

Presentation Summaries

Slide 1: Title: Selected UNECE International Conventions and Agreements on Road Transport

Slide 2: Content of the presentation: Introduction, about UNECE, general about the main UNECE Agreements and Conventions in Transport, 13 UNECE Conventions on Road Transport, some additional important UNECE Conventions, implementation, conclusions and recommendations.

Slide 3: Introduction: Transport, a most strategic factor for economic development and job creation, difficult challenges, physical barriers, non-physical obstacles, need for action of Governments, coordinated in the framework of the relevant international organizations.

Slides 4-5: About the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: Regional branch of the UN, 55 Member States, UNECE a neutral forum for intergovernmental cooperation, pioneering in promoting cooperation, the UNECE Inland Transport Committee, work in close cooperation with the relevant EC Directorates, composed of Governments' experts and non-governmental organizations. 55 international Agreements and Conventions, legally binding, applied by many countries around the world, they are a European legacy to the international community.

Slide 6-7: General about the main UNECE Agreements and Conventions on Transport: Coherent international infrastructure networks; Efficient, competitive inter-modal transport; Road Traffic Safety; Safe and Clean Vehicles; Simplified border procedures; and Safe transport of dangerous goods. Elaborated by consensus, main text and one or several Annexes, open to all UN Member States, Many non-ECE States are already Parties, no accession fee, 13 major UNECE Conventions and Agreements on Road transport.

Slides 8-64: 13 major UNECE Conventions and Agreements on Road transport. Objectives, Key Provisions, Benefits and Contracting Parties: As follows:

Slides 8 -11: Convention on Road Traffic, 1968:

Slides 12-18: Convention on Road Signs and Signals, of 1968:

Slides 19-24: TIR Convention, of 1975:

Slides 25-28: Customs Convention on Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles, 1956.:

Slides 29-32: Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982:

Slides 33-36: Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Good by Road (CMR), of 1956:

Slides 37-40: Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR), of 1978:

Slides 41-44: Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring, of 1954:

Slides 45-48: Customs Convention on Temporary Import of Private Road Vehicles, of 1954:

Slides 49-53: Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP), of 1970:

Slides 54-57: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), of 1957:

Slides 58-61: Protocol of 1993 Amending Articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) of ADR:

Slides 61-64: European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR), of 1970:

Slide 65: 3 main UNECE Conventions on Vehicles: Vehicles Regulation, 1958, (44 CP/ 3 MEDA), Global Vehicles Regulation, 1998 (24 CP/ 2 MEDA), Technical Inspection of Vehicles, 1997 (7 CP/ 0 MEDA)

Slide 66: 4 UNECE Conventions on infrastructure networks: AGR-Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries, AGC-Agreement on Main International Railway Lines, AGTC-Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC), AGN-Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance

Slides 67-70: AGR, AGC, AGTC, AGN: Key provisions, and network maps

Slides 71-72: About Implementation of the UNECE Agreements and conventions

Slides 73-74: Conclusions: UNECE Conventions on Transport are vital to countries to facilitate international transport, provide for safety and security, protect the environment; Provide for efficiency to international road transport; Key to international trade, exports and imports, international tourism; Harmonize and improve standards of road transport; Ensure fair competition among carriers; Facilitate border crossing procedures; Decrease border crossing delays and costs and avoid payment of unnecessary taxes; Facilitate settlement of disputes; Facilitate international transport of perishable foodstuffs; Accession to and implementation of UNECE Conventions and Agreements provides market access and inclusion in globalization

Slide 75: Recommendations: MEDA States are CPs to about 36 % of 13 major UNECE Road Transport Conventions; They should undertake the appropriate national legal procedures for their Accession; Deposit an Instrument with the S-G.