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Geneva, 7 September 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION^{1, 2}
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 7 September 2009

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report

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3. Recent developments related to the EATL Phase II initiative
4. EATL Phase II: proposed, revised programme of work
5. Transport infrastructure: identification of priority routes and investment
6. EATL Phase II: Studies to identify and analyze inland transport options, examine no-physical obstacles to transport and collection of data on transport flows
7. Co-ordination with work of other international organizations
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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/3

1. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

Item 2. Adoption of the report

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2

2. The Expert Group will adopt the report from the first session that took place on 8 September 2008.

Item 3. Recent developments related to the EATL Phase II initiative

Documentation: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5_ge2_workshop1.html

3. The Expert Group will be informed by the secretariat about the "First Regional Workshop of Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II: Facilitation of Euro-Asian Transport in the ECO Region" held in Tehran on 27-29 April 2009. The Expert Group members may wish to provide information about any other recent relevant EATL developments and events.

Item 4. EATL Phase II: proposed, revised programme of work

Documentation: Informal document No. 1 (2009)

4. The Expert Group may wish to discuss and approve Informal document No. 1 (2009) which contains a revised programme of work, including the EATL Phase II objectives, tasks and deliverables.

Item 5. Transport infrastructure: identification of priority routes and investment

Documentation:

5. The Expert Group will discuss the ways and means of collecting, reviewing and updating national information on EATL routes and priority transport infrastructure projects.

Item 6. EATL Phase II: Studies to identify and analyze inland transport options, examine no-physical obstacles to transport and collection of data on transport flows

Documentation: Informal document No. 2 (2009), Informal document No. 3 (2009)

6. The secretariat will present a plan of action for elaboration of studies to be undertaken under EATL Phase II: a. EATL Strengths - Weaknesses - Opportunities - Threats (SWOT) Analysis; b. Collection of data on transport flows in the EATL region; c. Comparison and analysis of EATL inland transport options with existing maritime routes; and d. Identification of non-physical obstacles to international transport.

Item 7. Coordination with work of other international organizations

Documentation: Informal document No. 4 (2009)

7. The secretariat will present Informal document No. 4 which contains a draft update of "Part II – Review of International Transport Networks and Initiatives Linking Asia and Europe" originally published in "Joint Study on Developing Euro-Asia Transport Linkages". The Expert Group members may wish to provide comments and will be asked to contribute to this publication.

Item 8. Other business

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

Item 9. Date and place of next meeting

9. The Expert Group will decide the date and venue for its next meeting.

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