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Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business

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**ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**Cooperation of the Committee on Trade and the Inland Transport Committee on  
strengthening UNECE Border Crossing and Trade Facilitation Activities**

Note by the secretariat

1. The Committee on Trade, in the report of its second session, requested that the Secretariat develop, as soon as possible, specific proposals for joint activities with the Committee on Inland Transport (ITC) for review by the Bureaux of the Committee on Trade and the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRADE/C/2007/19, para. 34).
2. The Secretariat will report on consultations of the UNECE Committee on Trade (CT) with the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC) on strengthening UNECE Border Crossing and Trade Facilitation activities.
3. The seventieth session of the ITC had before it a document on “**Border crossing and trade facilitation activities – ‘Road Map’ on Strengthening UNECE Border Crossing and Trade Facilitation Activities**” (ECE/TRANS/2008/3), which discussed areas of joint interest related to trade facilitation. The ITC approved the proposals contained in the “Road Map” (ECE/TRANS/200).

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\*This document was submitted late due to resource constraints.

4. At the next session of the CT in February 2009, a joint Workshop will be organized with the UNECE Inland Transport Committee.

5. The ITC document is presented to the fourteenth UN/CEFACT session for discussion. UN/CEFACT attention is drawn to the following paragraphs of the Road Map which specifically mention UN/CEFACT: paragraphs 11-12; 16-19; 23-29; 43 and 48.

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