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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION ^{z/}

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 hours on Monday, 4 September 2000**

^{z/} In accordance with paragraph 2 of articles 14, 15 and 16 of the **European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)**, any amendment proposed by a Contracting Party to the Agreement shall be considered by the ECE Working Party on Combined Transport. Therefore, agenda item 5 (b) will be considered and amendment proposals adopted in accordance with paragraph 3 of articles 14, 15 and 16 of the AGTC Agreement.

For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no documentation available in the meeting room. Before the meeting, missing documents may be obtained directly from the UN/ECE Transport Division (Fax: + 41-22-917-0039; E-mail: martin.magold@unece.org). Documents may also be downloaded from the Internet web site of the UN/ECE Transport Division (www.unece.org/trans). During the meeting, missing documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.111, 1st floor, Palais des Nations).

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1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda (TRANS/WP.24/88).

2. ADOPTION OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY

In accordance with its decision, the Working Party may wish to formally adopt the decisions taken at its thirty-third session on the basis of the draft prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairman (TRANS/WP.24/87).

3. ACTIVITIES OF UN/ECE BODIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

(a) Subsidiary bodies of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC)

The Working Party will be informed of the activities of subsidiary bodies of the ITC, such as the Working Parties on Road Transport (SC.1), on Rail Transport (SC.2) and on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) as well as the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), as far as they relate to combined transport matters.

Detailed information on the activities of the UN/ECE and its subsidiary bodies, including the Working Party on Combined Transport (WP.24), is available on the UN/ECE Transport Division web site (www.unece.org/trans/).

(b) European Commission (EC)

The Working Party may wish to be informed of the latest activities of the EC in the field of combined transport.

(c) European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT)

The Working Party may wish to be informed about recent activities undertaken by the ECMT Combined Transport Group.

(d) Other organizations

The Working Party may wish to be informed of current and planned activities in combined transport of other international organizations (TRANS/WP.24/2000/4).

4. FOLLOW-UP TO THE 1997 REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Working Party may wish to recall the outcome of the Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment held in Vienna from 12 to 14 November 1997. In particular, the Conference had adopted a Declaration and a Programme of Joint Action (ECE/RCTE/CONF./2/FINAL; ECE/RCTE/CONF./3/FINAL). The Working Party may also wish to recall that it had prepared earlier two background documents for the Conference on the promotion of combined transport to foster a sustainable transport policy in Europe (TRANS/WP.24/R.85/Rev.1; TRANS/WP.24/R.80/Rev.1). As requested by the Working Party, the secretariat has distributed a list of names and addresses of national focal points on Transport and the Environment to all delegates (Informal Document No. 6 (2000)).

The Working Party will be informed of the third session of the Joint Meeting on Transport and the Environment responsible for the coordination and implementation of the Programme of Joint Action which has been held in Geneva on 6 June 2000 (JMTE/2000/8). Further information on this subject may be obtained directly from the relevant UN/ECE web site (www.unece.org/poja/).

The Working Party will also be informed of the follow-up activities undertaken jointly by UN/ECE and the World Health Organization (WHO) as requested in the so-called London Charter adopted by a Ministerial Conference on Transport, Environment and Health (London, 16-18 June 1999).

5. EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL COMBINED TRANSPORT LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS (AGTC)

(a) Status of the AGTC Agreement

As of 1 July 2000 the following 23 countries are Contracting Parties to the AGTC Agreement: Austria; Belarus; Belgium; Bulgaria; Croatia; Czech Republic; Denmark; France; Georgia; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Italy; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Norway; Portugal; Romania; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Slovenia; Switzerland and Turkey. The following countries have signed the AGTC Agreement, but have not yet become Contracting Parties to it: Finland and Poland.

Up-to-date information on the status and the text of the AGTC Agreement as well as of other United Nations treaties may be obtained from the web site of the UN/ECE Transport Division (www.unece.org/trans/).

The Working Party may wish to be informed by delegations about the intention of ECE member countries to accede to the AGTC Agreement. It may wish to invite in particular Finland, Poland, the Republic of Moldova and the Ukraine to undertake all necessary steps with a view to becoming Contracting Parties to the Agreement as soon as possible.

