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Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

Group of Experts on Hinterland Connections of Seaports  
Fourth session  
Geneva, 23 June 2009

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH SESSION<sup>1, 2</sup>**

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

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report
3. Recent developments
4. Developing rail freight axes in Europe
5. Coping with administrative bottlenecks in ports and international rail freight transport

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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 UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.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 ([violet.yee@unece.org](mailto:violet.yee@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>).

6. Developing port-hinterland links in the former Soviet Union: key issues
7. Government policies for efficient and sustainable port-hinterland transport networks
8. Final report
9. Other business
10. Date and place of next meeting

## **II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **Item 1. Adoption of the agenda**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.1/8

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.1/7

2. The Group of Experts will adopt the report of its third session that took place on 23 January 2009 <<http://unece.org/trans/doc/2009/wp5/ECE-TRANS-WP5-GE1-07e.pdf>>.

### **Item 3. Recent developments**

3. The secretariat will provide an update on recent developments related to activities of the Expert Group.

### **Item 4. Developing rail freight axes in Europe**

Documentation: Informal document GE.1/04/No. 1

4. The Expert Group may wish to discuss a presentation by General Secretary of the Fermed Association, a private sector initiative aiming to implement uniform standards on major rail freight axes linking ports in Europe to hinterlands (Informal documents GE.1/04/No. 1).

### **Item 5. Coping with administrative bottlenecks in ports and international rail freight transport**

Documentation: Informal documents GE.1/04 No. 2 and GE.1/04 No. 3

5. The Expert Group may wish to discuss presentations by the International Rail Transport Committee and the Centre for International Transport Management that address administrative bottlenecks in ports, coastal shipping and hinterland rail transport (Informal documents GE.1/04/ No. 2 and GE.1/04/ No. 3).

**Item 6. Developing port-hinterland links in the former Soviet Union: key issues**

Documentation: Informal document GE.1/04/No. 4

6. The Expert Group may wish to discuss a presentation by Sea Sotra London, an independent freight forwarder and carrier, on key issues pertaining to the development of port-hinterland transport in CIS countries (Informal document GE.1/04/No. 4).

**Item 7. Government policies for efficient and sustainable port-hinterland transport networks**

Documentation: Informal document GE.1/04/No. 5

7. The Expert Group may wish to discuss a presentation by the Joint Transport Research Centre on government policies for efficient and sustainable port-hinterland transport (Informal document GE.1/04/No. 5).

**Item 8. Final report**

Documentation: Informal documents GE.1/04/No. 6 and GE.1/04/No. 7

8. The Expert Group may wish to discuss the draft of its final report (Informal document GE.1/04/No. 6), following an introductory presentation by the consultant (Informal document GE.1/04/No. 7). The objective of the discussion will be to assist the consultant with preparing the final draft of the report that should be submitted to the twenty-second session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (Geneva, 8-9 September 2009).

**Item 9. Other business**

9. The Expert Group may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

**Item 10. Date and place of next meeting**

10. If necessary, the Group will decide on the date and place of its next meeting.

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