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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-third session^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 September 2010

I. Provisional agenda

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4. Euro-Asian Transport Links:
 - (a) Report of the Expert Group on Euro-Asian Transport Links;

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>). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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 two weeks prior to the session by email (maria.mostovets@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>).

- (b) Other Euro-Asian transport initiatives.
- 5. Transport in the Mediterranean Region:
 - (a) Report of the Mediterranean Transport Study Centre;
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 - (a) Transport trends and challenges in Germany;
 - (b) Transport trends and challenges in the road sector;
 - (c) Transport trends and challenges in the rail sector;
 - (d) Transport and competitiveness.
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- 8. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party.
- 9. Election of officers for the Working Party sessions in 2011 and 2012.
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- 11. Date of next session.
- 12. Joint United Nations Economic Commission for Europe/United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Workshop “Climate Change Impacts on International Transport Networks”.
- 13. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission’s rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/47 – Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-third session

2. Monitoring of the developments relevant to pan-European transport networks

A. The European Commission briefing on the progress made in the development of the Trans-European Transport Network

At its twenty-second session (8–9 September 2009), the European Commission informed the Working Party about the progress made in the development of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) policy and follow-up activities, including the establishment of six expert groups (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/46, para 3). The European Commission will brief the Working Party about the recent progress of TEN-T activities and extension of the network to countries in the neighbourhood of the European Union (EU).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/46; Informal documentation

B. Trans European Motorway and Trans European Railway projects

The manager of the Trans European Motorway (TEM) and Trans European Railway (TER) projects will inform the Working Party about the activities implemented over the reporting period 2009–2010, including the state of revision of the TEM and TER Project Master Plan.

Documentation

Informal documentation

3. Hinterland Connections of Seaports

The secretariat will present the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) publication on hinterland connections of seaports (ECE/TRANS/210) and inform the Working Party about the state of the follow-up activities recommended in the report.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/210

4. Euro-Asian Transport Links**A. Report of the Expert Group on Euro-Asian Transport Links**

The Chair of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) will present a report on activities of the Group (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2010/1). The Working Party may wish to invite governments of the participating countries to provide financial support for the EATL project.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2010/1; Informal documentation

B. Other Euro-Asian transport initiatives

Representatives of invited Euro-Asian transport initiatives will brief the Working Party about their activities and cooperation with the EATL Expert Group.

Documentation

Informal documentation

5. Transport in the Mediterranean Region**A. Report of the Mediterranean Transport Study Centre**

The Transport Study Centre for the Western Mediterranean (CETMO) had been asked to prepare a report on CETMO activities for the twenty-third session of the WP.5. The information on recent activities of CETMO will be circulated in document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2010/2 for consideration by the Working Party.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2010/2; Informal documentation

B. The Euro-Mediterranean transport network

The European Commission will brief the Working Party on its activities pertaining to the development of the Euro-Mediterranean transport network.

6. Transport trends and challenges

A. Transport trends and challenges in Germany

The German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development will make a presentation concerning the experience of Germany on improving the quality and sustainability of transport services during the recent economic downturn and its aftermath. The Working Party may wish to discuss the German experience with the adaptation to cyclical and structural changes in the market for inland transport services and indicate whether it would like to receive a similar national report next year.

Documentation

Informal documentation

B. Road transport trends and challenges

The International Road Transport Union (IRU) will present recent road transport trends and challenges to the recovery of road transport activity to pre-crisis levels.

Documentation

Informal documentation

C. Rail transport trends and challenges

The International Union of Railways (UIC) will present recent rail transport trends and challenges to the recovery of rail transport activity to pre-crisis levels.

Documentation

Informal documentation

D. Transport and competitiveness

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the progress of the UNECE project “Supply Chain Challenges for National Competitiveness through Transport” that had been approved by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) at its seventy-second session in February 2010.

Documentation

Informal documentation

7. Technical assistance to countries with transition economies

The Working Party will be informed about activities of the Regional Adviser and the UNECE Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT) during the 2009–

2010 time period. The Working Party may wish to 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.

Documentation

Informal documentation

8. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party

The ITC held its seventy-second session in Geneva from 23 to 25 February 2010. The Working Party will be informed about the Committee's decisions on the issues related to its programme of work.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/208

9. Election of officers for the Working Party sessions in 2011 and 2012

The Working Party will elect its Chair and Vice-Chair for its sessions in 2010 and 2011.

10. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no proposals under this item.

11. Date of next session

The Working Party's twenty-fourth session is tentatively scheduled to take place in Geneva on 6 and 7 September 2011.

12. Joint United Nations Economic Commission for Europe/United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Workshop "Climate Change Impacts on International Transport Networks"

The Working Party may wish to consider presentations by invited experts on climate change impacts on international transport networks. The relevance of the topic to all transport modes is explained in the joint UNECE/UNCTAD³ background paper (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2010/3), as well as in the Summary of Proceedings of UNCTAD's meeting on "Maritime Transport and the Climate Change Challenge" that took place in February 2009 (UNCTAD/DTL/TLB2009/1). The Working Party may wish to adopt conclusions that reflect the presentations and subsequent discussions of workshop participants.

³ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2010/3; UNCTAD/DTL/TLB2009/1; Informal documentation

13. Adoption of the report

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 Chair and Vice-Chair with the assistance of the secretariat, for submission to the Inland Transport Committee.
