### Adoption of the agenda

**Today (14.30-17.30 hours)**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. New developments and best practices
3. National policy measures for intermodal transport
4. Follow-up to the 2010 Theme: Intermodal transport by inland waterways
5. Proposals for 2012 Theme

**17.45 hours**     Reception (office S 410)

**Tomorrow (09.30-12.30 hours)**

7. AGTC Agreement
8. Protocol to AGTC Agreement
9. Civil liability regimes
10. IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines
11. Weights and dimensions
12. Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)
13. Int. organizations
14. UNECE bodies
15. Programme of work, ToR, etc.
16. Election of officers

**Tomorrow (14.30-17.30 hours)**

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5. 2011 Theme: Role of terminals
7(c) AGTC and AGC: Review of infrastructure standards

17. Date + venue next sessions
18. Summary of decisions
**Adoption of the agenda**

(ECE/TRANS/WP.24/128) (E,F,R)

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### Programme

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**Theme 2011**

- Le rôle des terminaux et des centres logistiques dans le transport intermodal
  - WP.24 – Point 1 de l’ordre du jour
  - SC.2 – Point 3 de l’ordre du jour

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Jeudi 3 novembre 2011  
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**UNECE Transport Division**
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2. New developments and best practices in intermodal transport

(a) Trends and performance in intermodal transport and logistics industry
   • Presentations by UIRR and UIC

(b) Pan-European developments in intermodal transport and transport policies
   • Reports of UNECE member States

(c) Activities of the European Commission in intermodal transport and logistics
   • Presentation by DG MOVE (tbc)

(d) Identification of Intermodal Loading Units in Europe (ILU-Code)
   • Presentation by UIRR
Agenda

3. National policy measures to promote intermodal transport

• Information available:
  Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Lithuania, Romania, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine

• New documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/1 (E,F,R) Austria
  ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2008/5/Add.5/Corr.1 (E) Austria

• Last status report (14 countries): 2010
  ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2010/7

• Previous documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2009/9
  ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2009/8
  ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2008/5 and addenda.
3. National policy measures to promote intermodal transport

Information available for 11 policy measures:

1. Importance of intermodal transport in national transport policy
2. National and international policy coordination
3. Costs and prices
4. Infrastructure (networks, terminals and logistics centers)
5. Interoperability
6. Financial and fiscal support measures
7. Regulatory support measures
8. Transport operations
9. Market monitoring
10. Fostering of innovations
11. Support for intermodal operators

3. National policy measures to promote intermodal transport

- Need to continue this activity?
  - Other information sources?
  - Which information is important?

- On-line web-based info by:
  - Country
  - Policy measure (in E,F,R)

- Requirement:
  - Info from countries (pre-filled questionnaires)
  - Regular update
  - Translation

- Next status report: 2012?
Agenda

4. Follow-up to the 2010 Theme: Inland waterways: Opportunities and challenges for intermodal transport

- **WP.24 road map (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2009/5):**
  - Annual theme (topic) for substantive discussions
    - 2010 Inland water transport: Opportunities and challenges
    - 2011 Terminals and logistics centres
    - 2012 .... (yet to be decided)

- **Procedure:**
  - Group of volunteers(secretariat): Background note early summer
  - WP.24 discussions (lead country/organization) autumn
  - Follow-up event/meeting (technical visit) following spring
  - WP.24 conclusions following autumn
4. Follow-up to the 2010 Theme: Inland waterways: Opportunities and challenges for intermodal transport

- UNECE Group of Experts (July 2010)
  Note: Advantages and challenges of IWT
  (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2010/1)

- WP.24 (4 October 2010)
  Theme moderator: Mr. Kluge (SGKV-Germany)
  Presentations: Duisport, Neska Group, VNF
  Results: IWT has great potential, but infrastructure and regulatory support required:
  - reliability, competitive operations
  - level playing field (IWT - maritime)
  - harmonized pan-European rules
  - promotion of river-sea transport
  - overcome fragmentation of the industry
  (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/127, paras. 15-29)
4. Follow-up to the 2010 Theme: Inland waterways: Opportunities and challenges for intermodal transport

