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Multidisciplinary group of experts on inland transport security

Note by the secretariat

The Bureau may wish to recall that the Inland Transport Committee, at its sixty-eighth session, following the organization of the Round Table on Transport Security in February 2006, had requested the Bureau to discuss further the issue of transport security in further detail, in particular the possible setting-up a multidisciplinary ad hoc expert group on transport security with the aim to take stock of the work done so far and preparing recommendations to UNECE Governments.

The Bureau may wish to consider the attached Terms of Reference of a multidisciplinary group of experts on inland transport security, which have been prepared in line with the UNECE guidelines for the establishment and functioning of teams of specialists within the UNECE. The ToR includes the scope of issues and the achievements expected. Following the guidelines, the Committee, if it approves the establishment of the Group of Experts, shall establish the membership, including the nomination procedure. Subsequently, the Committee must submit the proposed establishment to the UNECE Executive Committee for approval.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF
THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY GROUP OF EXPERTS
ON INLAND TRANSPORT SECURITY
(DRAFT)**

- To define the delineation between transport safety and transport security;
- To make an inventory and collect documentation of all relevant regulatory initiatives at national and international level in the field of transport security with a view to share and draw on best practices;
- To make an inventory and collect documentation of all standards and industry initiatives, guidelines and best practices;
- To prepare in a coordinated manner recommendations and/or proposals to the UNECE Governments for consideration by the ITC for improving inland transport security in inter alia the following areas of activity: infrastructure (networks, terminals etc.); personnel; transport means; goods; information exchange; borders;
- The above recommendations and/or amendments to existing legal instruments should, inter alia, be aimed at minimizing the risk of terror attacks in the field of inland transport and at the same time take into consideration the need for maintaining fluidity and facilitation of international transport at an economically acceptable level for states and citizens;
- It is proposed that the Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Inland Transport Security should be composed of experts in transport security matters appointed by the States members of the UNECE as well as representatives of relevant international governmental and non-governmental organizations;
- The Group of Experts is expected to start its work in February 2007, pending approval by the UNECE Executive Committee and terminate before January 2008 with the submission of a full report of its accomplishments, including the above recommendations which will first be considered by the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee, then the Committee for subsequent consideration, where relevant, by the relevant subsidiary bodies of the ITC;
- The Group of Experts is assisted in its work by the UNECE secretariat.

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