Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh session*, **

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 May 2020, Room Ariana 2, 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 construction costs.

3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentation of revised consolidated list of terminologies on benchmarking road, rail, inland waterways and intermodal terminals transport infrastructure costs.

4. Collection and analysis of benchmarking data.

5. Discussion 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.

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* 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 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Sustainable Transport Division’s website (www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (maria.mostovets@un.org).

** Delegates are requested to register online at: uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=GTrsz5 or to complete the registration form available for download at the ECE Sustainable Transport Division’s website: www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5_ge_benchmarking_transport_infrastructure_construction_costs_11.html. It should be transmitted to the ECE secretariat two weeks prior to the session by e-mail (maria.mostovets@un.org). 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 www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm).
II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs (GE.4) is invited to adopt its agenda.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/21

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

GE.4 is expected to continue its discussion on the part of the final report which is to provide an overview of models, methodologies, tools and good practices for evaluating, calculating and analysing inland transport infrastructure construction costs. In this regard, GE.4 will discuss the inputs received from ECE member States and compiled by the secretariat in revised Informal document WP.5/GE.4 (2020) No. 1/Rev.1 with the aim to finalize them to become, in edited and streamlined format, an integral part of the final report.

3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentation of revised consolidated list of terminologies on benchmarking road, rail, inland waterways and intermodal terminals transport infrastructure costs

GE.4 will adopt the consolidated list of terminologies for road, rail, inland waterways and intermodal terminals (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/Rev.2) finalized by the secretariat in follow-up to inputs and discussion at the last session. The consolidated list of terminologies will become an integral part of the final report.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/Rev.2

4. Collection and analysis of benchmarking data

GE.4 is expected to continue its discussion on the part of its final report, which should illustrate and describe the benchmarking analysis of the construction costs for the different inland transport networks and nodes. Following the Group`s last session, the secretariat, as instructed by the Group, launched calls for additional inputs at the eighty-second session of the ECE Inland Transport Committee and through its Working Parties on Inland Water Transport (SC.3/WP.3) and Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) to be submitted no later than 30 April 2020. GE.4 is expected to analyse the replies received since its last session, including the ones submitted to the secretariat in the framework of the GIS project implemented in cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and to agree on how to reflect all received benchmarking data in the chapter 4 of the final report of the Group. Finally, GE.4 may wish to request lead and support/ co-authors to finalize chapter 4.

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

GE.4 is invited to discuss policy-oriented recommendations to form chapter 5. Experts are requested to send their suggestions to the secretariat four weeks before the session. The secretariat will compile an informal document with these suggestions.
GE.4 will be expected to adopt in principle its final report and request the lead and support/co-authors together with the secretariat to finalize it before June 2020 on the basis of decisions taken under items 2, 3 and 4 and the current item.

**Documentation**

Informal document WP.5/GE.4 (2020) No. 2

6. **Other business**

GE.4 may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

7. **Date and place of next meeting**

GE.4 will be informed that there will be no further meetings taking place in the framework of its current mandate and that all other further preparatory work for the completion of the report will need to be undertaken remotely.

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.