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Data collection, methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics

Rail traffic accident statistics

Note by the secretariat

I. Background

1. At its sixty-sixth session, the Working Party decided to send a pilot questionnaire on the collection of the main indicators on rail traffic accidents (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2016/4) for the member States where data are not available from other sources.

II. Progress

2. The Working Party may wish to be informed that the secretariat distributed the questionnaire, in English, French and Russian, to all member States not covered by the database of the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA). The ERA database covers all 28 European Union Member States, plus The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey. The questionnaire was sent on 8 February 2017, with a suggested deadline of 31 March 2017.

3. As of 4 May 2017, responses with data had been received from eight countries, namely Armenia (in the form of a publication), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Serbia and the United States of America. Azerbaijan and Moldova responded that no accidents occurred during the requested years (2010 to 2015); and Liechtenstein responded that the data are not available.

4. The Working Party may wish to receive updates from the secretariat on any further data submitted by countries and be informed of the completeness of data received.

5. The Working Party may wish to consider the regular collection of these data, and their dissemination, liaising with the ERA as necessary to ensure that data are comparable and that the reporting burden is minimised.
