

Annex I

Draft Revised Terms of Reference of the Inland Transport Committee¹

(a) **The Inland Transport Committee (ITC) is a unique United Nations centre providing a comprehensive platform for consideration of all aspects of inland transport development and cooperation, with special attention to global regulatory governance through the United Nations transport Conventions and other means;**

(b) **ECE member States participate at the ITC sessions as full members with voting rights. Non-ECE Member States have the right to participate as full members to the segments of the ITC session that deal with legal instruments to which they are contracting parties and remain in a consultative capacity in other parts;**

(ac) ~~The Inland Transport~~ Committee provides a forum for its members **and contracting parties** for (i) cooperation and consultation based on the exchange of information and experiences, (ii) the analysis of transport trends and economics and transport policy trends and (iii) coordinated action designed to achieve an efficient, coherent, balanced and flexible transport system in the ECE region **and beyond** which is based on principles of market economy, pursues the objectives of safety, environmental protection and energy efficiency in transport and takes into account transport developments and policy of ITC members ~~Governments~~;

(bd) ~~The Committee~~ promotes the harmonization and improvement of technical and operational regulations, standards and recommendations in the various fields of inland transport ~~in the ECE region~~, particularly in Road Safety, Road Vehicles, the Transport of Dangerous Goods, **Border-crossing Facilitation**, Infrastructures and Combined Transport;

(ee) It promotes the facilitation of international road, rail and inland waterway transport, particularly through the simplification and harmonization of administrative border crossing procedures and **physical and electronic** documentation, ~~including electronic data interchange (EDIFACT)~~;

(ef) It promotes the coordinated development of infrastructures for road, rail and inland waterway transport as well as for combined transport with a view to achieving coherent international transport **connectivity networks for each mode in the ECE region**;

(eg) The Committee pursues the objective of sustainable transport development by means of promoting both the reduction of the negative impact of transport on the environment and the utilization of environmentally sound modes of transport including the development of combined transport;

(fh) With a view to achieving the above objectives and ensuring the above functions, the Inland Transport Committee elaborates, administers and where appropriate revises Agreements, Conventions and other international legally binding instruments in the various fields of inland transport;

(i) **It acts as a centre for supporting new technologies and innovations in inland transport, by providing a platform for digitalization, automated driving and intelligent transport systems;**

¹ The proposed revisions are identified in this annex by strikethrough (deletions) and bold (additions).

(gj) It develops appropriate methodologies and definitions for the collection, compilation and harmonization of transport statistics for the purposes of comparability and consistency. It also evaluates the need for the collection and coordination of statistics at the international level and reviews ways to improve their collection, presentation and quality;

(hk) Upon request, the Committee advises and assists ~~ECE~~ **its** member countries particularly those facing major economic changes through workshops, training and other appropriate means on transport matters of specific interest in particular in developing **sustainable** transport systems and infrastructures ~~which that~~ are compatible with those of **their** neighbouring **countries** ~~parts of the ECE region~~;

(hl) The Committee undertakes the study of problems at the interface of inland transport with maritime and air transport ~~in the ECE region~~;

(jm) **In line with the ITC Strategy**, in carrying out its mandate the Committee cooperates closely **through established channels** with other **United Nations bodies and Regional Commissions**, ECE ~~Principal~~-Subsidiary Bodies, ~~the European Community~~ **the European Union and Eurasian Economic Union as well as other Regional Economic Integration Organizations**, and intergovernmental organizations, ~~in particular ECMT,~~ regional **and subregional** organizations for economic cooperation, financial institutions ~~such as IBRD, EIB and EBRD,~~ as well as with non-governmental organizations active in the field of ~~European inland~~ transport ~~with a view to avoiding duplication of work and maximizing the contribution of each organization to coherent multilateral regional transport development, safety, environment, and ultimately to the economic development and benefit of member States~~;

(n) **The Bureau of the Committee will be composed of ECE member States. The Committee shall adopt the terms of reference and rules of procedure of its Bureau and may amend these as necessary. The Committee shall adopt the terms of reference and rules of procedure of its subsidiary bodies**;

(ko) The Committee may establish subsidiary bodies or convene meetings as it deems necessary to assist it in carrying out the above mandate, **in line with existing ECE rules**.