

## **AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION<sup>1, 2</sup>**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday 14 May 2009

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| 1. Introduction                   | Informal document ECE/TRANS/2009/No. 4<br><a href="http://unece.org/trans/doc/2009/ac11/ITC-71-inf4e.pdf">http://unece.org/trans/doc/2009/ac11/ITC-71-inf4e.pdf</a> |
| 2. Election of the Chairperson    |   |
| 3. Adoption of the Agenda         | ECE/TRANS/SC.2/TF/1   |
| 4. Overview of issues             |   |
| 5. Programme of work              |   |
| 6. Conclusions and follow up      |   |
| 7. Date and place of next meeting |   |

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### **ANNOTATIONS**

#### **Item 1 Introduction**

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1. At its sixty-second session (Geneva, 18-20 November 2008), the UNECE Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) decided to establish an informal task force on rail security and asked the secretariat to distribute the mandate ([http://unece.org/trans/main/sc2/sc2\\_itf\\_mandate.html](http://unece.org/trans/main/sc2/sc2_itf_mandate.html)) to delegates. The Task Force is expected to submit recommendations to the sixty-third session of the Working Party (Geneva, 18-20 November 2008). In order to explain the institutional context, the secretariat will introduce the recent work of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC)

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<sup>1</sup> 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 website of the Working Party on Rail Transport (<http://unece.org/trans/main/sc2/sc2.html>).

<sup>2</sup> 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 ([carole.marilley@unece.org](mailto:carole.marilley@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>).

in the area of security. A summary of this work can be found in a document posted on the ITC website (<http://unece.org/trans/doc/2009/ac11/ITC-71-inf4e.pdf>).

## **Item 2 Election of the Chairperson**

2. Members of the Task Force will elect its Chairperson.

## **Item 3 Adoption of the agenda**

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3. Members of the Task Force will adopt the agenda of the first session.

## **Item 4 Discussion of issues**

4. All participants are expected to intervene briefly in the moderated discussion of issues that could be considered by the Task Force, including

- actual approaches to security in rail transport (e.g. risk based, rule based, etc)
- focus on passenger transport (international traffic only?) and/or freight transport (all freight shipments or containers only)?
- costs, benefits and experience with security measures at the national level
- best practices in cross-sector cooperation (businesses, government agencies)
- key issues for international cooperation
- exchange of best practices and experiences
- focus on infrastructure (stations, rolling stock, control systems) and/or procedures?
- need for new legislation (e.g. an annex to the AGC) or new organizations (e.g. an international rail transport security agency)?
- is market structure (competition of vertically integrated firms vs. above-the-rails competition) relevant to security?
- aim for generic recommendations (for all 56 UNECE countries) or recommendations by sub-region (CIS, North America, Western Europe, etc)?

## **Item 5 Programme of work**

5. The chairperson will outline how the conclusions reached during the preceding discussion should be reflected in Task Force activities and outputs. Subsequently, participants are expected to complete and approve a programme of work of the Task Force, including scheduled objectives, actions and outputs.

## **Item 6 Conclusions and follow up**

6. The chairperson will summarize conclusions of the first session of the Task Force and outline the main follow-up activities. Subsequently, participants can present their comments that would be reflected in the session report.

## **Item 7 Date and place of next meeting**

7. Members of the Task Force will decide on the date and venue for its next meeting.