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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the fifth meeting of the Working Group on the Asian Highway (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

I. Provisional agenda

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

The Director of the Transport Division of ESCAP will open the meeting. The tentative programme for the opening of the meeting will be announced in due course.

2. Election of officers

A chair, vice-chair(s) and rapporteur will be elected for the meeting.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/AHWG(5)/L.1)

Annotation

The annotated provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the meeting, subject to such changes as deemed necessary.

4. Status of implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network

Documentation

Status of implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network (E/ESCAP/AHWG(5)/1)

Annotation

The meeting will be informed of the obligations of the Parties to the Agreement and the current status of implementation with respect to: (a) accession, signature and ratifications; (b) conformity to classification and design standards; (c) Asian Highway route signs; and (d) status of road safety on the Asian Highway. Member States may wish to update the Working Group on: (a) progress towards accession, ratification, acceptance or approval of the Agreement; (b) progress in and plans for upgrading of Asian Highway routes; (c) their plans for and progress in placing Asian Highway route signs; and (d) progress in and plans for improving road safety on the Asian Highway.

5. Proposals for amendments to the Agreement

Documentation

Proposals for amendments to the Agreement (E/ESCAP/AHWG(5)/2)

Annotation

The Working Group will consider the proposals made by Parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network, in accordance with articles 8, 9 and 10 of the Agreement.

6. Policies and issues relating to the development of the Asian Highway

Documentation

Policies and issues relating to the development of the Asian Highway (E/ESCAP/AHWG(5)/3)

Annotation

The Working Group will be informed of the work of member States and the secretariat in promoting and developing the Asian Highway, improving road safety and road transport, promoting intermodal linkages through the development of dry ports and considering important issues and

policies on sustainable and inclusive development relevant to the further development of the Asian Highway. The Working Group may consider policies and approaches for developing the Asian Highway, promoting investment in the Asian Highway, improving road safety and promoting dry ports and other interfaces along Asian Highway routes in support of more sustainable and inclusive development in the region.

7. Other matters

The meeting may raise any other matter not covered under the items mentioned above.

8. Adoption of the report

The meeting will adopt major conclusions and recommendations of the fifth meeting of the Working Group on the Asian Highway.