(b) Amendments proposed to the AGTC Agreement

Following preliminary considerations on this subject at its thirty-third session (TRANS/WP.24/87, para. 20), the Working Party may wish to consider and adopt amendment proposals transmitted by the Russian Federation as contained in Annex 1 to this agenda.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary of the AGTC Agreement, has issued on 1 May 2000 Depositary Notification C.N.230.2000.TREATIES-1 containing amendment proposals to annexes 1 and 2 of the Agreement that have been adopted by the Working Party at its thirty-second session (6-8 September 1999). The proposed amendments will come into force if, until 1 November 2000, no objection will be received by the Secretary-General from a Contracting Party directly concerned.

6. INVENTORY OF EXISTING AGTC STANDARDS AND PARAMETERS ("YELLOW BOOK")

The Working Party may recall that, at its twenty-ninth session, it approved a standard questionnaire (TRANS/WP.24/1998/2) and requested the secretariat to add to each of the pre-filled country questionnaires the new lines and related installations that are part of the amendments to the AGTC adopted at the twenty-fifth session of the Working Party. Relevant AGC parameters and AGC lines, not part of the AGTC network, should also be added in consultation with the secretariat of the UN/ECE Working Party on Rail Transport, in order to arrive at a single consolidated questionnaire covering both the AGTC and the AGC Agreements (TRANS/WP.24/79, para. 23). On 28 May 1999 the secretariat has transmitted the pre-filled questionnaires to the Contracting Parties of the AGTC Agreement with a deadline for completion and return by 1 September 1999. In spite of the fact that not all Contracting Parties were in a position to transmit the requested information, the secretariat has now finalized the second edition of the so-called Yellow Book which will be transmitted to delegations as soon as it has been printed. A limited number of copies will be available also at the session.

The Working Party may consider the information contained in the "Yellow Book" and provide guidance on further activities, if any.

7. PROTOCOL ON COMBINED TRANSPORT ON INLAND WATERWAYS TO THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL COMBINED TRANSPORT LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS (AGTC)

The Working Party may recall that on the occasion of the Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment (Vienna, 12-14 November 1997), the Protocol to the AGTC Agreement has been signed by the following 12 UN/ECE member countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania and Switzerland. Subsequently, the Protocol has been signed by Slovakia on 29 June 1998 and Bulgaria on 28 October 1998.

As of 1 July 2000, the Protocol has the following six Contracting Parties: Bulgaria; Czech Republic, Denmark, Luxembourg, Romania and Switzerland. The Protocol will come into force following ratification by at least three States that are linked, in a continuous manner, by the waterways identified in the Protocol.

Amendment proposals submitted to the Working Party at its twenty-ninth session by France, Hungary and Romania (Informal document No. 1 (1998); TRANS/WP.24/79, para. 20) as well as amendment proposals transmitted by the Government of Bulgaria to the secretariat may be considered by the Working Party as soon as the Protocol enters into force.

The text of the Protocol to the AGTC Agreement (in English, French and Russian) is contained in document ECE/TRANS/122 and Corr.1 (F) and Corr.2 (R). Up-to-date information on the status and the text of Protocol as well as of other United Nations treaties may be obtained via the Internet from the web site of the UN/ECE Transport Division (www.unece.org/trans/).

8. POSSIBILITIES FOR RECONCILIATION AND HARMONIZATION OF CIVIL LIABILITY REGIMES GOVERNING COMBINED TRANSPORT

The Working Party may wish to recall that its programme of work contains as a priority item, the "... analysis of possibilities for reconciliation and harmonization of civil liability regimes governing combined transport operations." Following an informal meeting of interested experts (Frankfurt, 7 and 8 December 1998) which considered the feasibility and the approach to be taken to resolve possible difficulties arising from differences in modal liability regimes and/or gaps in full coverage during combined transport operations (TRANS/WP.24/1999/1), the Inland Transport Committee had requested that further investigations should be made in order to ascertain the existing difficulties for combined transport operations (ECE/TRANS/128, para. 86).

The Working Party, at its thirty-first session, requested the secretariat to convene another informal meeting of experts to consider in depth the conclusions of the first expert group meeting. The meeting should provide guidance to the Working Party and to the Inland Transport Committee on possible legal instruments to be prepared at the international level in this field and on the arrangements and procedures to be used in order to finalize such instruments within a reasonable time frame (TRANS/WP.24/83, paras. 31-36).