- Technical visit (Strasbourg, 16-17 May 2011)
  - CCNR (container transport on Rhine)
  - Port of Strasbourg (container operations)
  Secretariat note: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/2

- WP.24 conclusions (2 November 2011)
  - Study on the use of 45ft containers in inland water transport
    Presentation by: Ms. Cécile Cohas (France)

- Evaluation of WP.24 thematic sessions
5. 2011 Theme: Role of terminals and logistics centres for intermodal transport

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6. Theme for substantive discussions in 2012

- Possible themes (contained in WP.24 road map of 2009):
  - Opportunities and challenges of inland waterways (done in 2010)
  - Role of terminals (done in 2011)
  - Responses by Governments and industry to counter the economic crisis
  - Land transport strategies of maritime ports: Intermodal transport and dry ports in Europe (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2009/5)

- Other proposals (to be decided)
  - Intelligent transport systems (ITS) (agenda item 12)
  - Transport chains (seamless transport)
  - ???

Decision to be taken under agenda item 17 ???
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7. European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)

(a) Status of AGTC Agreement and adopted amendment proposals

(b) Amendment proposals
   (updating and extension of the AGTC network)

(c) Amendment proposals
   (minimum infrastructure and performance standards)
7. **European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)**

(a) **Status of AGTC Agreement and adopted amendment proposals**

Updated text of AGTC Agreement: ECE/TRANS/88/Rev.6 (E,F,R)
7. European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)

- Contracting Parties
- Depositary Notifications
- Text of AGTC Agreement
- Map (AGC+AGTC network)
- Inventory of standards

www.unece.org/trans/wp24/welcome.html
7. European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)

- 32 Contracting Parties

Albania, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine
7. European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)

- AGC and AGTC Map of networks
7. European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)

- Inventory of standards

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(b) Amendment proposals (updating /extension of AGTC network)

- Kazakhstan (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/4) - for adoption by WP.24
7. European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)

(b) Amendment proposals (updating /extension of AGTC network)

- Armenia, Georgia, Turkmenistan – pending (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2009/1)
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(b) Amendment proposals (updating/extension of AGTC network)

- Denmark, Germany, Sweden - pending (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2009/4)
7. European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)

(c) Amendment proposals
(minimum infrastructure and performance standards)
(ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2010/2 - ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2010/3)

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8. Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the AGTC Agreement

(a) Status of the Protocol

- Text of AGTC Agreement:
  ECE/TRANS/122 and Corrs. 1 and 2 (E,F,R)

- 9 Contracting Parties:
  Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, Switzerland

- Signature only:
  Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia
8. Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the AGTC Agreement

(b) Amendment proposals ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2010/6 (E)  
ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2008/9 (E,F,R)  

- Accepted: Austria (WP.24 on 5.10.2010 (ECE/TRANS/127, para. 50)  
- Pending: Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Hungary, Romania  
- Pending: UNECE secretariat  
  - geo-political changes (Yugoslavia)  
  - modification of name of Working Party  
  - alignment with AGN Agreement (proposals not yet prepared)
**Agenda**

9. **Civil liability regimes in intermodal transport**

- WP.24 considerations on impact of Rotterdam Rules
  (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2009/3; ECE/TRANS/WP.24/123)
- 2009: Report for WP.24 by UNCITRAL
  (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2009/125, paras.14-15)
- 2010: WP.24 established informal group of experts
- Mandate: Prepare a note on
  “Scope of application and practical consequences of the Rotterdam Rules for pan-European land and intermodal transport”
9. Civil liability regimes in intermodal transport

- WP.24 Group of Expert
  
  Members: Ms. Asariotis (UNTCAD)
  
