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Update on Special Procedures during COVID-19 period: decisions related to the Inland Transport Committee

Decisions related to the Inland Transport Committee

Background

1. At its eighty-second session (Geneva, 25–28 February 2020), the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) adopted the decision to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law “by one more year (two meetings) to complete its mandate”, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/294, para 100.
2. Subsequently, on 29 May 2020, the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe (EXCOM) decided to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts through 2020, as contained in decision (ECE/EX/2020/L.2).
3. Due to the *force majeure* situation and the constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the above Group of Expert could not hold all its meetings in 2020 as initially planned. Accordingly, the Executive Committee is invited to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law until February 2021 with the understanding that the results of the work of the Group of Experts will be submitted to the Inland Transport Committee at its eighty-third session for further consideration.

Draft Decision

4. The Executive Committee hereby approves the extension of the mandate of the Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law until February 2021.
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