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In view of the Working Party on Land Transport on 3 June 2016, delegations will find attached a Note on the above-mentioned subject.

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**Group of Experts on European Agreement Concerning Work of Crews of Vehicles
Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)**

Twelfth session Geneva, 27-28 June 2016 Item 1 of the provisional agenda **Adoption of
the Agenda**

Annotated provisional agenda for the twelfth session¹²

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 27 June 2016

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Programme of work:
 - (a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis;

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 (www.unece.org/trans/main/sc1/sc1.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (roadtransport@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

² All delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by e-mail (roadsafety@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 72401). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website (www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html).

- (b) Update of amendment proposal of AETR, Article 14;
 - (c) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the "AETR area;"
 - (d) Exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards.
3. EU Regulation No. 165/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
 4. Other business.
 5. Date and place of next meeting.
 6. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session's agenda (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/29).

2. Programme of work

(a) Development of proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, including Article 22bis

Experts will be invited to continue to discuss, with a view towards finalizing, the proposed changes to Article 22bis as well as to Article 14 (to make regional economic integration organizations eligible to accede) based on the consolidated proposal in the annex of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/20.

The Russian Federation will be invited to present an amendment proposal as discussed at the last session (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/2016/1).

The Group of Experts will also invite the Joint Research Centre to provide information about the legal status of "Digital Tachograph System, European Root Policy, Version 2.1".

(b) Update of Amendment proposals of AETR, Article 14

The Group of Experts will be informed about the status of the amendment proposal to allow four non-UNECE member States to accede to the AETR Agreement.

(c) Application of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006 in the "AETR area"

The Group of Experts will be invited to resume discussing the application of the Regulation 561/2006 given that the objective of amending the AETR Agreement in 2006 was to harmonize the two regimes for driving times and rest periods. The European Union will be invited to provide an update on the process of revising this Regulation and the outcome of the public consultations held in early 2016.

(d) Exchange of information on issuing digital tachograph cards

At the seventh session, experts agreed to support the tabling of an amendment proposal to introduce new Article 10bis (presented in the annex of ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/20). At this session, the AETR Contracting Parties will be invited to update the Group of Experts on any progress in this regard.

Turkey will be invited to inform the Group of Experts about its project to establish a national driving times and rest periods data monitoring centre (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/26, para. 12). This briefing was postponed at the last session due to the unavailability of a Turkish expert.

3. EU Regulation No. 165/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council

AETR Contracting Parties may wish to discuss European Union Regulation No. 165/2014 and its impact (if any) on the AETR Agreement, including that related to establishing the Tachograph Forum (Article 43). At the last session, the European Commission was invited to prepare a document to ensure the implementation of the tachograph specifications based on the Regulation 165/2014 in the framework of the AETR Agreement. The Group of Experts may wish to discuss this document.

4. Other business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other business.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 24 October 2016 in Palais des Nations in Geneva.

6. Adoption of the report

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of this session.