At its thirty-second session, the Working Party considered the report of this second expert meeting, held on 12 and 13 July 1999 in Geneva (TRANS/WP.24/1999/2), and endorsed in principle its results. The Working Party welcomed the continuing work of a small group of experts in drafting an outline of a possible international Convention on the Liability of Operators in Multimodal Transport, also with a view to identifying specific problems that would need to be addressed in the establishment of such a Convention. The Working Party also stressed that close cooperation should be established between the various organizations working in this field in Europe, particularly with the European Commission and UNCTAD (TRANS/WP.24/85, paras. 32-37).

In accordance with the views expressed by the Working Party and in line with the decisions taken by the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/133, para. 70), the secretariat convened two informal consultative meetings (“hearings”) on 24 and 25 January 2000 and on 29 and 30 May 2000 in Geneva which have been attended by representatives of interested UN/ECE Governments (Austria, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands), the European Commission, UNCTAD, by most international organizations dealing with combined transport, maritime transport and civil liability insurance as well by organizations representing shippers interests and selected private companies. The report prepared by the secretariat of these “hearings” is contained in document TRANS/WP.24/2000/3.

The consultation process has shown that, in particular, maritime shipowners interests (including relevant insurance groups) as well as freight forwarders were not in favour of modifications in the existing un-harmonized private law arrangements on civil liability regimes for transport operators and were not supportive of new mandatory legal regimes. Land transport interests as well as shippers, on the other hand, generally were in favour of unification or at least harmonization of existing mandatory public law regimes as well as of the possible extension of such regimes to transshipment and temporary storage operations, including the preparation of a complementary international legal regime.

With a view to providing an overview of civil liability regimes in the fields of public as well as private law, the secretariat has prepared a document which, quite comprehensively, compares the salient provisions of such legal regimes (TRANS/WP.24/2000/2).

The Working Party may wish to recall its earlier considerations of this subject (TRANS/WP.24/87, paras. 34-36; TRANS/WP.24/85, paras. 32-37), review once more the opinions of the UN/ECE expert groups (TRANS/WP.24/1999/2; TRANS/WP.24/1999/1) and evaluate the results of the two "hearings" organized by the secretariat (TRANS/WP.24/2000/3) with a view to providing guidance to the Inland Transport Committee, at its forthcoming session in February 2001, on possible further work in this field by the UN/ECE.

9. ROLE OF RAILWAYS IN THE PROMOTION OF COMBINED TRANSPORT

In line with its mandate, the Working Party may wish to continue its exchange of views on the contribution of railways, acting increasingly as commercial enterprises, in the promotion of competitive combined transport services. Attention should be accorded to issues, such as appropriate transport markets to be targeted and relevant key factors determining the competitiveness of combined transport (such as quality of services and prices) (TRANS/WP.24/83, paras. 38-40).

At its thirty-third session, the Working Party, in order to make an active contribution in this field, decided to analyse a few selected international AGTC lines taking account of information to be provided by combined transport operators with a view to highlighting operational and administrative problems faced by international combined transport services. To this end, AGTC lines along the following corridors were identified: (a) Berlin - Moscow; and (b) Sopron/Budapest - Istanbul/Thessaloniki. Furthermore, combined transport services between Belgium and Spain as well as between United Kingdom and Hungary might be included in this analysis (TRANS/WP.24/87, paras. 26-29).

The Working Party may wish to be informed by the Chairman of the Working Party and the secretariat on consultations held with combined transport operators with a view to obtaining the necessary operational data. The secretariat would also endeavour to prepare a small check list with a view to identifying border crossing problems taking account of information already collected by other organizations and initiatives, such as ECMT, SECI, etc. Relevant documentation will be distributed as soon it is available.

10. TERMINOLOGY IN COMBINED TRANSPORT

An inter-secretariat working group composed of representatives of the European Commission (EC), the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) and the UN/ECE secretariat has prepared a glossary of terms used in combined transport (TRANS/WP.24/2000/1). All the definitions referring specifically to the geographical framework of Europe may also be applied in other regions of the world.

