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Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links

Third session
Istanbul, 12 November 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION¹
to be held at the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Headquarters, Istanbul
starting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 12 November 2009

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report.
3. Recent developments related to the Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II initiative.
4. Transport infrastructure: identification of priority routes and investment.
5. Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II: Studies to identify and analyse inland transport options, examine non-physical obstacles to transport and collection of data on transport flows.

¹ 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 UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html>). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by email (violet.yee@unece.org) or by fax (41 22-917 0039).

6. Coordination with work of other international organizations.
7. Other business.
8. Date and place of next meeting.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

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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

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2. The Expert Group will adopt the report from the first session that took place on 7 September 2009.

Item 3. Recent developments related to the Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II initiative

3. The Expert Group will be informed by the secretariat about the recent developments related to the Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Phase II. The Expert Group may wish to provide information about any other recent relevant EATL developments and events.

Item 4. Transport infrastructure: identification of priority routes and investment

4. 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 5. Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II: Studies to identify and analyse inland transport options, examine no-physical obstacles to transport and collection of data on transport flows

5. The secretariat will present a detailed plan of action for elaboration of studies to be undertaken under Euro-Asian Transport Links 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 6. Coordination with work of other international organizations

6. The Expert Group members may wish to provide and discuss information to be incorporated into Informal document No. 4.

Item 7. Other business

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

Item 8. Date and place of next meeting

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

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