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Addendum 1

Workshop on International Railway Infrastructure Capacity Allocation

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Friday 18 October 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

At its fifty-fifth session (2001) the Working Party asked the secretariat to convene, in collaboration with Forum Train Europe (FTE) and the European Commission (EC), an informal Ad hoc meeting to deal with: (i) technical aspects of the optimization of railway timetables and their efficient use; (ii) limits of governments' regulations in setting up international timetables, with regard to its social role and responsibilities and the commercial role of railway undertakings, and (iii) organizational problems of capacity allocation and infrastructure management at international level (TRANS/SC.2/196, para. 22).

The informal meeting took place on 22 April 2002 in Geneva. A representative of the European Infrastructure Managers (EIM), a representative of the Community of European Railways (CER) and a representative of Forum Train Europe (FTE) attended the meeting. The representative of the European Commission (EC) was unable to attend.

In conclusion of the meeting, participants felt that, in order to further promote a better understanding of the need for coherent railway capacity allocation procedures at the European-wide level, a Workshop on International Railway Infrastructure Capacity Allocation might be organized back-to-back with the next session of the Working Party on Rail Transport. The Workshop is open to all participants of the Working Party session and other interested parties.

The programme for the Workshop is contained in TRANS/SC.2/197/Add.2.
