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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

##### Group of Experts on Climate Change impacts and adaptation for transport networks and nodes

###### Seventh session

Geneva, 3–5 June 2015

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the seventh session<sup>1</sup>

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3 June 2015

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5. Programme of Work.
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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html)). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail ([maria.mostovets@unece.org](mailto:maria.mostovets@unece.org)) or by fax (41 22-917 0039).

10. Summary of main decisions.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Introduction - The work of the Group in first phase**

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that the Group of Experts had completed its work in 2013 and had submitted a full report of its accomplishments. This report included policy-oriented recommendations to improve the long-term sustainability of transport infrastructure with an emphasis on international connections. It also included best practices of different national policies which address the issues of transport network resilience from climate change impacts. The final report of the Group issued as a UNECE publication (ECE/TRANS/238) to raise awareness on the importance of climate change adaptation. It also provides a set of best and good practices for adaptation measures.

Following the approval of the establishment of the Group of Experts by EXCOM in May 2011, the Group met in September and November of 2011; in April, October and December of 2012; and in March of 2013 when its objectives were considered accomplished. The meetings were attended by twenty-two governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, e.g. the European Union, World Meteorological Organization, Eurasian Economic Community, International Union of Railways, International Road Federation, International Road Transport Union and academia.

The Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-sixth session (25 February 2014) welcomed the outcome of activities undertaken by the Group of Experts; endorsed the main recommendations of the report according to which effective climate change adaptation strategies should be based on a clear understanding and systematic mapping of the vulnerabilities of the transport sector to climate change and the capacity required to adapt to changes; and invited UNECE to strengthen cooperation with, in particular, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) of the World Meteorological Organization.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2011/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/12, ECE/TRANS/238

### **2. Election of Officers**

The Group of Experts will appoint its officers: a Chair, and if deemed necessary, Vice-Chair(s).

### **3. Adoption of the agenda**

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Group of Experts is invited to adopt its agenda.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/13

#### **4. Climate Change and Transport Networks and nodes: Overview of main concerns and considerations**

The Expert Group may wish to discuss issues and concerns on the impacts of climate change on inland transport networks and nodes and adaptation requirements for different modes of inland transport (road, rail, inland water transport, intermodal transport, ports and their hinterland connections as well as intermodal hubs and logistics centres).

##### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2015/2

#### **5. Programme of Work**

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss and approve its programme of work and scheduled activities (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2015/1).

##### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/2015/1

#### **6. Partners and expected contributions**

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss potential partners and to make proposals on cooperation with other United Nations bodies, governments, international and regional organizations, NGOs, academia and the private sector. The Group of Experts may also wish to consider the possibility of ensuring appropriate financial support for the work, i.e. by participating countries and other partners and stakeholders.

#### **7. Preliminary discussion on the structure of the final report of the Group of Experts**

The Group of Experts may wish to exchange views on the structure of its final report, e.g. development of a hot spots map, recommendations and proposals to the UNECE member States on improving the adaptability of international transport networks to climate change in areas including: infrastructure, risk assessment methodology, evaluation of adaptive measures, risk management, training tools and cross-border information sharing by national transport authorities.

#### **8. Other business**

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

#### **9. Date and place of next meeting**

The Group of Experts may wish to note that its second meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva on 2–4 December 2015.

## **10. Summary of main decisions**

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will briefly summarize the decisions taken. Following the session, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chair(s), will draft the final report.

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