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**EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL COMBINED
TRANSPORT LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS (AGTC)**

New amendment proposals (updating and extension of the AGTC network)

Note by the secretariat

I. INTRODUCTION AND MANDATE

1. At its forty-ninth session, the Working Party had adopted the amendment proposals contained in documents ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2008/3, Add.1 and Add.2, with the exception of amendment proposals contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2008/3/Add.1 pertaining to (15) Austria, (19) Hungary, (35) Armenia, (37) Georgia and (39) Turkmenistan for which the consultation process had not yet been concluded (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/119, paragraphs 40-44).

2. Noting that the required consultation process among countries directly concerned had not yet been concluded, the Working Party, at its fiftieth session, decided to consider these amendment proposals at a later stage (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/121, paragraph 58).

3. In case the required consultation process among countries directly concerned has been concluded, representatives of Contracting Parties to the AGTC Agreement at the present session of the Working Party may wish to formally adopt these remaining proposals as contained in this document in accordance with article 15 of the AGTC Agreement. The secretariat would then transmit these proposals to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, Treaty Section for depositary action.

4. A map of the AGTC network, including the proposed extensions, is contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2008/3. A map of the AGTC network is available on the WP.24 website.¹ For an explanation of line numbers, please refer to the annex of the present document.

5. As of 1 January 2009, the following countries are Contracting Parties to the AGC² and AGTC Agreements:

| AGC Agreement (27 countries) | AGTC Agreement (32 countries) | AGC Agreement (27 countries) | AGTC Agreement (32 countries) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Albania | Albania | - | Kazakhstan |
| Austria | Austria | Montenegro | Montenegro |
| Belarus | Belarus | - | Netherlands |
| Belgium | Belgium | - | Norway |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | - | Poland | Poland |
| Bulgaria | Bulgaria | - | Portugal |
| Croatia | Croatia | Moldova | Moldova |
| Czech Republic | Czech Republic | Romania | Romania |
| - | Denmark | Russian Federation | Russian Federation |
| France | France | Serbia | Serbia |
| - | Georgia | Slovakia | Slovakia |
| Germany | Germany | Slovenia | Slovenia |
| Greece | Greece | - | Switzerland |
| Hungary | Hungary | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | - |
| Italy | Italy | Turkey | Turkey |
| Latvia | Latvia | Ukraine | Ukraine |
| Lithuania | Lithuania | | |
| Luxembourg | Luxembourg | | |

¹ <www.unece.org/trans/wp24/documents/AGTCmap.pdf>.

² European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines.

II. AGTC AGREEMENT: COUNTRY SPECIFIC AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

(15) AUSTRIA

AGTC Annex I

Add the following new railway line:

“C-E 63 Wien-Ebenfurt (-Sopron)”

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Austria, Hungary, Slovakia.

Note by the secretariat: Austria has informed the secretariat that this amendment proposal is redundant, since AGTC line C-E 50 continues already as a branch line (for combined transport only) from Vienna to Ebenfurt and Sopron. It is thus proposed to withdraw this amendment proposal.

(19) HUNGARY

AGTC Annex I

Add the following new railway line:

“C-E 631 (Ebenfurt-) Sopron-Szombathely-Naggykanizsa”

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Austria, Hungary.

(35) ARMENIA*

AGTC Annex I

Add the following line:

“C-E 692 (Sadakhlo-) Ayrum-Gyumri-Akhuryan (-Dogu Kapi)”

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Armenia,* Georgia,* Turkey.

AGTC Annex II

A. Terminals of importance for international combined transport

Add the following terminal:

“Karmin Blur”

B. Border crossing points of importance for international combined transport

Add the following border crossing points:

“Ayrum (ARM) - Sadakhlo (GR)

Akhuryan (ARM) - Dogu Kapi (TCDD)”

* not a Contracting Party to the AGTC.

(37) GEORGIA*

AGTC Annex I

Add the following railway lines:

“C-E 99 (Veseloe-) Gantiadi-Poti”

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Georgia, * Russian Federation.

“C-E 60 Batumi -Tbilisi-Gardabani (-Beyuk)
Poti”

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Azerbaijan, * Georgia, * Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, * Uzbekistan.*

“C-E 692 (Ayrum-) Sadakhlo -Tbilisi”
(Kars-) Akhalkalaki

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Armenia, * Georgia, * Turkey.

AGTC Annex II

A. Terminals of importance for international combined transport

Add the following terminals:

“Khashuri

Kutaisi

Poti

Tbilisi”

B. Border crossing points of importance for international combined transport

Add the following border crossing points:

“Gantiadi (GR) - Veseloe (RZD)

Gardabani (GR) - Beyuk (AZ)

Sadakhlo (GR) - Ayrum (TCDD)

Akhalkalaki (GR) - Kars (TCDD)”

(39) TURKMENISTAN*

AGTC Annex I

Add the following railway lines:

“C-E 597 (Nukus-) Dashhowuz (-Urganch-) Chardzhev”

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, * Uzbekistan.*

* not a Contracting Party to the AGTC.

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“C-E 60 (Baku-) Turkmenbashi-Ashgabat-Chardzhev (-Alat)”
Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Azerbaijan, * Georgia,*
Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan,* Uzbekistan.*

“C-E 695 (Termis-) (-Karshi)”
Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Turkmenistan,* Uzbekistan.*

“C-E 70 (Sarakhs-) Serahs-Tecen”
Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Italy,
Serbia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan.*

AGTC Annex II

A. Terminals of importance for international combined transport

Add the following terminals:

“Turkmenbashi
Ashgabat”

B. Border crossing points of importance for international combined transport

Add the following border crossing points:

“Chardzhev (TRK) - Alat (UR)
Beyneu (TRK) - Kungrad (UR)
Nukus (UR) - Dashhowuz (TRK)
Dashhowuz (TRK) - Urganch (UR)
Urganch (UR) - Chardzhev (TRK)
Serahs (TRK) - Sarakhs (RAI)”

D. Ferry links/ports forming part of the international combined transport network

Add the following ferry link/port:

“Turkmenbashi - Baku (Turkmenistan - Azerbaijan)”

Annex

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanation of line numbers (AGTC Agreement (ECE/TRANS/88/Rev.4))

“C-E” denotes railway lines essentially identical to relevant “E” lines of the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) of 1985.

“C” denotes other lines important for international combined transport. “C” line numbers are identical to those of the nearest “E” line and are sometimes followed by a serial number.³

The “E” number has been placed for easy reference and comparison with the lines contained in the AGC. It in no way indicates whether States are or intend to become Contracting Parties to the AGC.

Numbering of lines of major international importance (AGC Agreement (ECE/TRANS/63))

Principal lines, comprising reference lines and intermediate lines, called class-A lines, have two-digit numbers; supplementary lines, called class-B lines, have three-digit numbers.

North-south oriented reference lines have two-digit odd numbers ending in 5 and increasing from west to east. West-east oriented reference lines have two-digit even numbers ending in 0 and increasing from north to south. Intermediate lines have respectively two-digit even numbers falling within the numbers of the reference lines between which they are located.

Class-B lines have three-digit numbers, the first digit being that of the nearest reference line to the north of the B-line concerned, the second being that of the nearest reference line to the west of the B-line concerned and the third being a serial number.

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³ “C” lines with a slash (C 95/2) denote important combined transport branch lines that complement or extent “C” or “C-E” lines.