

MEETING OF NORDIC AND BALTIC MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT

Balestrand 20th-21st of June 2006

Annotated Agenda

Tuesday, June 20th

1. Opening of the meeting/adoption of the agenda

DOCUMENT

Draft Agenda

PROPOSAL

The Ministers are requested to adopt the draft agenda.

2. The upcoming Finnish Presidency of the EU (Finland)

DOCUMENT

The Finnish Presidency of the EU (to be distributed at the meeting)

PROPOSAL

The Ministers are requested to give their views and opinions on the Presidency's programme after the Finnish presentation.

3 a. De-regulation of public transport by road and rail (Norway)

PROPOSAL

The Minister's introduction will focus on the ongoing liberalisation process within the transport market in general, and will also touch upon the proposed Regulation on Public Passenger Transport Services by Road and Rail (The PSO Regulation) and the liberalisation process

following Railway Package III. The Ministers are – in the light of the Minister’s introduction – requested to give their views on the subjects.

3 b. Mid-term review of White Paper on EU transport policy

(Denmark)

PROPOSAL

The subject is introduced by Denmark, followed by an exchange of views from the Ministers.

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4. Follow-up of the High Level Group’s report “Network for peace and development – extension for the major trans-European transport axes to the neighbouring countries and regions” (Lithuania)

PROPOSAL

Introduction of the subject by Lithuania. The Minister’s are requested to give their views of the follow-up of the High Level Group’s report.

5. The future Nordic-Baltic cooperation (Sweden)

DOCUMENT

The Swedish proposal for Nordic-Baltic cooperation in the transport area – *DOC 1*

PROPOSAL

The Ministers are requested to discuss the existing proposal for future cooperation.

COMMENT

At the NB8-meeting in Denmark in August 2005, it was decided to look further into the future Nordic-Baltic cooperation. The informal Nordic Committee of Senior Officials has also discussed the subject since then.

6. Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) (ITS Norway)

DOCUMENT

Presentation by Director Ivar Christiansen, ITS Norway – *DOC 2*

PROPOSAL

The Ministers are asked to take note of the presentation, and to ask questions.

7. Press release/any other business

DOCUMENT

Press release draft – *DOC 3*

PROPOSAL

The Ministers are requested adopt the press release draft and to discuss any other businesses.

8. Time and location for the next NB8-meeting

The Ministers are requested to decide the time and location for the next NB8-meeting.