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**TER Working Party on Infrastructure
Development and Technical Operations (WP1)**

PRESS RELEASE

The 8th Session of Working Party on Infrastructure Developments and Technical Operations was held on 15-16 May, 2002 in Brioni, Croatia.

Representatives of 8 TER member countries, of UIC and UNECE attended the meeting.

On the agenda of the meeting were important issues like: presentation and discussion on the Terms of Reference (TOR) for TER Master Plan, proposal for monitoring the Pan-European Corridors and Areas, presentation of TOR for the elaboration of an inventory of railway tunnels, report on the Seminar on International Rail Freight, report on the Seminar on facilitation of border crossings, report on developments in High performance railway line in South-East Europe, etc.

The participants supported the elaboration of the TER Master Plan based on the priority projects ready for implementation in the member countries and agreed on the content and format for the presentation of the projects to be included in the Master Plan.

Regarding the monitoring of the developments on the Pan-European Corridors and Areas, the representative of the UNECE provided an information on the discussions held in Brussels with representatives of the European Commission. The participants approved the involvement of TER Project in this process.

The TOR prepared by UNECE for the elaboration of an inventory of railway tunnels was endorsed by the TER countries and information would be provided to Geneva and TER/PCO before the next meeting of the ad-hoc working group on safety in tunnels.

Reports on the seminars organised in 2001 on development of international rail freight and on the facilitation of border crossings procedures were presented during the meeting. The participants approved the conclusions of both Seminars.

The representative of Austria, the Chairman of the High Speed Task Force – South-East Group made a presentation on the activity of the Group. A great interest was shown on for this information and for the future projects foreseen for implementation in South-East Europe.

The next meeting of WP1 will take place in 2003.