Agenda item 4.5 Unified Railway Law

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Leveling the playing field

ROAD

MARITIME
- Hague-Visby and Hamburg Rules

AIR
- Chicago Convention and other treaties (Warsaw, Montreal Conventions)

INLAND WATER TRANSPORT

RAIL
- COTIF Convention
- SMGS Agreement
- Many other regional and National agreements

We create a level playing field for Railway freight!

Unified Railway Law
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Euro-Asian rail transport regime („Geneva Rules“)
1 contract of carriage
1 consignment note (CIM/SMGS)
1 liability regime

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

Reconsignment
2 contracts of carriage (CIM+SMGS)
2 consignment notes (CIM+SMGS)
2 liability systems

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

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<th>Identification of corridors</th>
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<td>- Russian Federation-Belarus-Poland-Germany</td>
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<th>Coordination among the involved to the above mentioned corridors railway undertakings</th>
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| Next steps | |
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Working Party on Rail Transport

- Workshop on Railway Reform across ECE region
- Updating of AGC
- Further discussions on rail security (and Observatory)
- Rail financing and PPPs
- New Convention on the transport of passengers and baggage
- A joint initiative IsDB and UNECE for trade and transport infrastructure facilitation

Next session 27-29 November 2017
Thank you for your attention

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