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**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

**INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Seventy-first session  
Geneva, 24-26 February 2009

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION <sup>1/</sup>**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 February 2009

1. Adoption of the agenda.
  - I. QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN GENERAL**
2. Results of the Committee's Bureau Meetings.
3. The Sixty-third session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva, 30 March – 1 April 2009.

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<sup>1/</sup> For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no formal 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/itc/itc.html>) or from the public UN Official Document System's (ODS) website (<http://documents.un.org/>). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations). 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 no later than one week prior to the session by email (Michalis.Adamantiadis@unece.org or Violet.Yee@unece.org) or by fax (41 22-917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 73263). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>.

4. Matters arising from the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies and Conferences
5. Report to the UNECE Executive Committee on the implementation of the priorities of the UNECE Reform for strengthening some activities of the Committee.
6. Reorganization of the Transport Division and its strategy.
7. Assistance to countries with economies in transition.
  - (a) Activities of the Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects, including the Revision of their Master Plan.
  - (b) Other activities, projects and fund-raising issues.
8. Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) and environmental aspects of transport.
9. Review of the transport situation in UNECE member countries and of emerging development trends.
  - (a) Transport developments in the European Union.
  - (b) Developments related to the work of the International Transport Forum.
  - (c) Review of the transport situation and emerging trends in the UNECE region.
10. Global warming and transport.

## **II. POLICY ORIENTED SEGMENT**

11. Discussion on the impact of globalization on transport, logistics and trade in the framework of a half-day conference jointly organized by the Inland Transport Committee and the Committee on Trade.

## **III. QUESTIONS DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE'S SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

12. Issues that need consideration and require decisions by the Committee.
  - (a) Activities related to Euro-Asian transport links.
  - (b) Activities related to seaports' connections to the hinterland.
  - (c) Endorsement of the revised methodological basis for the definition of common criteria regarding bottlenecks, missing links and quality of service of infrastructure networks.
  - (d) European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR).
  - (e) Restrictions imposed on the transit quota of road transport permits.

- (f) Strengthening WP.1 contribution to the global road safety.
  - (g) Transport and security.
  - (h) Preparation of a new Annex 9 (rail crossing) to the Harmonization Convention.
  - (i) Progress on the computerization of the TIR procedures-The eTIR project.
  - (j) New Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers in International Railway Passenger Transport.
  - (k) Border crossing and transit performance measurement.
  - (l) Supply chain and logistics implications for transport.
    - (i) Supply chain challenges for national competitiveness through transport.
    - (ii) Logistics challenges and implications for transport, particularly intermodal transport.
    - (iii) Transport and trade facilitation from the perspectives of Global Supply Chains.
  - (m) Preparation for the 2010 E-Road and 2010 E-Rail Traffic Censuses.
  - (n) Review of the most important issues related to the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations.
  - (o) Fuel standards.
  - (p) Second edition of the White Paper of Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe.
  - (q) Harmonization of navigation rules for inland water transport in Europe (CEVNI).
  - (r) Review of the most important issues related to the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
  - (s) Review of the most important issues related to the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs.
  - (t) Transport of people with reduced mobility.
  - (u) Informal task force on rail transport security.
13. Issues of informative character and formal approval by the Committee.
- (a) Approval of reports of the Committee's subsidiary bodies.
  - (b) Status of accession to international UNECE transport agreements and conventions.

#### **IV. ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE WORK**

14. Schedule of meetings in 2009.
15. Acronyms of the subsidiary bodies of the Inland Transport Committee.

#### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

16. Any other business.
  - (a) Presentation by the Economic Cooperation and Integration Division on how to establish Public-Private Partnerships in the road sector.
  - (b) Date of next session.
17. Adoption of the list of main decisions of the seventy-first session.

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