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Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION\***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday 14 September 2006

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda ECE/TRANS/WP.5/39  
and Add.1
2. Monitoring of developments relevant for the Pan-European transport corridors and areas
  - (a) The relationship between the UNECE infrastructure Agreements (AGR, AGC, AGTC and its Protocol, and AGN) and the UNECE Projects (TEM and TER) with Pan-European transport infrastructure network planning procedures

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| (b) Infrastructure bottlenecks and missing links  | ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/1<br>and Adds.1-6<br>ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/2 and<br>Adds.1-4 |
| 3. Development of Euro-Asian transport links  |  |
| (a) Elaboration of the elements of the joint<br>UNECE-UNESCAP programme for the<br>development of Euro-Asian transport links,<br>as well as the analysis of the results of the<br>relevant international meetings |  |
| (b) Organization of demonstration trains  | ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/3  |
| 4. Transport in the Mediterranean region  |  |
| (a) Mediterranean Transport Study Centre and<br>Transport Training Centre   | ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/4  |
| (b) Transport developments in the Mediterranean<br>Region   | ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/5<br>ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/7<br>and Adds.1-2                 |
| 5. Election of officers for the sessions of the Working<br>Party in 2007 and 2008   |  |
| 6. Draft Programme of Work for 2007-2011  | ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/8  |
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| (a) Economic Commission for Europe  | E/2006/37-E/ECE/1444   |
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| (c) Follow-up to the Regional Conference on<br>Transport and the Environment  |  |
| 8. Phased approach to transport infrastructure<br>developments  | Informal document No.1   |
| 9. Assistance regarding institutional adaptation<br>of government administration and of transport<br>enterprises to market economy  | ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/9  |

10. Relationship between transport and economic development

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11. Other Business

12. Adoption of the report

Annex: Registration form

## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

1. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

### Item 2 Monitoring of developments relevant for the Pan-European transport corridors and areas

2. At its eighteenth session (TRANS/WP.5/38), the Working Party decided that one of its priority areas of concern should be the follow-up of all developments relevant for the Pan-European transport corridors. In this context, the Working Party decided to invite the chairpersons of steering committees of the selected Pan-European transport corridors to periodically provide the information on the most important developments in their respective corridors to its future sessions. Also, in November 2005, the Final Report on development and activities on Pan-European Transport Corridors and Areas between 1994 and 2003 and forecast until 2010 (Pan-Eurostar) was issued by the DG TREN.

(a) Relationship between UNECE infrastructural Agreements (AGR, AGC, AGTC, AGN) and the UNECE Projects (TEM and TER), with Pan-European transport infrastructure network planning procedures

3. In this context, the chairpersons of the selected Pan-European Transport Corridors and Areas will inform the Working Party on recent developments and activities in their respective Corridors and Areas. The representatives of countries concerned may wish to provide additional information on major developments relevant to Corridors in their respective countries.

4. In view of the existence of UNECE infrastructure agreements, the TEM and TER Master Plans, and following the enlargement of the European Union, the Working Party may wish to discuss how future developments related to transport corridors and areas could be most effectively monitored for the benefit of all UNECE member countries.

(b) Infrastructure bottlenecks and missing links

5. The Working Party may wish to discuss replies to the questionnaire on infrastructure bottlenecks and missing links and how those results could be best used in the process of infrastructure networks planning procedures at the Pan-European level. Replies to the questionnaire are reproduced in documents ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/1/Add.1-6, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/2 and Add.1-4.

**Item 3 Development of Euro-Asian Transport Links**

(a) Elaboration of the elements of the Joint UNECE-UNESCAP programme for the development of Euro-Asian transport links, and analysis of the results of the relevant international meetings

6. The Working Party will discuss in what ways it could further ensure implementation of elements of the Common UNECE-UNESCAP Strategic Vision for the Euro-Asian Transport Links (TRANS/WP.5/2001/14). The Working Party will be informed about the proposal for the Joint UNECE-UNESCAP Project on developing Euro-Asian transport links - Phase II.

7. The Working Party will also exchange information about the outcome of international meetings and activities relevant for the development of Euro-Asian transport links.

