Agenda item 4.5 Unified Railway Law

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Leveling the playing field


Hague-Visby and Hamburg Rules

Chicago Convention and other treaties (Warsaw, Montreal Conventions)

Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterways (CMNI) of 2001

• COTIF Convention
• SMGS Agreement
• Many other regional and national agreements

We create a level playing field for Railway freight!
Unified Railway Law progress

• A draft new Convention prepared by the Group of Experts in 2014

• In 2016 ITC requested:
  – all additional documents be prepared and
  – pilot tests be carried out

• Corridors identified in 2016

• Virtual pilot test in 2017

• ITC in 2018 extended the work for a further 2 years
Main activities for the group:

- Monitor the finalisation of the necessary documents
- Monitor the performance of real pilot tests
- Draft a document (or system of documents) on URL to be adopted as a legally binding instrument which shall:
  - take into account the draft legal provisions on the contract of carriage already prepared;
  - include the necessary formal provisions eg: depository, management, secretariat, etc.;
  - be structured in a way which allows to easily supplement it with provisions.
The group may also wish to consider related issues on:
- Common provisions on dangerous goods;
- Common provisions on the use of freight wagons;
- Common provisions on rail infrastructure; and
- Common provisions on rolling stock.

Next session of the Group of Experts: 29 to 31 October 2018.
Working Party on Rail Transport

- Workshop on Innovation in the railways
- Updating of AGC
- Further discussions on rail security (and Observatory)
- Rail financing and PPPs
- New Convention on the transport of passengers and baggage

Next session 21-23 November 2018
Thank you for your attention

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