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Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. As decided by the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics at its fifty-sixth session and in line with the road map on future work and operation (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/131, paras. 35–36; ECE/TRANS/WP.24/125, paras. 18–22 and 40–41), the theme for substantive discussion in 2014 was “Role of freight forwarders and logistics in intermodal transport chains”. The discussions were prepared at a workshop, hosted by the Government of Belgium (12 and 13 June 2014, Brussels).

2. At its last session, the Working Party decided, based on the outputs of this workshop, that a study should be prepared by the secretariat on the status of freight forwarders in different countries. This study should be based on a questionnaire which will address all relevant issues. The Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare this questionnaire for approval at this session. This document sets out the proposed questions to be asked in the questionnaire.

II. Proposed questions

Question 1

What is the status of freight forwarders in your country?

Question 2:

Does your country require freight forwarders to be registered?

Question 3

Do you plan to introduce any form of regulation on freight forwarders?

Question 4

If so, what are the views of freight forwarders in your country to this subject?

Question 5

If regulations have not been introduced, why not?

Question 6

Does your country offer tax relief or other incentives to freight forwarders?
(National/Regional)

Question 7

Can you provide statistics on the freight forwarding industry in your country?

- Number of freight forwarders;
 - Total volume of activity;
 - Percentage of domestic and international traffic;
 - Type of cargo forwarded.
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