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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

##### Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs

###### Fourth session

Geneva, 16 and 17 October 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fourth session<sup>1, 2</sup>

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday,  
16 October 2017, Room IX, Palais des Nations

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of good practices at national levels for evaluating and calculating them.
3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of terminologies used.
4. Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs: Overview of main concerns and considerations.

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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 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (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).

<sup>2</sup> Delegates are requested to register online at: [www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=NPp3p](http://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=NPp3p) or to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website: [www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5\\_ge\\_benchmarking\\_transport\\_infrastructure\\_construction\\_costs\\_04.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5_ge_benchmarking_transport_infrastructure_construction_costs_04.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat two weeks prior to the session by e-mail ([maria.mostovets@unece.org](mailto:maria.mostovets@unece.org)). Delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on our website [www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm)).

5. Discussions on the structure of the final report of the Group of Experts.
6. Other business.
7. Date and place of next meeting.
8. Adoption of main decisions.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. 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.4/7

### **2. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of good practices at national levels for evaluating and calculating them**

The members of the Group will discuss models, methodologies, tools and good practices for evaluating, calculating and analyzing inland transport infrastructure construction costs that have been implemented at national and possibly at international levels.

The members of the Group are invited to present their experience in evaluating and calculating inland transport infrastructure construction costs and contribute to Group's mandate.

### **3. Transport Infrastructure Construction costs: Presentations of terminologies used**

The Group may wish to recall that at its previous session considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/1 prepared by the road team of experts on terminologies used for construction costs of road infrastructure which was approved with amendments (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/1/Rev.1).

The Group may wish to consider and approve document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/3 on terminologies used in the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region for construction costs of Intermodal terminals and nodes prepared by the intermodal terminals and nodes team of experts led by Europlatforms. The main objective should be to analyse those terminologies and agree on a specific list with specific explanations in order to create a glossary of agreed terminologies and related explanations for Intermodal Terminals and nodes.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/1/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/3

#### **4. Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs: Overview of main concerns and considerations**

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss issues and concerns on the Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs and their benchmarking 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 centers) as well as challenges that the Group faces in order to accomplish its objectives.

#### **5. Discussions on the structure of the final report of the Group of Experts**

The Group may wish to recall that at its previous session considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/2 prepared by the road team of experts on the questionnaire on benchmarking road transport infrastructure costs and approved the questionnaire subject to specific amendments (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/2/Rev.1).

The Group of Experts may wish to review the already discussed at its previous session structure of its final report, including recommendations and proposals to the UNECE members on benchmarking transport infrastructure constructions costs. The Group's Terms of Reference stipulates the submission of a full report of its accomplishments, including policy-oriented recommendations.

The Group may wish to recall that at its previous session requested the secretariat to prepare an interim status report for distribution to member States at the end of the year. The Group may wish to consider Informal Document No.1 which outlines the main outcomes of the first year of Group's work as well as the challenges faced during this first year.

##### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2017/2/Rev.1, Informal Document No.1

#### **6. Other business**

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

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

The Group of Experts may wish to note that its fifth meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva on 29 and 31 January 2018.

#### **8. Adoption 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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