At its thirty-third session, the Working Party, considering briefly the draft glossary, noted that the purpose of this glossary is to determine the meaning of the terms in current use and to make them easier to understand by the increasing number of people who use them.

The Working Party may wish to consider in detail the various provisions contained in the glossary with a view to its formal adoption.

11. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF COMBINED TRANSPORT IN ECE MEMBER COUNTRIES

The Working Party may wish to continue its exchange of information on this subject. Delegations are expected to report on recent operating experiences, on new and planned administrative procedures and on new technologies with regard to combined transport in their countries or organizations. Any new developments in the field of combined transport should also be analysed in relation to the existing as well as the future programme of work of the Working Party (see agenda item 12 below).

Audio-visual aids, as well as written material, would be welcomed and could be distributed by the secretariat if received in time before the session.

12. PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2001 TO 2005

The Working Party may wish to have an in-depth consideration of its programme of work covering the period 2001 to 2005 on the basis of its present programme adopted by the Inland Transport Committee as contained in Annex 2 to this agenda.

The Working Party may also decide on necessary activities in order to ensure implementation of this programme of work in line with the time frames provided, taking due account of the present resource constraints of the UN/ECE secretariat in this field.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Date of next session

The Working Party may wish to decide on the date for its next session. The secretariat has tentatively made arrangements to provide for the convening of the thirty-fifth session of the Working Party on 19 and 20 April 2001.

14. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report on its thirty-fourth session on the basis of the draft prepared by the secretariat. Due to resource limitations affecting the concerned conference room services, parts of the report may only be available in English for adoption on the last day of the session. Following the session, the final report will however continue to be available in the three UN/ECE working languages.

Annex 1**EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL COMBINED
TRANSPORT LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS
(AGTC Agreement)****Amendment proposals
transmitted by the Russian Federation****for adoption by the Working Party
at its thirty-fourth session
on 6 September 2000**

Countries directly concerned, in accordance with Article 15, paragraph 3 of the AGTC Agreement, are marked with an asterix (*) if these countries are Contracting Parties to the Agreement as of 1 July 2000.

Proposed by the Russian Federation

AGTC Annex I

Add the following railway line:

“C-E 10 Moskva-Rostov-na-Donu-Novorossiysk”

Countries directly concerned: Belgium(*), Finland, Germany(*), Russian Federation(*).

“C-E 102 Moskva-Volgograd-Astrakhan”

Country directly concerned: Russian Federation(*).

“C-E 20 Moskva-Nizhniy Novgorod-Ekaterinburg”

Countries directly concerned: Belarus(*), Belgium(*), Germany(*), Poland, Russian Federation(*).

Modify on the existing line C-E 10 the cities Luzhaika by: “Buslovskaya” and Leningrad by: “St.-Petersburg”.

Countries directly concerned: Belgium(*), Finland, Germany(*), Russian Federation(*).

AGTC Annex II

Add the following terminals:

“Moskva-Tovarnaya - Paveletskaya
Kuntsevo II (Moskva)
Smolensk
Brjansk-Lgovskiy (Brjansk)
Kostarikha (Nizhniy Novgorod)
Kirov-Kotlasskiy (Kirov)
Blochnaya (Perm)
Sverdlovsk-Passagirskiy (Ekaterinburg)
Rostov-Tovarnyi (Rostov-na-Donu)
Volzhskiy (Volgograd)
Kutum (Astrakhan)
Novorossiysk-Port”

Replace in the existing list of terminals:

Leningrad-Tovarnyi-Vitebskiy by: “St.-Petersburg-Tovarnyi-Vitebskiy”
Leningrad-Port by: “St.-Petersburg-Port”

Replace in the existing list of border crossing points:

Luzhaika (RZhD) by: “Buslovskaya (RZhD)”

Countries directly concerned: Belarus⁽²⁾, Belgium⁽²⁾, Finland, Germany⁽²⁾, Russian Federation⁽²⁾.

