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Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

Group of Experts on Hinterland Connections of Seaports

First session,  
Geneva 18 April 2008  
Agenda item 5

**DRAFT WORK PLAN OF ACTIVITIES OF THE  
GROUP OF EXPERTS ON HINTERLAND CONNECTIONS OF SEAPORTS  
(April 2008 – February 2009)**

Note by the secretariat

The Group of Experts is to review at its first session on 18 April 2008 the Draft Work Plan of its own activities in 2008, which appears below. The Group may wish to take note of the Work Plan and consider adjustments, if necessary.

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| <b>Activity</b>  | <b>Dates</b>   | <b>Objectives, Actions and Outputs</b>  |
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| First session of the Group of Experts                      | Geneva, 18 April 2008<br>(fully serviced meeting with interpretation services – E, F, R) | Election of officers; Approval of the work plan; Approval of the agenda for the Piraeus Conference and formation of the Conference Steering Group; Discussion of the Final Report content and deadlines |
| Meeting of the Conference Steering Group                   | Geneva, 24 June 2008<br>(informal meeting, English only)                                 | Finalization of the Piraeus Conference program and logistic arrangements  |
| Piraeus Conference on seaport connectivity                 | Piraeus, 18-19 September 2008  | Holding of a prestigious international conference in Piraeus; contributions by invited experts that will provide inputs to the Final Report of the Expert Group   |
| Second session of the Group of Experts                     | Geneva, 28 Oct. 2008<br>(fully serviced meeting with interpretation services – E, F, R)  | Consideration of the report on the Piraeus Conference and discussion of the first draft of Final Report   |
| Third session of the Group of Experts                      | Geneva, 23 Jan. 2009<br>(if necessary)   | Consideration of the Final Report with recommendations for the Inland Transport Committee   |
| 71 <sup>st</sup> session of the Inland Transport Committee | Geneva, 24-26 Feb. 2009  | Presentation of the Final Report by Chair of the Expert Group   |