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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixth session*, **

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday,
1 May 2018, Room IX, Palais des Nations

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of good practices at national levels for evaluating and calculating them.
3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of terminologies used.
4. Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs: Overview of main concerns and considerations.

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5. Discussions on the structure of the final report of the Group of Experts.
6. Other business.
7. Date and place of next meeting.
8. Adoption of main decisions.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Group of Experts is invited to adopt its agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/11

2. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of good practices at national levels for evaluating and calculating them

The members of the Group will discuss models, methodologies, tools and good practices for evaluating, calculating and analyzing inland transport infrastructure construction costs that have been implemented at national and possibly at international levels.

The Group may wish to recall that at its previous session discussed that Chapter two of its final report should include all methodologies and good practices already presented by the experts as well as additional information that might be provided by the ECE member States. Furthermore, the secretariat kindly requested the experts to provide a two pages summary of their presentations in order to incorporate them in the chapter. Also, the secretariat informed the group that will undertake a desktop analysis to collect all relevant publicly available information.

The Group also recalled the proposal made by the International Road Federation (IRF) at its previous session on including in this chapter guidelines with main principles for the Governments that they would like to prepare a new tool / methodology to evaluate and calculate those costs.

The Group may wish to review and consider Informal Document No. 1 which includes the draft Chapter 2 of its final report.

Documentation

Informal Document No. 1

3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of terminologies used

The Group may wish to recall that at its previous session considered informal documents No. 3 and No. 4 provided by the representative of PKP Polish Railway Lines (PKP PLK) on railways terminologies and questionnaire. Also, during that session the Group decided that PKP PLK should take the lead of railways sub-group in close cooperation with the International Union of Railways (UIC). The subgroup should prepare a first draft of both the list of terminologies and the questionnaire for the next session of the Group in May. The

Group may wish to review and consider Informal Document No. 2 which includes the draft terminology and questionnaire for railways sector.

Regarding the Inland Waterways sector the Group during its last session reviewed document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2018/3 which included draft terminologies for the sector. The Group may wish to recall that the secretariat informed the Group that this document would be uploaded as informal document for the fifty-third session of the working party on the standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation (27–29 June 2018) for their review and consideration.

On ports the Group may wish to recall that the port of Gdynia had undertaken the lead of ports subgroup and had already prepared for Group last session draft list of terminologies, as well as a draft questionnaire for the benchmarking study. The Group may wish to review Informal Document No. 3 which includes the draft list of terminologies and the questionnaire for ports construction costs.

Documentation

Informal Document No. 2, Informal Document No. 3

4. Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs: Overview of main concerns and considerations

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss issues and concerns on the Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs and their benchmarking requirements for different modes of inland transport (road, rail, inland water transport, intermodal transport, ports and their hinterland connections as well as intermodal hubs and logistics centers) as well as challenges that the Group faces in order to accomplish its objectives.

5. Discussions on the structure of the final report of the Group of Experts

The Group may wish to discuss informal document No. 4 which includes replies already received to questionnaire on road construction costs as well as comments on the list of terminologies. The Group may wish to discuss how these replies should be illustrated in order to prepare the benchmarking study.

The Group of Experts may wish to review the already discussed at its previous session structure of its final report, including recommendations and proposals to the UNECE members on benchmarking transport infrastructure constructions costs. The Group's Terms of Reference stipulates the submission of a full report of its accomplishments, including policy-oriented recommendations.

Documentation

Informal Document No. 4

6. Other business

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

7. Date and place of next meeting

The Group of Experts may wish to note that its fifth meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva on 10 and 11 July 2018.

8. Adoption of main decisions

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will briefly summarize the decisions taken. Following the session, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chair(s), will draft the final report.
