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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixth session*

to be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 July 2011

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report.
3. Recent developments related to the Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II:
 - (a) Information related to the OSCE;
 - (b) Information related to other international organizations.
4. EATL progress report.
5. Transport infrastructure:
 - (a) Identification of priority routes;
 - (b) Identification of priority projects.
6. Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II: Study on non-physical obstacles to transport and collection of related data.

* For reasons of economy, 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 www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html. On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by email (maria.mostovets@unece.org) or by fax (41 22-917 0039).

7. Adoption of the report of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) on implementing Phase II of the EATL Project.
8. The way ahead.
9. OSCE-UNECE Handbook on best practices in border crossing.
10. Other business.
11. Date and place of next meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

2. Adoption of the report

The Expert Group will adopt the report of its fifth session.

3. Recent developments related to the Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II

(a) Information related to the OSCE

The Expert Group will be informed by the OSCE about recent developments related to transport in the OSCE/ECE region, in particular in the context of the follow-up to the eighteenth OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum (EEF) and the preparatory process to the nineteenth OSCE EEF. Other international and regional organizations may provide information about any other recent relevant developments and events.

(b) Information related to other international organizations

The Expert Group will be informed by other international organizations about recent developments related to transport in the OSCE/ECE region.

4. EATL progress report

The Expert Group will be informed by the UNECE about the progress in Phase II.

5. Transport infrastructure

(a) Identification of priority routes

The Expert Group will be informed about the progress of work, review and update priority EATL routes based on country inputs, and approve the respective results and related maps to be circulated by the secretariat.

(b) Identification of priority projects

The Expert Group will be informed about the progress of the EATL projects' prioritization exercise based on country inputs, approve the respective results and related maps to be circulated by the secretariat.

6. Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II: Study on non-physical obstacles to transport and collection of related data

The Expert Group will be informed about the progress of the study and related survey on non-physical obstacles to international transport along the EATL routes and discuss ways and means of collecting missing data.

7. Adoption of the report of the Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) on implementing Phase II of the EATL Project

The secretariat will present the draft report of the Group of Experts on implementing Phase II. The group is expected to consider, comment and approve this report, the revised version of which, incorporating all comments would be submitted to the twenty-fourth session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) to be held in Geneva on 6 and 7 September 2011, for approval.

8. The way ahead

The Expert Group will discuss its future plans and activities.

9. OSCE-UNECE Handbook on best practices in border crossing

The OSCE-UNECE secretariats will present the joint Handbook on best practices in border crossing.

10. Other business

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

11. Date and place of next meeting

The Expert Group will decide the date and venue for its next meeting.
