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Inland Transport Committee

Seventy-ninth session

Geneva, 21–24 February 2017

Seventh Meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies

Restricted meeting – for Government delegates only*
(22 February 2017 from 10.00 – 13.00, Salle XII)

Provisional agenda

Welcome and introduction of the meeting's objectives

By the ITC Chair and the Director of the Sustainable Transport Division

Discussion topic: Review of the strategy and future directions of the Inland Transport Committee to better adapt to a fast-changing global environment

The Inland Transport Committee (ITC) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe was established in 1947. Thus it celebrates its seventieth anniversary in 2017. On this occasion and also in light of the important global agreements with a call for transforming transport and making progress towards sustainable transport and mobility, the Committee decided at its last session to take a strategic look at its activities, priorities, opportunities and challenges. The secretariat was asked to prepare a strategy paper in close coordination with the Bureau of the Committee to facilitate the discussion at its forthcoming meeting. The seventh meeting of the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies and of the Chairs of treaty bodies working in collaboration with the Committee and its subsidiary bodies therefore will be dedicated to the ITC strategy. This part of the Committee session will remain restricted to government participants. For this purpose, delegates will have the opportunity to review an advanced version of the Executive Summary of the detailed background report (ECE/TRANS/2017/R.1) and the draft background report (Informal Document No. 1 - in English only) on the strategy will also be made available. The full report includes also results of the survey and of the consultations with major stakeholders.

Questions for discussion:

The following questions are recommended for discussion at the restricted session of the Committee in 2017, based on responses from the stakeholders' consultations:

- What ways to go, which priorities to follow, how to stay and even increase dynamism?

* Due to the restricted nature of this meeting, only Government experts who have registered for the 79th ITC session will be included in the list of admitted participants. The Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies, Chairs of Administrative Committees of UNECE legal instruments and ITC Bureau members will be automatically included by the secretariat in the list of admitted participants.

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- What changes in the conventions will be warranted by 2030 and beyond?
 - How to further address the pressure between the regional status and the global role and relevance?
 - Are any changes warranted in the governance structure?

Documentation

Informal Document No. 1 (restricted); ECE/TRANS/2017/R.1 (restricted)
