

Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24)
Sixty-third session
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Decisions submitted to silence procedure following the formal session of WP.24 with remote participation

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3		http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-2020-1e_01.pdf http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-2020-9e.pdf http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-2020-10e.pdf	<p>In accordance with Article 15 of the AGTC Agreement, WP.24 considered these amendment proposals and decided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adopted unanimously the proposals from Austria, Czech Republic, Germany and Greece as proposed; - Adopted unanimously the proposals from Serbia with exception of the proposal to the amendment for line C710 in Croatia. WP.24 believed this proposal for amendment should be considered together with a proposal for amendment expected from Croatia; - Consider the proposal from Switzerland upon receipt of possible proposals for amendments from France and Italy. WP.24 requested the secretariat to work with France and Italy in this regard. <p>WP.24 asked then the secretariat to forward the adopted amendments to the Office of Legal Affairs in New York. The adopted amendments will be provided in annex to this report.</p>
5			<p>In this regard, WP.24 agreed to work towards a development of a mechanism through which it could understand the degree of the implementation of the AGTC Agreement, not only concerning the designation of the network lines but also their development vis-à-vis the technical standards and performance parameters. WP.24 agreed that a proposal for such a mechanism should be elaborated by a group of volunteers supported by the secretariat and, as relevant, in collaboration with other ongoing initiatives. The proposal should be submitted to the next session for discussion. Delegations interested in joining this group of volunteers should contact the secretariat after the meeting.</p> <p>WP.24 also agreed to work towards digitalizing the AGTC network in Geographical Information System (GIS) managed by ECE Sustainable Transport Division. The secretariat informed that this effort would be possibly facilitated through ongoing projects of the Division.</p>
6(a)		http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-2020-5e.pdf	<p>WP.24 approved the resolution on strengthening intermodal freight transport and requested the secretariat to present it to the ITC for adoption at its session in 2021.</p>

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6(b)		http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-2020-6e_01.pdf http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-2020-7e_01.pdf	WP.24 approved the handbook for national master plans for freight transport and logistics and thanked all actors involved in its elaboration process. It requested the secretariat to issue the handbook as an ECE publication in 2020.
7			WP.24 agreed to proceed with the work on the CTU Code, either in the formal Group of Experts if this would be formally established in January 2021 or in the informal pre-work as agreed at the previous session. WP.24 requested the secretariat to proceed accordingly.
8			WP.24 reiterated its role and expertise on freight transport and therefore it fully supported the view of WP.5 for it to work on intermodal passenger transport in both the urban and intercity context. WP.24 requested the secretariat to inform the ITC through its Bureau of its decision.
9			WP.24 also agreed that no further adjustments were necessary to its long-term and biennial programmes of work at this point. Finally, WP.24 decided to compare its Terms of Reference against the long-term programme of work so as to understand if they would require any alterations. WP.24 requested that a group of volunteers with the support of the secretariat prepare the comparison for the next session.
10			WP.24 elected Ms. J. Elsinger (Austria) as its Chair and Ms. P. Tomkova (Czech Republic) as its Vice-Chairs for its sessions in 2021 and 2022.
13			WP.24 adopted provisionally its report of the sixty-third session. Decisions from this report, in accordance with the decision of ECE Executive Committee at its meeting on 5 October 2020 need to undergo a 72 hours silence period, which would be notified to all Permanent Missions in Geneva by the office of the ECE Chef de Cabinet. The decisions would be adopted with the unbroken closure of the silence procedure.