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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth session^{1, 2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 5 October 2016

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² 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 UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/main/sc2/sc2.html. During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2016/4

2. Preparation of the necessary documents following the draft legal provisions

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that during the seventy-eighth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) a resolution (ECE/TRANS/2016/17) on Unified Railway Law was considered and adopted. The ITC with this resolution invited the Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law to work in order to prepare the necessary documents for rail transport following the legal provisions prepared.

The main task of the Group of Experts is the coordination of the preparation and/or of the review of the already prepared necessary documents for rail transport by the relevant international associations in the railway sector meaning the Organization for Cooperation between Railways, the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail and the International Rail Transport Committee, following the draft legal provisions prepared during the previous phase of the group of experts

At its last session the Group of Experts agreed that it should not reinvent the wheel on the preparation of the documents and that existing documents should be used. The Group may wish to continue discussions on this issue and decide the list of documents that should be used and their content/structure.

3. Monitoring results of pilot tests

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that the ITC resolution on Unified Railway Law encouraged Railways Undertakings and International Organizations for railways to test the draft legal provisions, whenever possible, in practice and invited the Group of Experts to monitor the results of these pilot tests and prepare recommendations accordingly.

The Group of Experts may wish to consider presentations by Railways Undertaking and International Organizations for railways that tested the draft legal provisions in practice, discuss and analyse the results of such pilot tests, as well as suggest some recommendations for the application of these draft legal provisions in the future.

4. Possible next steps of the work on Unified Railway Law

ITC during its seventy-eighth session requested the UNECE Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) to report the results of the Group of Experts towards the Unified Railway Law work, as well as to suggest possible next steps of the work on Unified Railway Law at its seventy-ninth session (2017) for its consideration and approval.

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss and exchange views on the possible next steps of the work on Unified Railway Law and provide some recommendations for consideration by SC.2 in November 2016.

5. Other business

At present, there are no proposals under this item. Proposals can be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat (sc.2@unece.org).

6. Date of next session

Sessions of the Group of Experts are not foreseen to allow SC.2, at its forthcoming session on 22–24 November 2016, to consider the progress made and provide guidance on possible future activities of the Group of Experts, as appropriate, for approval by the ITC in February 2017.

7. Summary of decisions

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will briefly summarize the decisions taken. Following the session, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chair, will draft the final report.
