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Group of Experts on Hinterland Connections of Seaports

Third session

Geneva, 23 January 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Friday 23 January 2009

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report
3. Questionnaire on hinterland connections of seaports

¹ 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>).

² Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat 2 weeks prior to the session by email (jaromir.cekota@unece.org) or by fax (41 22 917 0039). Delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on our website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>).

4. The role of Governments in port-hinterland transport
5. Statistical initiatives
6. Final report
7. Other business
8. Date and place of next meeting

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.1/6

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.1/5

2. The Group of Experts will adopt the report of its second session that took place on 28 October 2008.

Item 3. Questionnaire on hinterland connections of seaports

Documentation: ECE/WP.5/GE.1/2008/3

3. The secretariat will provide an update on the improvement of and responses to the questionnaire elaborated by the Expert Group (ECE/WP.5/GE.1/2008/3). The Group may wish to consider the value added by the questionnaire and its subsequent use.

Item 4. The role of Governments in port-hinterland transport

Documentation: Informal documents GE.1/03/No. 1 and GE.1/03/No. 2

4. The Expert Group may wish to discuss two presentations on the role of governments in the development and management of port-hinterland transport with a view to sharing best practices (Informal documents GE.1/03/No.1 and GE.1/03/No.2). The objective of the discussion will be to progress towards the development of conclusions and recommendations in the Group's final report.

Item 5. Statistical initiatives

Documentation: Informal document GE.1/03/ No. 3

5. A representative of Eurostat will report on the objectives and achievements to date of task forces on intermodal and maritime statistics (Informal document GE.1/03/ No. 3). The objective of the discussion will be to progress towards the development of conclusions and recommendations in the Group's final report.

Item 6. Final report

Documentation: Informal document GE.1/03/No. 4

6. The consultant engaged by UNECE will present a preliminary draft of the final report with some tentative conclusions and/or recommendations (Informal document GE.1/03/ No. 4). The Group of Experts may wish to discuss how to cooperate effectively with the consultant to prepare a final draft of the report before the end of June 2009. The Group's terms of reference stipulate the submission of a report that contains recommendations and/or amendments to existing legal instruments.

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 next meeting of the Group will take place in Geneva on 23 June 2009, if necessary.
