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Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics****Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs****Ninth session**

Geneva, 30 September – 1 October 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth session*, ****

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 30 September 2019, Room XXII, Palais des Nations

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of good practices at national levels for evaluating and calculating construction costs.
3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentation of revised consolidated list of terminologies on benchmarking road, rail, inland waterways and intermodal terminals transport infrastructure costs.
4. Collection and analysis of benchmarking data.
5. Discussion on the structure of the final report of the Group of Experts
6. Other business.

* For reasons of economy, 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 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Sustainable Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (maria.mostovets@unece.org).

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7. Date and place of next meeting.
8. Adoption of main decisions.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs (GE.4) is invited to adopt its agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/17

2. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of good practices at national levels for evaluating and calculating construction costs

GE.4 is expected to continue its discussion on the part of the final report which is to provide an overview of models, methodologies, tools and good practices for evaluating, calculating and analysing inland transport infrastructure construction costs. In this regard, GE.4 will take stock and analyse the inputs received from ECE member States following the additional request put forward by the secretariat since its last session.

3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentation of revised consolidated list of terminologies on benchmarking road, rail, inland waterways and intermodal terminals transport infrastructure costs

GE.4 is expected to continue its discussion on the terminology for ports in the context of benchmarking transport infrastructure construction costs. GE.4 is also expected, based on the consolidated list of terminologies (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/1) prepared by the secretariat, to make a final check on the terminologies for road, rail, waterways and intermodal terminals and agree on how it would want to include the terminology chapter in its final report.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2019/1

4. Collection and analysis of benchmarking data

GE.4 is expected to continue its discussion on the part of its final report, which should illustrate and describe the benchmarking of the construction costs for the different inland transport networks and nodes. GE.4 is expected, pending available data, to analyse the replies received to the questionnaire on road and rail construction costs since its last session.

GE.4 is also expected to discuss and finalise the draft questionnaires on inland waterways and intermodal terminal infrastructure costs with the aim of their distribution among ECE member States after this session.

5. Discussion on the structure of the final report of the Group of Experts

GE.4 may wish to continue reviewing the structure of its final report already discussed at its previous sessions. The Group's Terms of Reference stipulate the submission of a full report of its accomplishments, including a set of policy-oriented recommendations.

6. Other business

GE.4 may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

7. Date and place of next meeting

GE.4 may wish to note that the tenth session is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva on 30 and 31 January 2020.

8. Adoption of main decisions

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will briefly summarize the decisions taken. Following the session, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chair(s), will draft the final report.
