

DRAFT MANDATE OF THE TASK FORCE ON RAIL SECURITY

1. Following the report of the Expert Group on Inland Transport Security (<http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2008/ac11/AC11-2008-inf01r1e.pdf>) and recommendations contained therein, the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) has decided on 19 November 2008 to establish a task force to address security issues in the rail sector.
2. The task force will aim to address selected rail security issues, including the cooperation between government agencies and railway sector (infrastructure managers, railway undertakings, etc.), in the framework of the recommendations mentioned above.
3. The task force will include experts from the public sector (e.g. government line Ministries, European Commission, OSJD, OTIF) and the business sector (International Union of Railways – UIC and possibly other representative organisations).
4. The task force will collect and exchange information about best practices in securing heavy rail systems, cost-benefit assessments, regional and international cooperation. The task force will focus on issues of international cooperation regarding railway security between UNECE countries that have not yet been taken up by the EU, OTIF or OSJD; e.g. on issues of cooperation on railway security between EU countries and non-EU countries.
5. The task force will prepare recommendations for the sixty-third session of the SC.2 in Geneva on 18-20 November 2009.
6. The business of the task force will be conducted in English.
7. The establishment and functioning of the task force will be consistent with pertinent UNECE guidelines (www.unece.org/hlm/docs/guidelines%20teams%20specialists%202003%20e.pdf).