

Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2)
Seventy-fourth session
Geneva, 18-20 November 2020

Items for decision under silence procedure

Decisions submitted to silence procedure following the formal session SC.2 with remote participation

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| 1 | 1 | | The Working Party adopted the revised agenda as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/223 and Corr 1 with the addition of agenda item 7 to the discussions with interpretation. |
| | 2 | http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc2/ECE-TRANS-SC2-2020-05e.pdf | The Working Party regretted that its current session suffered from a considerable reduction in the allocation of the conference service by the United Nations Office in Geneva versus the previously accepted service level which has led to some agenda items being covered only “for information” and others being postponed to the next session. SC.2 stressed the importance the official intergovernmental deliberations have to the promotion of railway transport and to increasing sustainability in countries of the ECE region. To this end, SC.2 expressed dissatisfaction that the cuts impacted its deliberations. It expressed a hope that such situation would not be repeated in the future. |
| 2 | 3 | | The Working Party welcomed discussions at the Workshop “The development of international passenger rail transport in the context of ITC Resolution No.264” and requested that the secretariat prepare a summary document of the workshop in order to continue discussion on this topic at future sessions of the Working Party |
| 4 | 4 | | The Working Party welcomed progress on the Group of Experts on the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock and the appointment of Mr. Grigoriev as Chair of the Group. |
| | 5 | | The Working Party welcomed the presentations from EIB and Ukraine |
| 3 | 6 | | The Working Party welcomed the accession of Turkmenistan to the AGC. |
| | 7 | http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc2/ECE-TRANS-SC2-2020-02e_01.pdf | The Working Party welcomed the preparation of the explanatory document to the AGC as an important tool for facilitating further accession and the continued efforts being made to modernise the AGC. |
| | 8 | http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc2/ECE-TRANS-SC2-2020-04e.pdf | The Working Party noted that the amendments agreed in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2019/9 had been notified to the depository and that they will enter into force on 24 December 2020 as no objections had been received. It asked the secretariat to send the amendments included in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2020/4 to the depository. |

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| 9 | | http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc2/ECE-TRANS-SC2-2020-03e.pdf | The Working Party welcomed document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2020/3 and agreed to the setting up of a Group of Experts on International Rail Passenger Terminals, reflecting the additional points identified by the Russian Federation. It asked that the proposal be sent to ITC for endorsement |
| 5 | 10 | | The Working Party noted that deliberations on URL had not been completed during 2020 as originally planned due to the COVID-19 and UNOG liquidity issues. It asked that the report and the conclusions of the Group of Experts be transmitted to SC.2 focal points immediately after the URL session in January 2021 so that the report and the conclusions can be potentially adopted by SC.2 member States through a silence procedure thus allowing it to be transmitted for final decision to the ITC session of February 2021. |
| 7 | 11 | | The working party took note of the information provided on developments related to the EATL project and asked delegates to submit information to the secretariat in relation to the Group of Experts on the Benchmarking of Infrastructure Construction Costs. The Working Party welcomed the information provided by the Russian Federation and reiterated its commitment to collaborate with other relevant ITC working parties and international organizations on this topic. |
| 8 | 12 | http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc2/ECE-TRANS-SC2-2020-06e.pdf | The working party took note of the information provided by the TER Deputy project manager and welcomed the continued progress on the TER HS MP Phase 2. |
| 22 | 13 | http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc2/ECE-TRANS-SC2-2020-01e_01.pdf | The Working Party endorsed, as amended, its new terms of reference based on the Implementation of the ITC Strategy for SC.2 document and asked that it be transmitted to ITC for adoption. |
| 23 | 14 | | The Working Party decided that the workshop for its 75 th session should discuss the following two topics: - “Railways at the centre of the post-pandemic recovery: setting up the next 75 sessions”; and - “Connectivity and the role of railways” The Chair, Vice-Chair and the secretariat would identify an appropriate name for the workshop in due course. |
| 24 | 15 | | The Working Party agreed to tentatively schedule the next session of SC.2 from 17 to 19 November 2021 in Geneva. |
| 25 | 16 | | The Working Party adopted its list of decisions which, as per recent EXCOM decision, would be subject to a 72 hour silence procedure in the event of technical connection difficulties of member State representatives. |