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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

##### Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs

###### Fifth session

Geneva, 30 and 31 January 2018

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fifth session\*, \*\*

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday,  
30 January 2018, Room VIII, 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.

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4. Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs: Overview of main concerns and considerations.
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.4/9

### **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 members of the Group are invited to present their experience in evaluating and calculating inland transport infrastructure construction costs and contribute to Group's mandate.

### **3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of terminologies used**

The Group may wish to recall that at its previous session considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/1/Rev.1 on terminologies used for the road transport infrastructure benchmarking study prepared by road transport sub group led by Turkey. After discussing the additional amendments proposed by the road experts the Group approved the document as amended. The final amended document is the ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/1/Rev.2.

The Group may also wish to recall that at its previous session considered and approved document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/3 on terminologies used for construction costs of Intermodal terminals and nodes prepared by the intermodal terminals and nodes team of experts led by Europlatforms. However, the Group requested the secretariat since the document included both terminologies and possible questions in order to perform the benchmarking study to separate the two for the next session. Furthermore, it was advised that the terminologies should be further elaborated. The Group may wish to review document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2018/1.

The Group may wish to consider and discuss document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2018/2 and document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2018/3 on terminologies used in the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region for construction costs of Railways and Inland

Waterways respectively prepared by the secretariat. The main objective should be to analyse those terminologies and agree on a specific list with specific explanations in order to create a glossary of agreed terminologies and related explanations for Railways construction costs.

In addition, the Group may wish to recall that at its last session the representative of the port of Gdynia announced that the port is ready to take the lead for this team of experts and prepare for the next session a draft list of terminologies as well as a draft questionnaire for the benchmarking study. The Group may wish to review and provide guidance to document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2018/4.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/1/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2018/1,  
ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2018/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2018/3,  
ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2018/4.

#### **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 recall that at its previous session decided that the finalized questionnaire and the agreed list of terminologies on road construction costs should be sent through official diplomatic channels to the respective Ministers or Deputy Ministers of Transport of UNECE member States in order to collect all relevant data. The Group may wish to be informed by the secretariat on developments on this issue.

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.

#### **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 1-2 May 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.

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