revised version of CEVNI as ECE/TRANS/115/Rev.3 comprising all the amendments made to the previous 2002 edition of the Code. It may wish also **to endorse** the adoption of resolution No. 63 on International Standard for Vessel Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways with a view to the establishment on E waterways of the River Information Services (RIS)(ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, paras. 36 and 45).

74. **[B]** The Committee may wish to **endorse** equally the decision of the Working Party to accept the invitation of the Bucharest Conference (see the Bucharest Declaration in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/11, paragraph 3) to revise jointly with the two River Commissions of the Strasbourg Convention on the Limitation of Liability in Inland Navigation (CLNI) with a view to enlarging its geographical application and **instruct** the Secretariat to cooperate with CCNR and DC in the revision of the Convention.

Item 16: INTERMODAL TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/111; ECE/TRANS/WP.24/113.

75. **[B]** The reports of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) on its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions have been circulated for **approval**.

(a) European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) and its Protocol on Inland Waterways

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/113.

76. **[B]** In accordance with the work plan on ECE reform, a web-based tool has been developed by the Transport Division allowing on-line monitoring of the implementation of AGTC and European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) infrastructure and performance standards. This electronic system replaces the previous "Yellow Book" publications and is accessible via the relevant UNECE website (<http://unece.unog.ch/wp24/agtc.aspx>). The Committee may wish to **support** the view of the Working Party that this newly developed

system was an important first step in effectively monitoring the implementation of the AGC and AGTC Agreements at national levels and could serve as an example for other Agreements.

77. [B] The Committee may also wish to **note** that, following completion of the necessary ratification procedures by Hungary, the AGTC Protocol on Inland Waterways is expected to come into force in early 2007. The Committee may wish to **encourage** other concerned Contracting Parties to the AGTC Agreement, particularly those having signed the Protocol, to also accede to it as soon as possible and to **request** the Working Party to consider and decide on the amendment proposals already submitted by several countries.

**(b) Efficient intermodal transport in a pan-European context:
Follow-up to the action plan adopted by the ECMT Council of Ministers
(Moscow, 24 and 25 May 2005)**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2006/1.

78. [B] The Committee may wish to **welcome** the decision of the Government of Ukraine to establish an observatory for two important North-South and East-West intermodal transport lines in accordance with the ECMT framework action plan for the promotion of intermodal transport between Europe and Asia. Under the guidance of the Working Party, the observatory will serve as an information centre, provide a forum for the exchange of views among operators and Governments and allow, if necessary, for the introduction of corrective measures on the basis of best practices making use of the model action plans and partnership agreements that had been prepared earlier by the Working Party.

(c) Revised Programme of Work for 2006 to 2010

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/113.

79. [B] Since 2004, the UNECE Working Party constituted a segment of the Joint ECMT/UNECE Working Party/Group on Intermodal Transport and Logistics convening alternately in Geneva and Paris. In view of the decision to transform ECMT into an International Transport Forum and to dissolve its Group on Intermodal Transport and Logistics, the Working Party, in consultation with delegations of the ECMT Group, decided to continue a few important activities that had until now been undertaken by the Joint Group. The Committee may wish to **approve** the proposals of the Working Party to include four additional work elements into its programme of work for 2006 to 2010 and to increase its annual meeting days by one.

Item 17: BORDER CROSSING FACILITATION

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/224; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/226;
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/228.

80. [B] The Committee will have before it the reports of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), on its one-hundred-and-twelfth, one-hundred-and-thirteenth and one-hundred-and-fourteenth sessions (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/224, -/226 and -/228), for **consideration and approval**.

(a) Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of “Transports Internationaux Routiers” TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/81; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/83;
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/85; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2006/9/Rev.1.

81. **[A]** The Committee will also have before it, for this item, the reports of the three sessions of the TIR Administrative Committee, serviced by the Secretariats, which are contained in documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/81, -/83 and -/85 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2006/9/Rev.1. The Committee may wish to **consider** the latest developments in relation to the management of the TIR Convention.

82. **[B]** With a view to continuing the progress on Phase III of the TIR revision process, focusing on the computerization of the TIR procedure, in particular, the Committee may wish to **decide** to prolong the mandate of the group of experts on the computerization of the TIR procedure for the year 2007.

(b) Draft Conventions on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail

83. **[C]** The Committee may wish to **take note** of the status of the final text of the Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail under Cover of “Agreement on International Carriage of Goods” (SMGS) Consignment Notes, which was adopted by the Committee during its session in February 2006.

Wednesday, 7 February 2007 (afternoon)

Item 18: TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

(a) The Economic and Social Council’s Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

84. **[C]** The Committee may wish to **note** that the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods met from 3-12 July 2006 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/58 and Add.1-2) and will meet again from 4 to 12 December 2006. The Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals met from 12-14 July 2006 (see report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/22) and will meet again from 12-14 December 2006. The Committee itself will hold its third session on 15 December 2006. It will consider the work of both Sub-Committees over the 2005-2006 biennium and adopt recommendations that should be published by the Secretariat in 2007 as the fifteenth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations; amendments to the fourth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria; and the second revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (or amendments to the first revised edition).

(b) **Harmonization of the technical requirements of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) and the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/102 and Add.1; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/104 and Add.1.

85. [B] The Committee may wish to **consider** and **approve** the reports of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting on its sessions held in Bern from 20-23 March 2006 and Geneva from 11-15 September 2006.

86. [C] The Committee may wish to **note** that the Joint Meeting adopted draft amendments to the common requirements of RID, ADR and ADN which should come into force on 1 January 2009.

