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**MONITORING AND ANALYSIS OF NATIONAL POLICY MEASURES
TO PROMOTE INTERMODAL TRANSPORT**

Note by the secretariat

BACKGROUND AND MANDATE

1. At its sixty-ninth session, the Committee on Inland Transport (ITC) had decided that the Working Party should continue, possibly in a streamlined manner, the work carried out by the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) in (a) monitoring and analysis of national measures to promote intermodal transport and (b) monitoring enforcement and review of the ECMT Consolidated Resolution on Combined Transport (CEMT/CM(2002)3/Final) (ECE/TRANS/192, paragraph 90).
2. In accordance with the decisions of the Working Party at its forty-eighth session, the secretariat has circulated a pre-filled questionnaire to UNECE member States with a view to obtaining an update of national policy measures on the promotion of intermodal transport in a consistent and comparable way (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/117, paragraphs 21-24).

3. The questionnaire addressed, in a consolidated manner, the following objectives and issues that are contained in the ECMT Consolidated Resolution on Combined Transport (CEMT/CM(2002)3/Final), adopted by the ECMT Council of Ministers at Bucharest (29-30 May 2002):¹

- (1) Importance of intermodal transport in national transport policy
- (2) National and international bodies
- (3) Costs and prices
- (4) Networks, terminals and logistics centres
- (5) Interoperability
- (6) Financial and fiscal support measures
- (7) Regulatory support measures
- (8) Transport operations
- (9) Market monitoring
- (10) Foster innovations covering all components of the transport chain
- (11) Operators in intermodal transport chains

4. The secretariat reproduces in the addenda to the present document the information provided by UNECE member countries. This document and its addenda therefore updates and consolidates the information issued by ECMT in 2006 and 2007 (CEMT/CS/TIL(2007)1/REV1; CEMT/CS/TIL(2006)5).

5. Information provided by UNECE member countries will be issued as addenda to this document as and when available. In due course, this information will be uploaded onto the UNECE WP.24 web site with a view to providing on-line a consistent and comprehensive compendium of best practices among UNECE member countries on policy measures for the promotion of intermodal transport and logistics.

6. At its present session, the Working Party may wish to review the country replies received as reproduced in the addenda to the present document and provide guidance of any follow-up activities, taking account of the proposals contained in secretariat document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2007/5.

¹ The full text of the ECMT Consolidated Resolution on Combined Transport is also contained in Informal Document WP.24 No. 6 (2007) available at the WP.24 web site.