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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Geneva, 7 March 2007

DECISION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE COMMITTEE ON INLAND TRANSPORT

Establishment of a multidisciplinary  
group of experts on inland transport security

Note by the secretariat\*

1. At its sixty-ninth session (Geneva, 6 – 8 February 2007), the Inland Transport Committee reviewed its work of the field of the transport security and stressing the importance of this issue, adopted the establishment of a multidisciplinary group of experts and its Terms of Reference (ToR). The Committee requested its approval by the UNECE Executive Committee.
2. The ToR of the multidisciplinary group of experts on inland transport security have been prepared in line with the UNECE Guidelines for the Establishment and Functioning of Teams of Specialists within the UNECE. The expert group aims at taking stock of the work done so far in the field of transport security and preparing recommendations to UNECE Governments in this area.

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\* The document is submitted less than 12 weeks before the meeting to which it relates, because of the short time interval between the sixty-ninth session of the Inland Transport Committee and the meeting of the Executive Committee (6-8 February and 7 March 2007).

3. In accordance with the Guidelines, the Inland Transport Committee decided that participation in the expert group would be open to all UNECE member countries. The European Commission will also be invited to participate.
4. The expert group will be established without the need for additional resources. Support work will be provided within the existing capacities of the UNECE secretariat. UNOG resources will be used for translation and conference services.
5. The Executive Committee is invited to approve the establishment of the multidisciplinary expert group on inland transport security according to the attached Terms of Reference.

## ANNEX

### TERMS OF REFERENCE THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INLAND TRANSPORT SECURITY

- To define the delineation between transport safety and transport security;
- To make an inventory and collect documentation of all relevant regulatory initiatives at national and international level in the field of transport security with a view to share and draw on best practices;
- To make an inventory and collect documentation of all standards and industry initiatives, guidelines and best practices;
- To prepare in a coordinated manner recommendations and/or proposals to the UNECE Governments for consideration by the ITC for improving inland transport security in inter alia the following areas of activity: infrastructure (networks, terminals etc.); personnel; transport means; goods; information exchange; borders;
- The above recommendations and/or amendments to existing legal instruments should, inter alia, be aimed at minimizing the risk of terror attacks in the field of inland transport and at the same time take into consideration the need for maintaining fluidity and facilitation of international transport at an economically acceptable level for states and citizens;
- It is proposed that the Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Inland Transport Security should be composed of experts in transport security matters appointed by Member States of the UNECE as well as representatives of relevant international governmental and non-governmental organizations;
- The Group of Experts is expected to start its work in February 2007, pending approval by the UNECE Executive Committee, and terminate before January 2008 with the submission of a full report of its accomplishments, including the above recommendations, which will first be considered by the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee, then by the Committee and by the relevant subsidiary bodies of the ITC;
- The Group of Experts is assisted in its work by the UNECE secretariat.

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