Item 4.5: Progress Towards Unified Railway Law

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The railways today

Many Regimes

Today

- COTIF Convention area
- SMGS Agreement area
- Other regional or local rail regimes
We create a level playing field for Railways
First step towards the Unified Railway Law

Euro-Asian rail transport regime
("Geneva Rules")
1 contract of carriage
1 consignment note (CIM/SMGS)
1 liability regime

Short-term optional model rules
(GTC EurAsia)

COTIF/CIM
1 contract of carriage (CIM)
1 consignment note (CIM)
1 liability system (CIM)

SMGS
1 contract of carriage (SMGS)
1 consignment note (SMGS)
1 liability system (SMGS)

Reconsignment
2 contracts of carriage (CIM+SMGS)
2 consignment notes (CIM+SMGS)
2 liability systems
What Unified Railway Law will bring

1. One Contract of Carriage
2. One Consignment Note
3. Increase Railways Competitiveness
4. One Liability System
5. No extra cost & time

One International Rail Regime
– Unified Railway Law
Current progress and next steps

- Group of Experts completed its work in November 2015 and prepared the legal provisions for URL.
- ITC welcomed the work and extended the mandate for 1 more year.
- June 2016 meeting to discuss how to test the legal provisions.
- Friends of the Chair meeting in August 2016 – discussing test train and next steps.
- Next GoE meeting 5-7 October 2016.
Thank you for your attention

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