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Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2)

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Sixty-eight session of Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2)

- A. Sixty-eight session** of the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/222);
- Decided the development of an **International Observatory on Rail Security** with cooperation of many stakeholders i.e. International Working Group on Land Transport Security (G20) and US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and others;
 - Preparations for the establishment in SC.2 in cooperation with Economic Integration Division of ECE of a **center of excellence for financing railway infrastructure** under PPP schemes including the hosting on the Working Party's website of an online tool for the evaluation of rail infrastructure financing projects under PPP schemes.
 - Revised the methodology in cooperation with TER project and started the work on preparing the **Master Plan on High-Speed Trains** for the TER and the ECE regions;
 - Monitors the developments on a **New convention** on the facilitation of crossing of frontiers for passengers and baggage carried by rail (*ITC Informal document No. 16*);
 - Reviewed, updated and fine tuned the **rail productivity indicators** after 10 years since their adoption with the main objective these indicators to become a management tool for railways undertakings;



- f. Prepared in cooperation with the European Railway Agency significant **amendment proposals** to AGC agreement;
 - g. Monitors developments on **railways reform** by inviting distinguished speakers who present case studies on the subject;
 - h. Monitors the implementation of Annex 9 to the Harmonization Convention on the **facilitation of rail border crossings** in cooperation with Working Party 30 by implementing monitoring mechanisms decided and approved at the previous session of the W.P;
- B. Workshop on “**How to increase railways competitiveness**”:
- a. The Workshop was attended by 70 participants from ECE and non-ECE member States, Railways Undertakings and International Organizations;
 - b. The participants identified and listed several obstacles and challenges that impact railways competitiveness and agreed on several actions that should be taken regarding infrastructure, legal instruments and operations, passengers and freight, The Working Party will follow up on workshop’s recommendations and it will address them at its coming sessions.



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- a. Extension of the mandate for one more year (ECE/TRANS/2015/15 - ITC Informal document No. 18) ;
- b. Meetings during 2015:
 - a. 11-13 February 2015;
 - b. 10-12 June 2015;
 - c. November
- c. Work to be done;





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45. Concerning the development of the unified railway law, expressed its satisfaction with the results of the Group of Experts on preparing a legal framework for rail transport and encouraged all involved parties to fine-tune the content both substantively and linguistically in three languages (English, French and Russian) and decide on an appropriate management system for the unified railway law. **The secretariat should ensure that all relevant documentation of the group meetings during 2015 (February, June, November), such as agendas, reports and series of official documents, is provided in three languages on time.**



Thank You!

