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**ACTION TAKEN BY UIC IN THE AREA OF SAFETY AND
SECURITY OF TRANSPORT 2003-2004**

Addendum 1

Transmitted by the International Union of Railways (UIC)

A UIC post of head of mission for security was established in March 2003 and the work initiated in the Security Group and the COLPOFER (railway police) group continued, with increasing importance being given to the problems of terrorism.

A forum with the American railway authorities and companies was organized jointly by UIC and the Federal Railroad Administration in New York from 27 to 29 October 2003, on the topic "A global perspective of transportation security". This forum made possible the subsequent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in Paris on 18 November 2003, providing for the pursuit of joint measures for the exchange of information on security and terrorism, the development of technological research, aspects of communication and crisis management.

The institutional partnership was reinforced with the services of the European Commission. A working seminar on terrorism with the Directorate-General for Transport and Energy took place on 11 and 12 December 2003. The Directorate-General for Justice and Home Affairs took the floor in the UIC Security Group on 27 January 2004

on the subject of the development of the Schengen area in the context of the enlargement of Europe which would welcome 10 new members in 2004. Lastly, UIC replied in June 2004 to invitations by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research to tender for security technologies.

At the same time, UIC took the floor during the meetings organized by ECMT on 11 and 12 March 2004 on the security of goods wagons.

The key issues in security activity in 2004 were:

- **The effective launch of the Schengenrail project**

This project is part of UIC's priorities as defined by its Assembly of Active Members on 19 November 2003. The process was launched in collaboration with the European Commission. It comprises a working platform hosted by Poland and two local working groups hosted by Slovakia and Slovenia. The two groups have as their mission the specific study on the ground of the problems posed by the application of the Schengen acquis at a number of railway border points, with a view to identifying a general method of work which will be applied subsequently to other border points, particularly on the eastern borders of Poland in 2005.

This phase was officially launched in Warsaw on 7 April 2004 and a progress report from the Slovak group (the border between Slovakia and Ukraine) will be discussed on 14 and 15 June 2004. The final reports of both groups will be delivered at the end of October 2004 and should enable a start to be made on the implementation phases for the border points studied and on similar study phases for the others.

- **Combating terrorism**

The exchange of information and experience was naturally reinforced following the Madrid attack of 11 March 2004; a small working meeting between UIC and the Spanish National Railways (RENFE) planned the organization of an exchange of information between companies on the UIC web server and the start of technological research to reinforce the efficient prevention of terrorism in the railway sector.

In addition, UIC and the International Union of Public Transport (UITP) drafted a joint "Declaration on Public Transport and Anti-Terrorism Security" the final form of which was adopted at an international conference organized by UITP in Geneva from 2 to 4 June 2004. This declaration, signed by both Chairmen, is a reminder that public transport is a prime target of terrorism and that the public authorities are responsible for the assessment and monitoring of the threat while public transport services are responsible for vulnerability analysis; measures for prevention and intervention must be defined jointly.

Another working seminar with the American authorities is scheduled for the summer of 2004.

- **The Third World Railway Security Forum**

The forum is scheduled to be held in Marseilles from 27 to 29 October 2004. It will take as its general theme relations involving security between rail companies and their institutional environments, including authorities, partners, providers, media and communication. UITP, ECMT and the services of the European Commission will share in organizing the event. Advance registration has already taken place. The sequence of the meetings has been organized and the official invitations will be sent out in June 2004. The forum will be accompanied by an exhibition on security technologies, organized at the venue.
