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Warsaw, 31 January and 1 February 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifteenth session*

to be held in Warsaw starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 31 January 2017

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Identification of cargo flows on the Euro-Asian transport links.
3. Facilitating of the coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs on the Euro-Asian transport links.
4. Identification of needs and requirements by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders in transport and trade on the Euro-Asian transport links routes.
5. Information from participants on recent developments in transport infrastructure priority projects along the Euro-Asian transport links routes.
6. Geographical Information Systems.
7. Other business.
8. Date of next meeting.
9. Summary of decisions.

* 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/wp5/wp5.html. On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (maria.mostovets@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/29

2. Identification of cargo flows on the Euro-Asian transport links

The Group of Experts may wish to consider a presentation by the "Scientific and Research Institute of Motor Transport" (NIIAT) from Moscow as the consultant for the drafting of the Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Phase 3 report. The NIIAT will present the second draft of the Phase 3 report based on comments by the Group during the fourteenth session in October 2016. The Group of Experts may wish to review the presented draft and offer its opinion and guidance for the finalisation of the report.

The Group of Experts may also welcome presentations from representatives of main EATL stakeholders.

Documentation

Informal document WP.5/GE.2 (2016) No. 1/Rev.1

3. Facilitating of the coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs on the Euro-Asian transport links

The Group of Experts may wish to consider new information on time schedules and tariffs on EATL routes. As agreed at the fourteenth EATL session, the Organization for Cooperation between Railways shall submit a document on trains operating with regular itineraries between Europe and Asia (Informal document WP.5/GE.2 (2015) No. 3/Rev.2).

Documentation

Informal document WP.5/GE.2 (2015) No. 3/Rev.2

4. Identification of needs and requirements by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders in transport and trade on the Euro-Asian transport links routes

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that based on an adopted work plan (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) it shall identify transportation needs and requirements (including obstacles) which face producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders along nine rail and road EATL corridors.

The Group of Experts will consider the presentations by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders who share their experiences, best practices, problems and proposals for solutions.

5. Information from participants on recent developments in transport infrastructure priority projects along the Euro-Asian transport links routes

The Group of Experts may wish to consider new information by Governments on this topic and provide guidance to the secretariat on possible actions.

6. Geographical Information Systems

The Group of Experts will continue to receive observations and guidance from the Governments and exchange views on the further development of the Geographical Information Systems (GIS), especially on the financing of this wing of the EATL project. A possible involvement of commercial enterprises in EATL GIS will also be considered.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2014/1

7. Other business

The Group of Experts shall discuss other issues about the conclusion of EATL Phase 3.

8. Date of next meeting

The Group of Experts will set the date and venue for its sixteenth session.

9. Summary of decisions

The Group of Experts will adopt the list of main decisions at the end of the session.
