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**Economic Commission for Europe****Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics****Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links****Sixteenth session**

Geneva, 16 and 17 May 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda****Annotated provisional agenda for the sixteenth session\***

to be held in Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 May 2017, Room XI, Palais des Nations

**I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Report concluding phase 3 of the EATL project.
3. Other business.
4. Summary of decisions.

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## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links (GE.2) will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/31

### **2. Report concluding phase 3 of the EATL project**

The Group of Experts is expected to consider and endorse its final report concluding phase 3 of the EATL project. The report's latest version was prepared by the Scientific and Research Institute of Motor Transport (NIIAT) from Moscow with the support of the secretariat taking into account comments made experts at the fifteenth session of the Group of Experts as well as written comments submitted by experts before 3 March 2017.

The final report consists of five main chapters, as follows:

- I. Euro-Asian trade routes and cargo flows;
- II. Initiatives, project and studies along EATL routes;
- III. Main obstacles hampering the development of Euro-Asian Transport Links;
- IV. Euro-Asian Transport Links; Looking into the future; and
- V. Conclusions and recommendations.

The Group of Experts is invited to consider the report chapter by chapter.

The Group of Experts is also invited to discuss the modalities for the organization of the international conference launching the "operationalization of Euro-Asian transport links" as per its mandate contained in its work plan and terms of reference (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) and formulate a relevant recommendation to its parent body in this regard.

#### **Documentation**

Informal document No.1

### **3. Other business**

GE.2 may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

### **4. Summary of decisions**

The Group of Experts is expected to adopt the list of main decisions at the end of the session.

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