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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY LINES (AGC)

Amendments proposed to Annex I of the AGC Agreement

Extension of AGC to Central Asian and Caucasus ECE Member Countries

Transmitted by the Governments of Armenia, Kazakhstan and  
the Russian Federation

Following the request of the Working Party and bearing in mind the activities undertaken by the Organization for Co-operation between Railways (OSZhd) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) regarding the development of rail networks in the region, the secretariat had presented at the fifty-second session of SC.2 a draft map of a rail transport network in Central Asian and Caucasus ECE member countries, which is an extension of the network as laid down in the AGC Agreement (TRANS/SC.2/1998/1). This draft has been transmitted for comments to the Governments concerned.

The comments received by the secretariat have been reproduced below for consideration by the Working Party.

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#### ARMENIA

The following routes should be included in the AGC Agreement under the paragraph "Armenia":

E-703 /Sadakhlo/Ayrum-Gyumri-Akhuryan/Dogu Kapi/  
E-703 /Sadakhlo/Ayrum-Gyumri-Yeraskh/Velidag/  
E-703 /Karchivan/Meghri-Agbent/Bartaz/  
E-703 /Sadakhlo/Ayrum-Gyumri-Yerevan-Tjevan/Barkhudarli/

#### KAZAKHSTAN

The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Tourism of the Republic of Kazakhstan has confirmed its consent to the inclusion of the main and additional railway lines of Kazakhstan, as indicated by the UN/ECE Inland Transport Committee and the Organization for Cooperation between Railways (OSZhD), in the proposed extension of the present AGC Agreement.

#### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

According to the map transmitted by the Russian Government, the following lines should be included in addition to the existing AGC lines in the Russian Federation:

E-20 Moskva-Nizhny Novgorod-~~Perm~~-Sverdlovsk-~~Tumen~~-Omsk-Novosibirsk-Krasnoyarsk-Irkutsk-Vladivostok  
E-50 (Krasnaya Mogila)-Gukovo Volzhsky-~~Lichaiy~~-Volgograd-Astrakhan-(Aksaraiskaya II)  
E-30 (Topoli)-Solovei-Valuiki-Ufa-Chelyabinsk-Kurgan-Omsk  
E-500 Moskva-Ryazan-Kochetovka I- [Saratov-Ozinki-(Uralsk)]  
E-500/2 Ruzaevka-Kinel-Orenburg-(Iletsk I)  
E-500/3 Kotechovka I-Gryazi-Novorosisk  
E-50/2 (Kvashino)-Uspenskaya-Rostov na Donu  
E-700 [Armavir-Makhachkala-(Samur)]  
E-701 [Armavir-Veseloe-(Gantiadi)]  
E-700/1 [Gryazi-Povorino-Volgograd]  
E-700/2 [Astrakhan-Chervlennaya-Uzlovaya]

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Note: Names in bold fonts represent different routing compared to that presented in TRANS/SC.2/1998/9. Names in brackets correspond to alignments proposed in TRANS/SC.2/1998/9 that would be eliminated according to this proposal.

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