(b) Organization of demonstration trains

8. Representatives of Romania, the Russian Federation and Turkey will inform the Working Party about new developments concerning demonstration runs of block trains along the Euro-Asian corridors on their respective territories. Representatives of other member countries are invited to inform the Working Party on their experiences with organization of demonstration runs of container block trains along relevant corridors. Information regarding these runs of block trains will be circulated in ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/3.

**Item 4 Transport in the Mediterranean Region**

(a) Mediterranean Transport Study Centre and Transport Training Centre

9. The Transport Study Centre for the Eastern Mediterranean (TRANSCEM), and the Transport Study Centre for the Western Mediterranean (CETMO) have been asked to report on their activities since the sixteenth session of the Working Party (TRANS/WP.5/38, para. 18). Relevant information on the recent activities of CETMO and TRANSCEM will be circulated in document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/4 for consideration by the Working Party.

(b) Transport developments in the Mediterranean Region

10. At its eighteenth session, the Working Party asked the secretariat to request from the EC DG TREN updated information on the situation regarding the development of the Euro-Mediterranean transport network for its next session. The Working Party will be informed about

various activities relevant for transport developments in the Mediterranean Region. This information, if submitted in writing, will be circulated in document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/5.

11. In addition, the secretariat will present the information on developments of motorways of the sea provided by member Governments. This information will be circulated in document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/7 and Add.1-2.

**Item 5 Election of Officers for the sessions of the Working Party in 2007 and 2008**

12. The Working Party will have to elect its Chairman and the Vice-chairman for its sessions in 2007 and 2008.

**Item 6 Draft Programme of Work for 2007-2011**

13. The Working Party may wish to approve its draft programme of work for 2007-2011, on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/8.

**Item 7 Activities of UNECE Bodies of interest to the Working Party**

(a) Economic Commission for Europe

14. The sixty-first session of the Economic Commission for Europe was held in Geneva from 21 to 23 February 2006.

15. The Working Party may wish to be informed about the decisions taken by the Commission at its sixty-first session, concerning such questions as the UNECE reform, follow-up to the global and regional conferences, major policy issues of the UNECE and their impact on the UNECE programme of work, and the UNECE technical cooperation activities (E/2006/37-E/ECE/1444).

(b) Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

16. The Committee held its sixty-eighth session in Geneva from 7 to 9 February 2006.

17. The Working Party will be informed about the Committee's discussion on questions related, in particular, to its work areas as contained in paras. 29-37 of the Committee's report (ECE/TRANS/166).

**Item 8 Phased approach to transport infrastructure development**

18. At its eighteenth session, the Working Party (TRANS/WP.5/38, para. 24), asked the secretariat to continue providing relevant information on concrete national experiences with the application of a phased approach to infrastructure developments. The Working Party may wish to take note of the document prepared by Mr. C. Kingombe - "Phased Approach to Transport Infrastructure Projects in Landlocked Countries" which is being circulated as Informal document No. 1.

**Item 9 Assistance regarding institutional adaptation of government administration and of transport enterprises to market economy**

19. The Working Party will be informed about the activities of the Regional Adviser and the UNECE Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT). Information on these items is being circulated in document TRANS/WP.5/2006/9.

20. The Working Party may also invite Governments and relevant international organizations and institutions to contribute to the UNECE Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT) and indicate the type of assistance which may be forthcoming (TRANS/WP.5/38, para. 26).

**Item 10 Relationship Between Transport And Economic Development**

21. The Working Party may wish to consider the overview of the study carried out by the Swiss Federal Office for Spatial Development (ARE), which attempts to bring some light into the debate on benefits of transport. The study proposes, on the one hand, a theoretical overview on the state of international discussion of the issue and, on the other hand, presents empirical estimates in selected fields in order to fill existing knowledge gaps. This information is being circulated in document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/10.

**Item 11 Other business**

22. The Working Party's twentieth session is tentatively scheduled for 13–14 September 2007.

**Item 12 Adoption of the report**

23. In accordance with the decision of the Working Party taken at its fifteenth session (TRANS/WP.5/32, para.56), decisions taken at the session will be adopted at the end of the session. The report of the session, including the decisions, will be established by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman with the assistance of the secretariat, for submission to the Inland Transport Committee.

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Annex

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