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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION ^{1/ 2/}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 6 June 2007

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda

^{1/} For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/>). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

^{2/} Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>) and to transmit the completed form, at least two weeks before the session to the UNECE Transport Division, either by fax (+41 22 917 0039) or by email (caroline.jeunet@unece.org). Prior to the session, delegates should go to the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, avenue de la Paix) WITH THE COMPLETED FORM to be issued with an identification badge. In case of difficulties, please telephone the UNECE secretariat (extension 73242). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2 Activities of UNECE Bodies of Interest to the Working Party

(a) Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

2. The sixty-second session of the Economic Commission for Europe that is to take place in Geneva from 23-25 April 2007.
3. The Working Party may wish to be informed about the decisions taken by the Commission at its sixty-second 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

4. The Inland Transport Committee (ITC) held its sixty-ninth session in Geneva from 6-8 February 2007.
5. The Working Party may wish to be informed about matters of interest considered by the Committee, in particular in the work area of transport statistics of the Committee's report (ECE/TRANS/192).

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

6. The Working Party may wish to be informed about the outcome of the fifth session of Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Steering Committee (16-17 April 2007), which may have relevance for the activities of the Working Party. The Steering Committee is responsible for the implementation of the THE PEP, established by the Second High-Level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health (5 July 2002).

(d) Transport and environment reporting mechanism (TERM)

7. 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.

Item 3 Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG)

[Programme of Work 2007-2011, paragraph 02.12.1 (c)]

(a) Annual report of the activities of the IWG

8. The Working Party may wish to be informed about and to discuss the report of the IWG meeting, that is to take place from 18 to 20 April 2007 in Paris.

(b) Pilot questionnaires for road and rail statistics

9. 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.6/151, para. 10).

Item 4 Methodological Development and Harmonization of Transport Statistics

[Programme of Work 2007-2011, paragraph 02.12.1 (a)]

(a) Glossary of Transport Statistics

10. IWG will inform the Working Party on the ongoing work within IWG regarding future updates of the Glossary. This will include considerations about the chapter on rail traffic accidents. The Working Party may wish to endorse the work of the IWG (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/151, para. 11 and 17).

(b) Web version of the Common Questionnaire

11. 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 (TRANS/WP.6/151, para. 12).

(c) Web version of the Questionnaire on Road Traffic Accident Statistics

12. The Working Party may wish to be informed by the representative of UNECE and Eurostat about the new developments regarding the Internet version of the Questionnaire for Road Traffic Accidents (TRANS/WP.6/151, para. 14).

(d) Information about further adjustment of the new classification system for transport statistics (NST/2000)

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2007/1.

13. The Working Party may wish to discuss and approve Eurostat document "Update of NST 2000, classification of goods in transport statistics".

(e) Transport of gas through pipelines

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2006/2.

14. The Working Party may wish to discuss issues related to statistics of gas transport through pipelines. The basis for discussion is document prepared by the Government of Denmark.

(f) Workshop on Statistics of Road Traffic Performance

Documents: Informal document No. 1

15. The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the activities of the Task force on Road Traffic Performance (statistics of vehicle-km-year). The Working Party may wish to consider the result of the work of this Task force in the form of Handbook on Statistics on Road Traffic. This methodological Handbook was presented in a Workshop in Belgrade on 6 and 7 March 2007. The Working Party may wish to approve this document and provide guidelines for further work in this area (TRANS/WP.6/151, para. 21-23).

(g) Workshop on Statistics of Long-Distance Transportation by Buses and Coaches

Documents: [AC.6 Informal document 2](#)

16. The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the workshop on Long-Distance Transportation by Buses and Coaches that took place in Maastricht on 29 November 2006 in Maastricht, The Netherlands. The secretariat will also inform the Working Party about the activities of the Task force on Long-Distance Transportation by Buses and Coaches that was created at the workshop. The Working Party may wish to approve document [AC.6 Informal document 2](#) and provide guidelines for further work in this area (TRANS/WP.6/151, para. 25).

(h) Euro-Asian transport links

17. The secretariat will inform the Working Party that no central Asian UNECE member country replied to the questionnaire asking about the problems related to transport statistics relevant for Euro-Asian transport links. The questionnaire was sent on 8 November 2006 (TRANS/WP.6/151, para. 24).

(i) Proposals for workshops

18. The Working Party may wish to consider proposals for workshops that deal with the issues of transport statistics.

Item 5 Transport Database and Information Systems Development

[Programme of Work 2007-2011, para. 02.12.1(e)]

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

19. The Working Party will be informed about the progress made in the development of the databases established by the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project and the Trans-European Railway (TER) Project by the Project Central Offices (PCO) of both projects (TRANS/WP.6/151, para. 28).

(b) Sources of transport statistics on the Internet

20. In accordance with its request (TRANS/WP.6/151, para. 30), 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>

21. Under this agenda item, the Working Party may wish to request member countries to continue 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.

Item 6 Traffic Censuses in the UNECE Region

[Programme of Work 2007-2011, para. 02.12.1(d)]

- (a) Finalisation of the 2005 Combined Census of Motor Traffic Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe

Documents: TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/16; TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/16/Add.1;
TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/16/Add.2. Documents available: click [here](#).

22. The Working Party may wish to inform the delegations about the finalisation of the 2005 E-Road Census, as well as to remind those that have not yet sent the documents to the secretariat, to do that without any delay (TRANS/WP.6/151, para. 31) (TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/16/Add.1, para. 34).

- (b) Finalisation of the E-Rail Census 2005 (AGC)

Documents: TRANS/WP.6/AC.4/2; TRANS/WP.6/AC.4/2/Add.1.

23. The Working Party may wish to inform the delegations about the finalisation of the 2005 E-Rail Census, as well as to remind those that have not yet sent the documents to the secretariat, to do that without any delay (TRANS/WP.6/151, para. 33) (TRANS/WP.6/AC.4/2/Add.1, para. 24).

Item 7 UN/EDIFACT and Other Developments in Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

[Programme of Work 2007-2011, para. 02.12.1(a)]

24. 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.6/151, para. 35).

Item 8 Dissemination of Statistics

[Programme of Work 2007-2011, paragraph 02.12.2]

25. The Working Party may wish to be informed by the secretariat about the publication of annual bulletins on the web in excel (TRANS/WP.6/151, para. 36). In addition, the Working Party may wish to discuss how the content of the publications may be evaluated at its next Session based on inputs from the delegations.

Item 9 Activities of International Organizations of Interest to the Working Party

26. 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 by email to the secretariat a brief written summary (not more than 250 words) about their activities two weeks 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.

Item 10 Draft Programme of Work for 2008-2012

Documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2007/3.

27. The Working Party may wish to discuss its draft Programme of Work for 2008-2012 as circulated in document.

Item 11 Other Business

- (a) Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics

28. The Working Party may wish to consider dates and locations of meetings in 2007-2008 of the following bodies:

- Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics
- Coordinating Committee for Transport Statistics (CCST).

- (b) Date of next session

29. The Working Party may wish to decide on the date for its next session. The secretariat has tentatively scheduled the fifty-ninth session to be held from 28 to 30 May 2008 in Geneva.

Item 12 Adoption of the Report

30. 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.
