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Working Party on Road Traffic Safety
(Forty-sixth session, 14-16 March 2005)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-SIXTH SESSION *

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 14 March and ending at 13.00 pm on Wednesday 16 March

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| 1. | Adoption of the agenda | TRANS/WP.1/97 |
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| 3. | Communications | |
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1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and on
Road Signs and Signals and the 1971 European
Agreements supplementing them | TRANS/WP.1/2005/11 |
| 5. | Revision of the Consolidated Resolutions
on Road Traffic (R.E.1) and on
Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2) | TRANS/SC.1/294/Rev.5
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R.E.1

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| (a) | Safety in tunnels | TRANS/WP.1/2005/1
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| (b) | Roadside checks | TRANS/WP.1/2004/14/Rev.1 |
| (c) | Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and medication | |
| (d) | Improving motorcycle and moped safety | TRANS/WP.1/2004/6/Rev.1
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| (e) | Increasing seat belt usage | TRANS/WP.1/2004/7/Rev.2 |
| (f) | Overtaking | TRANS/WP.1/2005/3 |
| (g) | Pedestrian rules and signs | TRANS/WP.1/2005/4 |
| (h) | 1949 driving permits | TRANS/WP.1/2005/5 |
| (i) | Restructuring of Consolidated Resolution R.E.1 | TRANS/WP.1/2005/2
TRANS/WP.1/2004/10
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R.E.2

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| (j) | Variable message signs | TRANS/WP.1/2004/13
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| (k) | New sign for fuelling stations selling compressed natural gas | TRANS/WP.1/2004/16
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.1 |
| 8. | Evaluation of the Fourth Road Safety Week in the ECE Region and follow up to the Seminar on Aggressive Driving | |
| 9. | Collection and dissemination of information | TRANS/WP.1/80/Rev.3
TRANS/WP.1/2005/9
TRANS/WP.1/2005/9/Add.1
TRANS/WP.1/2005/12 |
| 10. | Other business | TRANS/WP.1/2005/8 |

11. Adoption of decisions

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EXPLANATORY NOTES ¹

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-FIFTH SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY

The Working Party is invited to adopt the report on its forty-fifth session (TRANS/WP.1/96), which was prepared after the session by the secretariat in cooperation with the Chairman of WP.1.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Secretariat

The Working Party will be informed in particular about the results of the 67th session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) (15-17 February 2005) and of the 60th session of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) (22-25 February 2005) which have a bearing on WP.1 and notably the proposal to extend participation in WP.1 to other Contracting Parties to the Vienna Conventions.

(b) Activities of other organizations

Other organizations participating in WP.1 are invited to provide general information on their activities that may be of interest to the Working Party and which are not directly related to items of the agenda.

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

The World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) is discussing proposed amendments to ECE Regulation No. 48 on Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices which seek to introduce new provisions for the automatic activation of the hazard warning signal and indication of emergency braking. The WP.29 has requested the advice of WP.1 on the compatibility of the proposed system with the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic.

The WP.29 has also requested the advice of WP.1 on the compatibility of vehicle degradation systems (VDS) with the Vienna Convention. A vehicle degradation system is one,

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which after activation is intended to prevent or restrict a vehicle being driven away by its own engine.

These two issues are described in the document TRANS/WP.1/2005/11 and further information will be provided by a member of the secretariat of WP.29.

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

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

(a) Safety in tunnels

The small group on safety in tunnels (France, Norway, Switzerland, European Commission, IRU, PRI, secretariat, under the chairmanship of Switzerland) has prepared a revised document incorporating modifications proposed by the Working Party at its 45th session. The revised proposal for consideration and adoption by the Working Party is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2005/1.

The Working Party will also have before it a proposal by the United Kingdom concerning the transport of dangerous goods through tunnels (TRANS/WP.1/2005/10).

(b) Roadside checks

At its forty-fifth session, the Working Party examined document TRANS/WP.1/2004/14 prepared by the small group (France, Switzerland, PRI, European Commission, secretariat, under the chairmanship of Switzerland) and requested the small group to prepare a new draft taking into account the comments of the Working Party.

The Working Party is invited to adopt the new text prepared by the small group that appears in TRANS/WP.1/2004/14/Rev.1 for inclusion in R.E.1.

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

At its forty-fifth session, the Working Party requested the small group (Finland, Italy, Romania, United States and WHO, under the chairmanship of Italy) to prepare a draft questionnaire on the subject of driving under the influence of alcohol. The Working Party will be informed about the status of development of the draft questionnaire.

(d) Improving motorcycle and moped safety

At its forty-fifth session, the Working Party examined the draft questionnaires on improving motorcyclist and moped safety (TRANS/WP.1/2004/6/Rev.1 and TRANS/WP.1/2004/9) prepared by the small group comprised of the United States, FEMA, FIM and IMMA under the chairmanship of the United States. The small group was requested to prepare new drafts incorporating the comments made by members of the Working Party.

The final text of the questionnaires will be circulated as soon as they are ready.

