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## Report of the Working Party on Rail Transport on its sixty-eighth session

### Addendum

**Comments from the Governments of Ukraine and the Russian Federation (agenda item 22, Other business)**

### Declaration by the Government of Ukraine

During the work of the session on 25 November 2014, one of the slides used in the report of the Head of the International Department of the Russian Railways, Mr. Sergei Stolyarov, showed the infrastructure of the Russian Railways and included therein the infrastructure of the Ukrainian Railways located in the occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

In this connection, I should like to request that the final documents of the session should reflect the official position of Ukraine, as expressed orally during the discussion of the report in question.

Ukraine hereby declares that all the rail transport infrastructure and equipment located in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea is the property of a Ukrainian company, Pridniprovska Railways.

United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014 on the territorial integrity of Ukraine calls upon all States and international organizations not to recognize any alteration of the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol and to refrain from any action or dealing that might be interpreted as recognizing any such altered status.

We must emphasize that the Russian Federation is not entitled to plan the passage of any transport corridors through the territory of Ukraine.

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I should like to take this opportunity to assure you of my high consideration and express my wish for further fruitful cooperation for the development of rail transport.

### **Declaration by the Government of the Russian Federation**

In connection with the remarks of our Ukrainian colleague regarding the presentation by the Head of the International Cooperation Department of the Russian Railways, PLC, the Russian Federation should like to point out that in accordance with a referendum, Crimea decided to separate from the territory of Ukraine and join the Russian Federation. Under a treaty of 18 March 2014 between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Crimea, the territory of the Crimean peninsula became part of the Russian Federation. Therefore, the railways mentioned in the presentation too are located in the Russian Federation.

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