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Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Inland Transport Security

**REPORT OF THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INLAND  
TRANSPORT SECURITY ON ITS FOURTH SESSION  
(Geneva, 24-25 January 2008)**

**I. ATTENDANCE**

1. The Multidisciplinary Expert Group on Inland Transport Security held its fourth session from 24 to 25 January 2008.
2. The session was attended by representatives of the following countries: Belgium; France; Germany; Luxembourg; Russian Federation; Switzerland; Turkey; Ukraine; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. A representative of the European Community (EC) was also present.
3. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC); the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
4. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC); the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA); the International Organization for Standardization (ISO); the International Union of Railways (UIC).

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda item 1)**

5. The Group of Experts adopted the agenda (ECE/TRANS/AC.11/7).

**III. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT (Agenda item 2)**

6. The Expert Group adopted the report of the third session that took place on 26 November 2007 (ECE/TRANS/AC.11/6).

**IV. REGULATORY INITIATIVES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL (Agenda item 3)**

7. The Expert Group discussed Informal document No. 2 (2008) - referred to as “Informal document No. 1/Rev.2 (2007)” in the session’s agenda. The Group agreed to annex Informal document No. 2 (2008), an inventory of regulatory initiatives at the national level, to the final report as stipulated in the terms of reference.

**V. REGULATORY INITIATIVES AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL (Agenda item 4)**

8. The Expert Group discussed Informal document No. 3 (2008) – referred to in the meeting’s agenda as Informal document No. 2/Rev.2 – containing a list of regulatory initiatives at the international level. The Group agreed to annex Informal document No. 3 (2008) to the final report as stipulated in the terms of reference.

9. The Expert Group was informed by representatives of ECAC and IMO about the latest regulatory developments in the areas of civil aviation and maritime security respectively. Both ECAC and IMO representatives made comprehensive and insightful presentations to the Group. The Chairman – on behalf of the Group – thanked them for their valuable contributions.

**VI. STANDARDS, INITIATIVES, GUIDELINES, BEST PRACTICES BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR (Agenda item 5)**

10. The Expert Group discussed Informal document No. 4 (2008) identified as Informal document No. 3/Rev.2 in the meeting’s agenda. The experts agreed to annex Informal document No. 4 to the final report.

**VII. FINAL REPORT (Agenda item 6)**

11. The Expert Group discussed Informal document No.1 (2008) which contains the recommendations and proposals to UNECE members to improve inland transport security. The Expert Group’s Chairman will present Informal document No.1 (2008) to the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee at its 18 February 2008 session as stipulated in the terms of reference.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda item 7)**

12. There was no discussion under this agenda item.

**IX. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 8)**

13. No date and place of the next meeting was set pending decisions by the Inland Transport Committee at its February 2008 session.

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