  Mr. de Boer (Netherlands)
  
  Ms. Czerwenka (Germany)
  
  Ms. Faghfouri (IMMTA)
  
  Mr. Krenzel (Poland)
  
  Ms. Gries (OTIF)
  
  Ms. Arroyo Vendrell (Spain)

- Group of Experts did not arrive at a common position
- Group of Experts could not prepare the mandated note
9. Civil liability regimes in intermodal transport

- Document prepared by the Netherlands and Poland:
  “The Rotterdam Rules in relation to current law on multimodal transport contracts” ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/10 (E)

- Document prepared by UNCTAD
  Informal document WP.24 No. 2 (2011)

- Results of a study on land transport liability regimes undertaken in France

  Presentation by: Mr. Jean-Marie Millour
  Délégué générale
  Bureau de Promotion du “Short sea Shipping”
  Short sea Promotion Centre, France
Agenda

10. IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for packing of cargo in intermodal transport units

- 1996: Developed and adopted by IMO, ILO and UNECE WP.24
- 2010: WP.24 decided to contribute to review and update of guidelines in cooperation with ILO and IMO
10. IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for packing of cargo in intermodal transport units

- 2011: Establishment of an informal Group of Experts
- Experts are invited by IMO, ILO and UNECE
- Basis: Note of secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.24//2010/4)
  - Take holistic approach
  - Cooperate with industry and insurance groups
  - Cover all modes of transport (intermodal transport units)
  - Include port handling and transhipment operations
- IMO, ILO and UNECE cooperate in the revision process
10. **IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for packing of cargo in intermodal transport units**

- **Terms of Reference of Group of Experts** *(ECE/TRANS/WP.24//2011/5)*
- **1. session:** Geneva, 6-7 October 2011
- **Officers:** Chair: Mr. Chr. Welsh (Global Shipper’ Forum)  
  Vice-Chair: Mr. J. Hügel (IRU)
- **Participants:** 41 experts (Europe, Canada and Japan) from:  
  Governments, maritime, rail and road transport operators,  
  shippers, freight forwarders, trade unions, employers, insurance  
  industry, port handling, BIC, ILO, IMO
10. **IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for packing of cargo in intermodal transport units**

- Inception report prepared by ILO consultant: 
  Mr. B. Brassington (ETS Consulting, UK)

- Results of 1. meeting:
  Approval of inception report
  Upgrading of Guidelines to a “Code of Practice”
  (non-binding, detailed and of technical nature)

- Dates of next sessions in Geneva:
  2. session: 19-20 April 2012 (Geneva)
  3. session: 4-6 July 2012 (Geneva)
  4. session: 15-16 October 2012 (Geneva)

- Adoption of “Code of Practice” (planned for 2013 by IMO, ILO, UNECE)
11. Weights and dimensions of loading units in intermodal transport: The modular concept

- Monitoring of new developments by UNECE secretariat
  - 2010: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2010/5 (E,F,R)
  - 2011: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/6 (E,F,R)
11. Weights and dimensions of loading units in intermodal transport: The modular concept

ECE Directive 96/53/EC
Max. length: 16.50m/18.75m (semi-trailer/truck-trailer)
11. Weights and dimensions of loading units in intermodal transport: The modular concept

- 2011: New developments (ECE/TRANS//WP.24/2011/6) in
  - Austria
  - Denmark
  - Germany
  - Netherlands
  - Switzerland
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12. Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and other technological applications for intermodal

- Draft UNECE Road Map for promoting ITS (Inf. Doc. WP.24 No.1 (2011))
  - transmitted to UNECE Working Parties for comments
  - for adoption by ITC in March 2012
12. **Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and other technological applications for intermodal**

