Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2)

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A. **Sixty-ninth session** of the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/224);
   a. The pilot phase of the *International Observatory on Rail Security* with was prepared and reviewed by the WP.;
   b. 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.
   c. In cooperation with TER project the work on preparing the **Master Plan on High-Speed Trains** for the TER region (2016-2017) and the ECE region (2018-2019) started;
   d. Monitoring the developments on the **New convention** on the facilitation of crossing of frontiers for passengers and baggage carried by rail;
   e. 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. The Administrative Committee of AGC Agreement prepared in cooperation with the European Railway Agency and approved significant amendment proposals to the 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 a detailed action plan which was approved during the last session of the W.P;

B. Workshop on “RAIL SAFETY”:
   a. The Workshop was co-organised with UIC; The workshop took stock of initiatives and activities by Governments, UIC and railways undertakings on safety and assets management, technology, human factor, statistics and risk assessment.
Unified Railway Law

a. The Group of Experts managed during its mandate to **prepare legal provisions** in the contract of carriage and, in particular, on rights and obligations of the parties to the contract of carriage, documentation, liability, assertion of claims and relationship among carriers of a Unified Railway Law. It did so by taking into consideration **good practices** already implemented by the CIM-COTIF Convention and SMGS Agreement as well as other International Transport Conventions; (ECE/TRANS/2016/15, legal provisions / ECE/TRANS/2016/16 - main principles of an appropriate management system);

b. The Working Party kindly requests the Committee to **consider and adopt** the draft **resolution on the Unified Railway Law** (ECE/TRANS/2016/17) which was negotiated during the last session of the WP;

c. The Working Party kindly requests the Committee to **consider and approve** the new **Terms of Reference** (ECE/TRANS/2016/18) for the Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law;
Thank You!