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Group of Experts on Hinterland Connections of Seaports

Second session

Geneva, 28 October 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 28 October 2008

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report
3. UNECE Conference in Piraeus

¹ 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 (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html>).

² Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat 2 weeks prior to the session by email (bernadette.healy@unece.org) or by fax (41 22 917 0039). Delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on our website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>).

4. Regulatory initiatives
5. Statistical initiatives
6. Final report
7. Other business
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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.1/4

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

Item 2. Adoption of the report

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.1/3

2. The Group of Experts will adopt the report of its first session that took place on 18 April 2008.

Item 3. UNECE Conference in Piraeus

Documentation: Informal document WP.5/GE.1 No. 1

3. The secretariat will inform the Group about the informal session of the Conference Steering Committee in Geneva on 24 June 2008 that finalized the structure of the UNECE Conference on Hinterland Connections of Seaports, hosted by the Government of Greece in Piraeus on 17-18 September 2008. The final Conference programme is available in the informal document WP.5/GE.1 No. 1 (2008). The Group may wish to take note of the main conclusions of the Conference that will be presented by the secretariat.

Item 4. Regulatory initiatives

4. The Expert Group may wish to discuss recent regulatory initiatives in the ECE region that address bottlenecks in connections of seaports with inland transport modes as well as the collection of relevant information on hinterland connections with a view to share best practices. The objective of the discussion will be to progress towards the development of conclusions and recommendations in the Group's final report.

Item 5. Statistical initiatives

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.1/2008/3; Informal document WP.5/GE.1 No. 2

5. The secretariat will present the questionnaire sent to a number of recipients in July 2008 (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.1/2008/3). The questionnaire is also available on the website (http://unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5_ge1_Questionnaire.html). The Group of Experts will also be informed about recent statistical initiatives concerning hinterland connections of seaports at the EU level and national levels. A representative of Statistics Netherlands will present a Netherlands pilot project on statistical analysis of transport supply chains (Informal document GE.1 No. 2). The objective of the discussion will be to progress towards the development of conclusions and recommendations in the Group's final report.

Item 6. Final report

Documentation: Informal document WP.5/GE.1 No. 3

6. The consultant engaged by UNECE will present the draft outline of the Final report with some tentative conclusions and/or recommendations (Informal document WP.5/GE.1 No. 3). The Group of Experts may wish to discuss how to cooperate effectively with the consultant to prepare a partial first draft of the Final report before the end of the year. The Group's terms of reference stipulate the submission of a report that contains recommendations and/or amendments to existing legal instruments.

Item 7. Other business

7. The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

Item 8. Date and place of next meeting

8. The next meeting of the Group will take place in Geneva on 23 January 2009, if necessary.
