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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

##### Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links

###### Eleventh session

Geneva, 30–31 October 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh session<sup>1</sup>

to be held in Geneva starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 30 October 2014

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Identification of cargo flows on the Euro-Asian transport links.
3. Facilitating the coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs on the Euro-Asian transport links.
4. Identification of needs and requirements by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders in transport and trade on the EATL routes.
5. Information from participants on recent developments regarding transport infrastructure priority projects along the EATL routes.
6. Geographical Information System.
7. Other business.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail ([maria.mostovets@unece.org](mailto:maria.mostovets@unece.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

8. Date of next meeting.
9. Summary of decisions.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/21

### **2. Identification of cargo flows on the Euro-Asian transport links**

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that based on its adopted work plan (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) the Group should prepare an analysis of the Euro-Asian trade flows with the objective to identify possible cargo that could be transported by inland transport (road and rail).

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that at the previous session the secretariat was requested to prepare a questionnaire for approval for the main ports connected with the EATL routes. The Group of Experts may wish to consider and approve the questionnaire prepared (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2014/2).

As there are at least 20 ports with hinterland connections covered by the EATL project, the Group asked the secretariat to invite those ports to the Group's meetings. The Group of Experts may wish to consider the presentations by representatives of maritime ports on types of cargo flows that are being transported between Europe and Asia, their volume, frequency and possibly value.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2014/2

### **3. Facilitating of the coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs on the Euro-Asian transport links**

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that based on its adopted work plan (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) it should work closely with EATL project member States, railways authorities, road transport associations and other relevant stakeholders on making Euro-Asian Transport Linkages operational by supporting the development of new rail and road transport services along selected Euro-Asian rail and road transport routes.

To achieve this objective, integrated tariffs and time schedules should be prepared for the rail and road routes already identified by the project. The secretariat should work closely with interested railway authorities and other stakeholders as to identify the ways that these integrated tariffs and time schedules should be created and agreed.

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that at the previous session requested the secretariat to prepare a template for time schedules and tariffs for all countries involved in the EATL routes for approval by the group (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2014/3). This template will be sent to the organizations for collection of all relevant data.

The Group of Experts will be informed by the participating Governments, international organizations and other stakeholders about the pertinent issues.

The secretariat will present to the Group of Experts a template for time schedules and tariffs for discussion and approval.

The Trans-European Railway (TER) project officer will brief the Group about relevant TER-related developments.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2014/3

#### **4. Identification of needs and requirements by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders in transport and trade on the EATL routes**

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that based on adopted work plan (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) it ought to identify transportation needs and requirements (including obstacles) which face producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders along nine rail and road EATL corridors.

The Group of Experts will consider the presentations by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders who will share their experience, best practices, problems and proposals for solutions.

#### **5. Information from participants on recent developments in transport infrastructure priority projects on the EATL routes**

The Group of Experts may wish to consider new presentations by Governments on this topic and provide guidance to the secretariat regarding possible actions.

#### **6. Geographical Information System**

The Group of Experts will receive observations and guidance from the Governments and exchange views on the further development of the Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2014/1

#### **7. Other business**

##### **Preparation for the Latvian presidency of the European Union during the first half of 2015**

The Government of Latvia will inform the Group of Experts about the preparations for the Latvian presidency of the European Union, especially about the transport and EATL dimensions.

The Group of Experts shall discuss other issues about EATL Phase III.

**8. Date of next meeting**

The date for the next meeting of the UNECE Group of Experts is:

Twelfth session, 3–4 February 2015, Geneva.

**9. Summary of decisions**

The Group of Experts will adopt the list of main decisions at the end of the session.

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