Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law
Current mandate 2018-2019

- Four main tasks:
  - Monitor the finalization of necessary documents in order to perform international rail transport under URL (consignment note and related documents);
  - Monitor the performance of a substantial number of real pilot tests;
  - Draft a document (or systems of documents) on URL which could be adopted as a legally binding instrument
  - Discuss other relevant issues related to international rail freight transport in relation to the previous point
Progress of work

- Real pilot tests:
  - Agreement on the consignment note for the tests
  - Countries and railways undertakings from 14 countries invited to perform the tests (letters of 25 January 2019 supported by URL dossier) on fours corridors:
    - Germany-Poland-Belarus-Russian Federation
    - Turkey-Georgia-Azerbaijan
    - Turkey-Islamic Republic of Iran-Turkmenistan
    - Austria-Slovakia-Ukraine-Russian Federation-Kazakhstan-China
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Progress of work

- Conversion of URL into a legally binding instrument:
  - Review of administrative provisions of other instruments
  - Consideration of the future content:
    - URL as a convention on the contract for carriage of goods by railway in international traffic vs URL as framework convention covering various railway issues
    - Pros and cons and impact analysis for each approach in preparation
Thank you!