Annex 2**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2001 TO 2005
(as contained in document ECE/TRANS/133/Add.1)****PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.9: COMBINED TRANSPORT****Promotion of combined and multimodal transport****Priority: 1**

Description: Consideration of legal, administrative, documentary, technical, economic and environmental aspects of combined and multimodal transport with a view to the development of measures to promote combined and multimodal transport as well as the maximum utilization of equipment, infrastructure and terminals used for such transport.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Combined Transport will pursue the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

(a) Review and updating of the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) with a view to:

- Extending the AGTC network to all ECE member countries concerned taking account of the work already undertaken by ESCAP and the OSZhD;
- Taking into account new developments in transport markets (demands and requirements), including new east-west traffic flows;
- Implementing and, whenever feasible, improving existing standards and operational parameters;
- Raising environmental, energy and safety standards.

Priority: 1**Output expected in 2001:**

Adoption of an extended AGTC network covering all ECE member countries in Central Asia and the Caucasus.

Inclusion into the AGTC Agreement of new East-West combined transport lines.

Analysis of existing standards and operational parameters to be published by the ECE secretariat in an updated Yellow Book.

(b) Monitoring of the efficiency of various modes of transport of relevance for combined transport operations.

Priority: 1

Output expected in 2001:

Review of the efficiency of various modes of transport of relevance for combined transport in the sessions of the Working Party and cooperation with other relevant subsidiary bodies of the Inland Transport Committee.

- (c) Analysis of data requirements for transshipment and handling requirements, of marking, coding and identification systems for means of transport and loading units in combined transport, including the promotion of electronic data processing, with a view to improving the flow of information among the various operators and to allow for a better integration of production and distribution systems (logistics) using combined transport techniques. Priority: 2

Output expected in 2001:

Review and analysis of standardized data systems for combined transport operations with a view to possibly preparing international recommendations on this subject.

- (d) Monitoring of weights and dimensions of loading units used in combined transport in accordance with resolution No. 241 adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on 5 February 1993. This includes consideration of possibilities for standardization of loading units and the compliance with safety regulations. Priority: 1

Output expected in 2001:

Review of the issues based on one annual report to be prepared by the ECE secretariat on latest developments in this field.

- (e) Monitoring of technical and organizational measures to optimize terminal and transshipment procedures allowing for more cost-effective handling procedures of loading units. Priority: 2

Output expected in 2001:

Report to be prepared on the basis of information provided by ECE member Governments and international organizations.

- (f) Analysis of economic and environmental aspects of combined transport, including administrative measures and activities of the transport industry, with a view to promoting sustainable transport development. Priority: 1

Output expected in 2001:

Follow-up to the 1997 Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment (Vienna, 12 to 14 November 1998) on the basis of the Programme of Joint Action adopted at the Conference, to be determined in accordance with the decisions taken by the Joint Meeting on Transport and the Environment (JMTE/1998/4) and inter-secretariat consultations.

- (g) Monitoring by the secretariat on behalf of the Working Party of the following subjects for consideration by the Working Party upon specific request only:
- Harmonization of combined transport terminology in order to contribute to a single international glossary of terms used in this field;
 - Combined transport techniques and operations (including inland waterways and coastal shipping techniques) as a basis for a possible international compendium of measures for the safe handling and temporary storage of dangerous goods;
 - National approval procedures for containers and swap-bodies in the framework of relevant conventions, such as the CSC Convention, with a view to better harmonizing such procedures;
 - New services and technologies in combined and intermodal transport, including sea/inland waterways and sea/land interfaces, and the use of bimodal road/rail vehicles with a view to be able to analyse the potential of combined transport. Priority: 2

Output expected in 2000:

Publication of the international glossary on combined transport in cooperation with the ECMT and the European Commission.

ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION

- (a) Analysis of possibilities for reconciliation and harmonization of liability regimes governing combined transport operations.

Priority: 1

Output expected in 2000:

Preparation of an analysis on the reconciliation and harmonization of the existing liability regimes and establishment of an outline of a possible convention in this field.

- (b) Analysis of the consequences on the organization of combined transport in Europe resulting from the development of combined transport services on interregional rail links between Europe and Asia. This includes the organization of an inter-regional meeting harmonizing the legal and administrative work carried out by relevant international organizations in Europe and Asia (e.g. ESCAP, UNCTAD, EC, OSZhD).

Priority: 2

Output expected in 2000:

Based on work carried out by ESCAP, study on the feasibility of an intergovernmental meeting, jointly organized with ESCAP, in Central Asia or the Caucasus to agree on common measures to facilitate combined transport services along the interregional links.



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