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**Economic Commission for Europe****Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on Rail Transport****Group of Experts on Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock****First session**

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Item 4 of the provisional agenda

**Programme of work for the Group****Draft programme of work****Note by the secretariat\*****I. Introduction**

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for the Group of Experts on Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock (GE\_PIRRS). The Group is invited to consider this programme at its current session. The Group will have the opportunity to adjust the document as needed.

**II. Objective**

2. The objective of the Group of Experts on Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock is to:

(a) identify methodologies, tools and good practices for evaluating optimal mechanisms for marking railway rolling stock with unique identifiers to ensure that the marking is compatible with requirements under the Luxembourg Rail Protocol;

(b) shape open standards for the Unique Rail Vehicle Identification System (URVIS) application among the relevant stakeholders;

(c) set out recommendations and draft protocols for a range of qualifying rolling stock marking systems with unique identifiers, considering the wide range of equipment potentially to be marked, the need to be flexible to adapt to future technological developments and balancing cost with effectiveness; and

(d) consider and recommend protocols on private and public access to the unique identifier, in particular when these are accessible remotely.

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### III. Main activities

3. The Group will have a face-to-face meeting twice a year. The first meeting of the Group will include an initial section on official matters (election of chair, approval of terms of reference, etc.) but will then start working on the Group's main activities, which include:

- Discussing best practices in, and national requirements for, rolling stock marking
- Discussing technological issues
- Identifying possible solutions
- Testing possible solutions;
- Selecting solution(s); and
- Developing recommendations and standards.

### IV. Timeline for tasks

4. The table below summarises the timeline for the Group.

<i>Sessions</i>	<i>Outputs</i>	
	<i>One off</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> session (September 2020)	Election of Chair, Adoption of Terms of Reference, Adoption of Work Programme, discussion of outline for report	Good practice examples from member States
2 <sup>nd</sup> session (December 2020)		Good practice examples from member States Drafting of standards and recommendations
3 <sup>rd</sup> session (May 2021)		Good practice examples from member States Drafting of standards and recommendations
4 <sup>th</sup> session (September 2021)	Finalize first draft of standards and recommendations	
5 <sup>th</sup> session (Spring 2022)		Review and testing of standards and recommendations
6 <sup>th</sup> session (Autumn 2022)		Review and finalization of standards and recommendations
S.C.2 session (Autumn 2022)	Adoption of final standards and recommendations	