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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth session*

to be held in Geneva starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 4 February 2014

I. Provisional agenda

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3. Facilitation of coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs along the Euro-Asian transport links.
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5. Information updating the Geographical Information System (GIS).
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* 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 UNECE 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) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The UNECE secretariat will welcome the Group of Experts (GE) on Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) and propose an agenda for adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/17

2. Identification of cargo flows that could be transported along the Euro-Asian transport links

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that based on its adopted work plan (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) the Group should prepare an analysis of the Euro-Asian trade flows with the objective to identify possible cargo that could be transported by inland transport (road and rail).

The group of experts may wish to consider the presentations by representatives of maritime ports regarding types of cargo flows that are being transported between Europe and Asia, their volume, frequency and possibly value.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

3. Facilitation of coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs along the Euro-Asian transport links

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that based on its adopted work plan (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) it should work closely with EATL project member States, railways authorities, road transport associations and other relevant stakeholders on making Euro-Asian Transport Linkages operational by supporting the development of new rail and road transport services along selected Euro-Asian rail and road transport routes.

To achieve this objective, integrated tariffs and time schedules should be prepared for the rail and road routes already identified by the project. The secretariat should work closely with interested railway authorities and other stakeholders as to identify the ways that these integrated tariffs and time schedules should be created and agreed.

4. Information from participants on recent developments regarding transport infrastructure priority projects along the EATL routes

Following the Workshop on transport infrastructure financing jointly organized by EATL project, Trans-European North-South motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) projects and the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics that took place during the last session of the Working Party (WP.5) in September 2013, states participating in the project should provide the information on the status of their priority transport infrastructure projects, and the needs for further funding.

The Group of Experts may wish to consider presentations by governments on this topic and provide guidance to the secretariat regarding possible actions.

5. Information updating the Geographical Information System (GIS)

The Group of Experts may wish to exchange views and discuss how to collect the data and update application on the Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/16

6. Other business

The GE shall discuss other relevant issues linked to the EATL Phase III.

7. Date of next meeting(s)

The tentative dates for the next five meetings of the UNECE Group of Experts are:

- (a) Tenth session, 27–28 May 2014, Geneva;
- (b) Eleventh session, 30–31 October 2014, Geneva;
- (c) Twelfth session, 4–5 February 2015, Geneva;
- (d) Thirteenth session, 9–10 June 2015, Geneva;
- (e) Fourteenth session, 16–17 September 2015, Geneva.

8. Summary of decisions

The Group of Experts will adopt the list of main decisions at the end of the session.
