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Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Inland Transport Security

First session
Geneva, 24-25 May 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 hours on Thursday, 24 May 2007^{1, 2}

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its sixty-ninth session (Geneva, 6-8 February 2007), the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) reviewed its work in the area of transport security and, stressing the importance of this issue, agreed to establish a multidisciplinary group of experts and to adopt its terms of reference. The ITC also requested endorsement by the UNECE Executive Committee. Subsequently, the Executive Committee endorsed the ITC's decision and terms of reference. The Group of Experts

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is to be assisted in its work by the UNECE Secretariat – within the existing capacities and without the need for additional resources – while UNOG resources will be used for translation and conference services.

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Item 1 Introduction

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2. The Expert Group may wish to recall that the UNECE Executive Committee, at its thirteenth session, held on 7 March 2007, endorsed the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to establish a Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Inland Transport Security and approved its terms of reference. Accordingly, the Expert Group 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 complete its work and submit a final report by the end of January 2008.

Item 2 Election of officers

3. The Group of Experts will appoint its officers: a Chairperson, and if deemed necessary, one or two Vice-Chairpersons.

Item 3 Adoption of the agenda

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Item 4 Overview of issues/initiatives

4. The Expert Group may wish to take note of presentations by national delegations, by international organizations and by the private sector in order to begin to take stock of work already done in the area of inland transport security.

Item 5 Program of work

5. The Expert Group may wish to discuss what areas of inland transport it should focus on as well as how to proceed. The Group's terms of reference indicate four major areas of emphasis:

- (a) Transport safety versus transport security;
- (b) Regulatory initiatives at the national level;
- (c) Regulatory initiatives at the international level;
- (d) Standards, initiatives, guidelines, best practices by the private sector.

6. The Expert Group may also wish to discuss the scope of its inquiry. The Group's terms of reference enumerate, *inter alia*, the following areas: infrastructure, personnel, transport means, goods, information exchange and border crossings.

Item 6 Final report

7. The Expert Group may wish to discuss how to prepare recommendations and/or proposals to the UNECE members to improve inland transport security. The Group's terms of reference stipulate the submission of a report that contains:

- (a) Inventory of regulatory initiatives at international, national and industry levels;
- (b) Recommendations and/or amendments to existing legal instruments.

Item 7 Other business

8. The Expert Group may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

Item 8 Date and place of next meeting

9. The Expert Group will decide on date and venue for its next meeting.
