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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twelfth session¹

to be held in Geneva starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, Room VIII

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Identification of cargo flows on the Euro-Asian transport links.
3. Facilitating the coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs on the Euro-Asian transport links.
4. Identification of needs and requirements by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders in transport and trade on the EATL routes.
5. Information from participants on recent developments in transport infrastructure priority projects along the EATL routes.
6. Geographical Information Systems.
7. Other business.

Preparation for the Latvian presidency of the European Union during the first half of 2015.

¹ 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).



8. Date of next meeting.
9. Summary of decisions.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/23

2. Identification of cargo flows on the Euro-Asian transport links

The Group of Experts may wish to consider a document illustrating recent developments in Euro-Asian transport and trade. The document will contain data, trends and analysis of those flows (Informal document No. 1).

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that at the previous session it kindly requested Professor John Liu to prepare a technical document with analysis and recommendations regarding Euro-Asian trade (Informal document No. 2).

The Group of Experts may also wish to recall that at the previous session it demanded secretariat to prepare a document (based on the approved questionnaire) with information about the commodity structure of Euro-Asian trade that goes through maritime ports (Informal document No. 3).

Documentation

Informal document No. 1; Informal document No. 2; Informal document No. 3

3. Facilitating of the coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs on the Euro-Asian transport links

The Group of Experts may wish to consider new information on time schedules and tariffs on EATL routes. In addition the secretariat shall inform the Group about past activities and possible activities in the future (Informal document No. 4).

The Trans-European Railway (TER) project officer will brief the Group about relevant TER-related developments.

Documentation

Informal document No. 4

4. Identification of needs and requirements by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders in transport and trade on the EATL routes

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that based on adopted work plan (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) it ought to identify transportation needs and requirements (including obstacles) which face producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders along nine rail and road EATL corridors.

The Group of Experts will consider a document (Informal document No. 5) on a comparative analysis of time and cost between rail and maritime transport between Europe and Asia. The document is kindly requested from company Plaske at the eleventh session of the Group.

The Group of Experts will consider the presentations by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders who will share their experience, best practices, problems and proposals for solutions.

Documentation

Informal document No. 5

5. Information from participants on recent developments in transport infrastructure priority projects on the EATL routes

The Group of Experts may wish to consider new information by Governments on this topic and provide guidance to the secretariat on possible actions.

6. Geographical Information Systems

The Group of Experts will receive observations and guidance from the Governments and exchange views on the further development of the Geographical Information Systems (GIS). A possible involvement of commercial enterprises in the EATL GIS will also be considered.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2014/1

7. Other business

Preparation for the Latvian presidency of the European Union during the first half of 2015

The Government of Latvia will inform the Group of Experts about the preparations for the Latvian presidency of the European Union, especially about the transport and EATL dimensions event scheduled for 29–30 April 2015.

The Group of Experts shall discuss other issues about EATL Phase III.

8. Date of next meeting

The Group of Experts will set the date and venue for its thirteenth session.

9. Summary of decisions

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