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Publication Questionnaire

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. The Working Party at its last session had decided on the structure of the biannual publication “Rail Review” (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/218, paras. 56–57) and asked the secretariat to take appropriate actions towards its preparation and inform the Working Party of any developments at its next session.
2. The secretariat prepared a draft questionnaire (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2013/7) which addresses the issues described on the structure of the biannual publication. The Working Party may wish to review the background document which illustrates the draft questionnaire that would be sent to countries and rail authorities for the collection of the appropriate data. The Working Party may wish to provide guidance to the secretariat on the follow-up.

II. Questionnaire

3. Question 1
Please indicate and describe large railway infrastructure projects undertaken or being under construction in your country? Please indicate the budget, the actual projects and its importance for the national and the regional economy? Photos from the projects are welcomed for reproduction in the publication.
4. Question 2
Please indicate and describe any railways infrastructure, rolling stock or services project undertaken or being under construction or under operation by using public

private partnerships (PPP) financing schemes PPPs. Please provide information regarding time schedules of the investments, types of PPPs selected, benefits for the country, the economy and private sector from the PPP agreement? Photos from the projects are welcomed for reproduction in the publication.

5. Question 3

Please provide information on initiatives on national railways reform or restructuring by illustrating the activities undertaken, time schedules of their implementation and results or objectives achieved?

6. Question 4

Please provide information on specific climate change impacts on railways infrastructure and operations and specific adaptation measures taken by the Government and the railways authorities? Please also provide information on mitigation issues and how much railways in your country contribute to the reduction of CO₂ emissions?

7. Question 5.

Please provide data on average freight rates and passenger ticket cost for the last decade if possible?

III. Guidance by SC.2

8. SC.2 may wish to consider the proposed questionnaire and provide guidance to the secretariat on further action in this field.
