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It's just happened ...

Inland transport vs maritime

Containers travelling between Iran and Germany by sea take 25 days to make the 13,500 km journey; a container train could do the 5000 km inland trip in only 14 days. Similarly a train originating in Germany and passing through Poland, Belarus and the Russian Federation, could reach the Russian far-eastern port of Nakhodka in 13 days, instead of 28 days by the sea route.



The advantages of the growing volume of freight being transported by inland transport modes, mostly railways, between Europe and Asia were stressed during a Workshop on "Euro-Asian Transport Links – Feedback from Users" (Geneva, 16 September) focusing on the current situation and future trends in freight traffic between the two continents. In spite of permanently developing transport infrastructure and efforts made by involved countries and international organisations, participants in the Workshop stressed the need for more concerted governmental actions. These actions should aim among other things at further promoting and implementing international transport agreements, standards and recommendations, further facilitating border crossing procedures. The measures should strengthen the competitive advantage of inland transport modes vis-à-vis traditional maritime routes.

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First world road safety week

After four road safety weeks held in 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2004 at the UNECE region level, the UNECE Working Party on Road Traffic Safety decided that the **First United Nations Global Road Safety Week** will be held on 23-29 April 2007.

Organized in close cooperation between the World Health Organization, the UNECE and the other United Nations regional commissions, the Week will provide Governments of all UN Member States with a common framework for the launching of simultaneous road safety



campaigns in their countries. The campaigns will have a common logo and a common slogan, and will be centred around a common theme or target – Young Road Users, including Young Drivers.

A World Assembly of Young People in the Palais des Nations in Geneva and an international Seminar on the theme of Young Road Users are being considered by the Working Party for the launching of the First UN Road Safety Week.

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