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## Economic Commission for Europe

### Inland Transport Committee

### Working Party on Rail Transport

### Group of Experts on International Railway Passenger Hubs

#### Fourth session

Geneva, 5–7 September 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fourth session\*\* \*\*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Monday, 5 September 2022

## I. Provisional agenda

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4. Identification of the technical and service parameters necessary for the definition of an international passenger railway hub.
5. Identification of the legal instrument or tool to be used for international railway passenger hub and draft the necessary legal provisions.
6. Measures to support international rail carriers in pandemics.
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\* Participation will only be possible for registered delegates. All delegates are requested to register online at the following address: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=2gTV2p>. Participants wishing to attend the session in person will also be required to register in INDICO at the following address: <https://indico.un.org/event/1000507/>.

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\*\* 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/367652>.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The Group of Experts on International Passenger Railway Hubs (Group of Experts) will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/6

### **2. Information on other complementary activities across the ECE region**

The Group of Experts will be informed about other complementary activities across the ECE region in relation to the mandate of this Group including related initiatives in other fora.

### **3. Identification of stations on the AGC network to be defined as an international passenger railway hub**

The Group of Experts will be invited to continue discussions on the identification of the hubs based on documents ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/3 and ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/8 prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with experts, incorporating comments received from experts on the definition for an International Railway Passenger Hub and on the draft list of stations to be included in a potential legal instrument.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/8

### **4. Identification of the technical and service parameters necessary for the definition of an international passenger railway hub**

The Group of Experts will be invited to continue discussions on what should be defined as minimum technical and service parameters for international passenger railway hubs. Discussions focus on document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/9 prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with experts, setting out an updated list of parameters and incorporating comments received by experts.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/9

### **5. Identification of the legal instrument or tool to be used for international railway passenger hub and draft the necessary legal provisions**

The Group of Experts will be invited to continue discussions, on the potential legal agreement building on the possibility of amending the AGC to incorporate aspects related to international railway passenger hubs. The Group may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/10 as an input to these discussions.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/10

### **6. Measures to support international rail carriers in pandemics**

The Group of Experts will be invited to continue discussions on measures taken to support rail carriers in pandemics building on the study prepared on this subject by the secretariat with the support of experts.

**7. Other business**

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

**8. 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 12 to 14 April 2023.

**9. Summary of decisions**

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will briefly summarize the decisions taken. Following the session, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, will draft the report of the session.

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