Annotated provisional agenda for the fifth session*.

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Wednesday, 4 May 2022

I. Provisional agenda

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts on Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock (Group of Experts) will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

* Delegates are requested to register online at the following address: https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=7FLWz7. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 917 24 32). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website at https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates.

** For reasons of COVID-19, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division’s website at https://unece.org/info/Transport/Rail-Transport/events/364550.
2. Development of the permanent marking of the Unique Rail Vehicle Identification System

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss the development of the permanent marking of the Unique Rail Vehicle Identification System (URVIS) as set out in the terms of reference. The following points may be discussed:

(a) Best practices in, and national requirements for rolling stock marking

Member States may wish to share best practice in, and national requirements for rolling stock building on previous presentations at previous sessions. This agenda item will also review the use cases for the placing of the URVIS on rolling stock (previously agenda item 2(b)). Finally, experts will be updated on developments with the Luxembourg Rail Protocol.

(b) Development of the framework

During discussions at the previous sessions of the Group, Experts agreed that further work should be done on the Model Rules for the placing of the URVIS number. This was to be done by the updating of document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2021/8. Document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2022/4 sets out the updated text for discussion at the session. Document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2022/5 provides commentary on the changes. As part of discussions on the Model Rules, experts may wish to discuss the options for the marking of railway rolling stock as set out in Appendix I of the Model Rules set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2022/4.

In relation to the request of the Group to further understand the requirements for the Revisions Committee of the Model Rules, the secretariat has prepared document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2022/3 setting out possible options for the Revisions Committee. Delegates may wish to discuss the development of the model rules further at this session.

The Group of Experts may also wish to be updated on developments in relation the Draft Regulations for the International Registry.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2021/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2022/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2022/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2022/5

3. Other business

At present, there are no proposals under this item. Proposals can be transmitted to the secretariat (sc.2@un.org).

4. Date of next session

The next session of the Group of Experts is scheduled to be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 29–30 August 2022. Separately, delegates may consider an informal drafting group before the next session, potentially 1–3 June.

5. Summary of decisions

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will briefly summarize the decisions taken. Delegates are invited to adopt the draft list of decision. Following the session, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, will draft the final report.