- **Draft UNECE Road Map for promoting ITS**

- **Proposes 20 global actions to promote use of ITS (2012-2020)**

- **Possible actions by WP.24:**
  - **Action 6:** Scaling up work on ITS
    Align activities with sustainable mobility principle
    Determine how ITS solutions could assist
  - **Action 13:** Integrating with rail transport
    Promote rail interoperability
  - **Action 15 by WP.24 (intermodal) and SC.1 (road):**
    Enhancing the modal integrator’s role of ITS: Integration of modal information systems for logistics and security
13. Activities of international organizations relating to intermodal transport and logistics
   - Presentations by international organizations

14. Activities of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies
   - Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (Ms. A. Jaimurzina)
   - SPECA Working Party on Transport and Border Crossing (Ms. S. Fouvez, Regional Advisor)
   - TEM and TER Revised Master Plan (Ms. S. Fouvez, Regional Advisor)
   - Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) (Mr. O. Sid’Ahmed)
Agenda

15. Biennial evaluation, programme of work and terms of reference of the Working Party

(a) Draft programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2012-2013
Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/7

(b) Work plan for 2012-2016
Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/8

(c) Terms of reference (ToR) of the Working Party
Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/9
15. Biennial evaluation, programme of work and terms of reference of the Working Party
(a) Draft programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2012-2013 (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/7)

II. Programme of work 2012-2013
- Objective and strategy
  ... to facilitate the international movement of persons and goods
  (improving safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency, security)
  ... to contribute effectively to sustainable transport
- Outputs/activities
  8 clusters of substantive work (see page 3)
  2 annual meetings of WP.24 (November 2012 and 2013) + expert groups
  Publications: (1) On-line AGC+AGTC monitoring tool (2) Code of Practice
15. Biennial evaluation, programme of work and terms of reference of the Working Party

(a) Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2012-2013
   (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/7)

III. Biennial evaluation for 2012-2013
   - Expected accomplishments (better understanding ....)
   - 3 indicators of achievement:
     (1) Number of countries, IGOs and NGOs participating in WP.24 and expert groups
     (2) Number of amendments to AGTC and its Protocol
     [3] Number of new Contracting Parties to AGTC and its Protocol
     (3) Review and update of IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for packing of cargo in intermodal transport units – Completion: 2013
15. Biennial evaluation, programme of work and terms of reference of the Working Party

(a) Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2012-2013
(ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/7)

IV. Status and characteristics of the Working Party

- Review of the mandate of WP.24 every 5 years (last done in 2007)
- Proposal: To renew the mandate and status of WP.24 for another 5 years (for approval by WP.24)
15. Biennial evaluation, programme of work and terms of reference of the Working Party

(b) Work plan for 2012-2016  (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/8)

- traditional, detailed 4-year work plan of the Working Party
- requested by ITC Bureau (in addition to 2-year programme of work)
- contains 10 continuing activities (updated)
- contains 1 activity of limited duration (IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice)

For approval and adoption by WP.24
15. Biennial evaluation, programme of work and terms of reference of the Working Party

(c) Terms of Reference (ToR) (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2011/9)

- required as part of UNECE reform (EXCOM decision of 2006)
- for adoption by ITC in March 2012
- proposal of secretariat based on:
  ... work plan 2010-2014 (11 activities)
  ... expected accomplishments
  ... indicators of achievement

For approval and adoption by WP.24
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16. Election of officers for 2012
   - Chair
   - Vice-chair (possibly)
17. Date and venue of next sessions

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7-8 November 2012  55. session of WP.24
8-9 November 2012  66. session of SC.2 (rail) - joint session ?
10-12 October 2012  56. session of SC.3 (IWT) - joint session ?

WP.24 Group of Experts:
- Follow-up 2011 Theme: Terminals  April/May 2012 (tentative)
- Preparation of 2012 Theme: ITS  June/July 2012 (tentative)
- IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice
  2. session  19-20 April 2012
  3. session  4-6 July 2012
  4. session  15-16 October 2012
18. Summary of decisions

Draft report of session: November/December 2011 (English)

Further information:

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