(c) **European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/186 and Corr.1; Add.1-2 and Add.1/Corr.1;
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/188 and Add.1; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190 and Add.1;
ECE/TRANS/185/Vol.I-II.

87. [B] The Committee may wish to **consider** and **approve** the reports of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its eightieth and eighty-first sessions (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/188 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190 and Add.1).

88. [B] The Committee may wish to **note** that there are 41 Contracting Parties to the ADR. The Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of the ADR, adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties on 28 October 1993, has not yet entered into force as not all Contracting Parties to the ADR have become Parties to it. Twenty-eight Contracting Parties have done so to date, and the Committee may wish to **urge** the remaining Contracting Parties (Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine) to take the necessary steps to allow the Protocol to come into force.

89. [C] The Committee may also wish to **note** that the draft amendments to Annexes A and B of the ADR adopted in 2004, 2005 and May 2006, as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/186 and Corr.1, Add.1-2 and Add.1/Corr.1 have been submitted by the Government of Portugal for acceptance by Contracting Parties and have been deemed accepted on 1 October 2006. They will enter into force on 1 January 2007, and the Secretariat has published accordingly a new “2007” consolidated edition of ADR (ECE/TRANS/185/Vol.I-II).

90. [A] The Committee may wish to **approve** the Terms of reference and Rules of procedures developed by the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1), in particular Rule 1 (b) of the Rules of procedure whereby non-member countries of ECE, as defined in paragraph 11 of the terms of reference of ECE may participate as full members – i.e. with voting

rights – at sessions of the Working Party devoted to matters relating to a legal instrument to which they are Contracting Parties (refer also to the UNECE Executive Committee's Guidelines for the Establishment and Functioning of Working Parties within the UNECE (ECE/EX/1, section 2)).

(d) European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/190/Vol.I-II.

91. **[C]** The Committee may wish to **note** that there are now five Contracting States to ADN: Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Russian Federation and Netherlands. It is recalled that the ADN had also been signed (subject to ratification) by the following other 8 countries: Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia. It was open for signature until 31 May 2001 and is now open for accession. It will enter into force once a total of seven States will have become Contracting States.

92. **[B]** The Committee may also wish to **note** that the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the ADN will hold its eleventh session from 24 (p.m.) to 25 January 2007. The report on this session should be circulated as document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/23 for **consideration** and **approval** by the Committee.

93. **[C]** The Committee may wish to **note** that the Secretariat has published a consolidated “2007” revised edition of the ADN, issued under the symbol ECE/TRANS/190/Vol.I-II, which includes annexed Regulations reflecting the amendments adopted in 2005 and 2006 (refer also to ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/21/Add.1 and Add.2).

Item 19: TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS

Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP)

94. **[B]** The report of the sixty-second session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs has been circulated for **consideration** and **approval** by the Committee (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/214 and Add.1-2).

Item 20: TRANSPORT STATISTICS

Documentation: TRANS/WP.6/151.

(a) WP.6 Annual session

95. **[B]** The Committee will have before it the report of the Working Party on Transport Statistics on its fifty-seventh session (7-9 June 2009) (TRANS/WP.6/151) for **consideration** and **approval**.

(b) Finalization of 2005 E-Road and 2005 E-Rail Traffic Censuses

96. [C] The ITC will **be informed** about the activities that relate to the finalisation of the ongoing censuses:

- (i) 2005 Combined Census of Motor Traffic Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe
- (ii) E-Rail Traffic Census 2005

(c) Methodological issues - Finalization of the manual on the statistical coverage of road traffic performance (vehicle/km/year)

97. [C] The ITC will **be informed** about the activities of the Taskforce that relate to the finalisation of the manual on the statistical coverage of road traffic performance (vehicle/km/year).

(d) Workshops

98. [C] The ITC will **be informed** about the Workshop on the statistical coverage of long-distance transport by busses that was held in Maastricht on 29 November 2006.

99. [C] The ITC will also **be briefed** about other workshops on transport statistics that are organised by the Secretariat upon requests by the governments.

Item 21: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE: BIENNIAL EVALUATION FOR THE 2004-2005 BIENNIUM

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2007/3.

100. [C] The Committee may wish to **take note** of document ECE/TRANS/2007/3, which contains the accomplishment accounts relating to the implementation of the Transport sub-programme in the biennium 2004-2005 as well as references to other internal and external reviews.

Item 22: TRANSPORT DIVISION WEBSITE

101. [C] The Committee may wish to **take note** that, in 2006, the Transport Division website developed a web tool providing online access to information on the performance of the pan-European rail and intermodal transport networks and on its compliance with the infrastructure and performance standards stipulated in the AGC and AGTC Agreements.

102. [C] Work in 2007 will focus on keeping the website easy to navigate and up-to-date, and adding tools that provide dynamic access to Transport Division data.

Thursday, 8 February 2007 (morning)

III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Item 23: SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS IN 2007

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2007/8.

103. [B] A preliminary list of meetings is being circulated for **consideration** and **adoption** by the Committee, based on proposals made by the Committee's subsidiary bodies (ECE/TRANS/2007/8).

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Item 24: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Election of the chairperson of the Committee for its sessions in 2009 and 2010

104. [A] Although the election of the chairperson is foreseen to be held at the Committee session in 2008, the Committee may wish to **have** a preliminary discussion on this matter.

(b) Date of next session

105. [C] The Committee may **note** that its seventieth session is tentatively scheduled to be held from **5-7 February 2008**.

Thursday, 8 February 2007 (afternoon)

Item 25: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SIXTY-NINTH SESSION

106. [B] In accordance with established practice, the Committee will **adopt** the report of its sixty-ninth session on the basis of the draft prepared by the Secretariat.

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