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**INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Seventieth session  
Geneva, 19-21 February 2008

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTIETH SESSION** <sup>1/</sup>, <sup>2/</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 February 2008

1. Adoption of the agenda

**I. MINISTERIAL SEGMENT**

2. Discussion by Ministers of Transport of countries in Euro-Asian region on future development of Euro-Asian transport links
3. Signing of Joint Statement by Ministers of Transport of countries in Euro-Asian region

**II. QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN GENERAL**

4. Results of the Committee's Bureau Meetings
5. Matters arising from the Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies and Conferences

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<sup>1/</sup> The annotations to this agenda will be circulated as ECE/TRANS/199/Add.1.

<sup>2/</sup> For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no formal documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc.html>) or from the public UN Official Document System's (ODS) website (<http://documents.un.org/>). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations). Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email (Michalis.Adamantiadis@unece.org or Violet.Yee@unece.org) or by fax (41 22-917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 73263). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>.

6. Implementation of the priorities of the UNECE Reform for strengthening some activities of the Committee
  - (a) Border crossing and trade facilitation activities
  - (b) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) and environmental aspects of transport
  - (c) Implementation and monitoring of legal instruments
  - (d) Euro-Asian transport links
  - (e) Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) and improving transparency
  - (f) Intersectoral cooperation between the Inland Transport Committee and the Conference of European Statisticians
7. Activities of other international organizations dealing with problems of interest to the Committee
8. Review of the transport situation in UNECE member countries and of emerging development trends
9. Transport and security
10. Assistance to countries with economies in transition
  - (a) United Nations Development Account Project on Capacity Building for developing Interregional Transport Linkages
  - (b) Activities of the Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects and implementation of their Master Plan
  - (c) Other activities and fund-raising issues

### **III. QUESTIONS DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE'S SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

11. Issues that need consideration and require decisions by the Committee
  - (a) Report on and follow-up to the UNECE-UNESCAP Project "Development of Euro-Asian transport links"
  - (b) Activities related to seaport connections to the hinterland
  - (c) European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)
  - (d) Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)

- (e) Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)
  - (f) Follow-up of the First United Nations Global Safety Week, 23-29 April 2007
  - (g) Preparation of a new Annex 9 (rail crossing) to the Harmonization Convention
  - (h) New Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers in International Railway Passenger Transport
  - (i) Finalization of 2005 E-Road and 2005 E-Rail Traffic Censuses
12. Issues of informative character and formal approval by the Committee
- (a) Transport trends and economics
    - (i) Infrastructure bottlenecks and missing links
    - (ii) Studies on transport economics and track costs undertaken by other organizations
  - (b) Road transport  
European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)
  - (c) Road traffic safety
    - (i) Publication of the Consolidated Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and European Agreements supplementing them
    - (ii) UN Road Safety Collaboration
  - (d) Harmonization of vehicle regulations
    - (i) The 1958 Agreement and annexed UNECE Regulations
    - (ii) The 1998 (global) Agreement and global technical regulations (gtrs)
    - (iii) The 1997 Agreement on Periodical Technical Inspections
    - (iv) Secretariat resources for the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)
  - (e) Rail transport infrastructure  
European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC)

(f) Inland water transport

Activities undertaken by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) and the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3)

(g) Intermodal transport and logistics

(i) European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) and its Protocol on Inland Waterway

(ii) Efficient intermodal transport in a pan-European context: Follow-up to the action plan adopted by the Council of Ministers of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) (Moscow, 24 and 25 May 2005)

(h) Border Crossing Facilitation

Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975)

(i) Transport of dangerous goods

(i) The Economic and Social Council's Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

(ii) Harmonization of the technical requirements of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) and the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)

(iii) European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)

(iv) European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)

(j) Transport of perishable foodstuffs

Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP)

- (k) Transport statistics
    - (i) Annual session of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6)
    - (ii) Methodological issues - Finalization of the manual on the statistical coverage of road traffic performance (vehicle/km/year)
      - (iii) Workshops related to transport statistics
  - (l) Status of accession to international UNECE transport agreements and conventions
  - (m) Transport Division website
13. Transport of disabled people
  14. Biennial evaluation for the 2008-2009 Biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators and methodologies

#### **IV. ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE WORK**

15. Draft Programme of work 2008-2012
16. Schedule of meetings in 2008
17. Election of officers
18. Composition of the Committee's Bureau in 2008 and 2009

#### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

19. Any other business
  - Date of next session
20. Adoption of the list of main decisions of the seventieth session

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