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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY LINES
(AGC)

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PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX II TO THE AGC

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

At its seventy-second session held in Geneva from 21 to 23 November 2018, the Working Party on Rail Transport of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) adopted, in accordance with paragraph 3 of article 12 of the above Agreement, amendments to Annex II to the AGC Agreement as indicated in the report of the Working Party on Rail Transport (doc ECE/TRANS/SC.2/230).

The proposed amendments to Annex II were adopted by the Contracting Parties in accordance with paragraph 3 of article 12 of the Agreement.

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraphs 1 to 5 of article 12 of the above Agreement, which read as follows:

- “1. Annex II to this agreement may be amended by the procedure specified in this article.
2. At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to annex II to this Agreement shall be considered by the Working Party on Rail Transport of the Economic Commission for Europe.
3. If it is adopted by the majority of the members present and voting, and if this majority includes the majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting, the amendment shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to the competent administrations of all the Contracting Parties for acceptance.
4. The amendment shall be accepted if, within a period of six months following the date of notification, less than one third of the competent administrations of the Contracting Parties notify the Secretary-General of their objection to the amendment.
5. Any amendment accepted shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to all the Contracting Parties and shall come into force three months after the date of its notification.”

The Annex to document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2018/6 (English, French, and Russian) contains the text of the proposed amendments to Annex II to the AGC Agreement in the English, French and Russian languages. The documents are available on the website of the ECE Working Party on Rail Transport at:

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2018/sc2/ECE-TRANS-SC.2-2018-06e.pdf>;
<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2018/sc2/ECE-TRANS-SC.2-2018-06f.pdf>;
<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2018/sc2/ECE-TRANS-SC.2-2018-06r.pdf>.

In accordance with the paragraph 4 of article 12, the proposed amendments shall be considered as having been accepted if, within a period of six months following the date of this notification, less than one third of the competent administrations of the Contracting Parties notify the Secretary-General of their objection to the amendment. The amendments, if accepted, would enter into force, in accordance with paragraph 5 of article 12, for all Contracting Parties three months after the date of their notification to all the Contracting Parties.

17 April 2019

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