(e) Increasing seat-belt usage

At its forty-fifth session, the Working Party made further comments on the draft questionnaire prepared by the small group on increasing seat-belt usage (Spain, United Kingdom, United States and FIA Foundation, under the chairmanship of the United States). It requested the small group to finalize the questionnaire so that it could be sent out by the secretariat.

The final draft questionnaire disseminated by the secretariat at the beginning of December 2004 is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2004/7/Rev.2.

(f) Overtaking

The small group on overtaking (Russian Federation (Chairman), Estonia, Poland, Romania, FEMA) has submitted a questionnaire for consideration by the Working Party (TRANS/WP.1/2005/3).

(g) Pedestrian rules and signs

The small group established to propose future work on pedestrian rules and signs (Israel, Netherlands, FIP and GRSP, under the chairmanship of FIP) has submitted a draft questionnaire for consideration by the Working Party.

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

(h) 1949 driving permits

At its forty-fifth session, the Working Party was informed that the secretariat had sent a questionnaire to Contracting Parties to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic that had not subsequently adhered to the 1968 Vienna Convention to find out their intentions in this respect and to collect information on the issuance of driving permits in those countries. The Working Party will be informed about the replies received.

The Working Party will also have before it a document prepared by the Russian Federation on behalf of the small group on 1949 Convention driving permits (Portugal, Spain, Russian Federation, IMMA, under the chairmanship of the Russian Federation) presenting proposals for modifications to the 1949 Convention (TRANS/WP.1/2005/5).

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

At its forty-fifth session, the Working Party welcomed the new restructured draft of R.E.1 (TRANS/WP.1/2004/10) prepared by the small group (France, Switzerland, PRI, European Commission and the secretariat) and suggested several modifications. The Working Party will be informed about the work envisaged by the small group.

The WP.1 agreed to consider the proposal relating to the contents of the first aid kit to be carried on board vehicles at its 46th session. The proposal is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2004/17.

The Working Party will also have before it an observation made by the European Federation of Road Victims (FEVR) on chapter 5.1.4 relating to the instruction of children in safe behaviour in road traffic (TRANS/WP.1/2005/2).

Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

(j) Variable message signs

At its forty-fifth session, the Working Party examined a document prepared by the small group on variable message signs (France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain under the chairmanship of Spain) on the historical evolution of variable message signing, on different attempts at harmonization already undertaken, and on differences in existing systems (TRANS/WP.1/2004/13).

The small group was requested to prepare for the 46th session of the Working Party a document outlining what VMS signs are currently in use, what signs should be phased out, what new signs could be introduced, and proposals for distinguishing between danger warning and informative signs.

The proposal by the small group appears in TRANS/WP.1/2005/6.

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

At its forty-fifth session, the Working Party examined a proposal for a new road sign to denote a fuelling station selling compressed natural gas, submitted by the European Natural Gas Vehicle Association (ENGVA) (TRANS/WP.1/2004/4). The Working Party requested those countries opposed to the ENGVA sign to propose an alternative.

An alternative submitted by Germany and Switzerland is contained in TRANS/WP.1/2005/7.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

In the light of changes proposed in its future role, the WP.1 decided at its 45th session that it was premature to consider the terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Working Party prepared by the secretariat (TRANS/WP.1/2004/8). It agreed that a short proposal should be made to the Inland Transport Committee and the Economic Commission for Europe regarding the extension of membership and voting rights in WP.1 to Contracting Parties to the Vienna Conventions outside the UNECE region.

If the extension of membership is approved, the Working Party may wish to re-examine the draft terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Working Party, which have also been

revised to reflect additional proposals by the United Nations Legal Office (TRANS/WP.1/2004/8/Rev.1).

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. A United Nations Road Safety Collaboration Meeting was held on 1 October 2004 at the World Health Organization and it is planned to hold a second meeting on 17 March 2005. A report on progress made in implementing Resolution 58/289 will be submitted to the General Assembly at its 60th 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 45th 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 small group established to assist with the preparation of the Fourth Road Safety Week (France, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, ECMT and the secretariat) was requested to consider what follow up should be given to the Seminar on Aggressive Driving Behaviour and to make a preliminary evaluation of the replies to the questionnaire so that proposals could be made to the 47th session of the Working Party in September 2005.

9. COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

At its forty-fifth meeting, members of the Working Party were requested to inform the secretariat by the end of December 2004 of any changes to document TRANS/WP.1/80/Rev.2 on national road safety requirements. The Working Party will have before it TRANS/WP.1/80/Rev.3 reflecting those changes.

The Working Party will also have before it for information a list of road safety campaigns conducted in UNECE member countries in 2003 (TRANS/WP.1/2005/9 and Add.1).

The Working Party will also have before it for information a document from Latvia on new road safety requirements in that country (TRANS/WP.1/2005/12).

10. OTHER BUSINESS

The Working Party will have before it a document transmitted by the AIT/FIA calling for harmonization of legislation pertaining to the mandatory use of reflective jackets after breakdowns or accidents (TRANS/WP.1/2005/8).

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

The Working Party is informed that its forty-seventh session is scheduled to be held from 13-16 September 2005.

11. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

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



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