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AMENDMENTS TO THE MAIN TEXT OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON  
MAIN INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY LINES (AGC)

GENEVA, 17 NOVEMBER 2023

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MAIN TEXT OF THE AGC AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

At its seventy-seventh session held in Geneva from 15 to 17 November 2023, the Working Party on Rail Transport of the Inland Transport Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) adopted, in accordance with article 10 of the above Agreement, amendments to the main text of the AGC as indicated in paragraph 44 of the report of the Working Party on Rail Transport on its seventy-seventh session (doc. [ECE/TRANS/SC.2/243](#)).

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraphs 1 to 3 of article 10 of the above Agreement, which read as follows:

- “1. The main text of this Agreement may be amended by either of the procedures specified in this article.
2. (a) Upon the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to the main text of this Agreement shall be considered by the Working Party on Rail Transport of the Economic Commission for Europe.  
  
(b) If it is adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting and if this majority includes a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting, the amendment shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to all Contracting Parties for acceptance.  
  
(c) If the amendment is accepted by two thirds of the Contracting Parties, the Secretary-General shall so notify all the Contracting Parties and the amendment shall enter into force 12 months after the date of such notification. The amendment shall enter into force with respect to all the Contracting Parties except those which, before its entry into force, make a declaration that they do not accept the amendment.
3. At the request of at least one third of the Contracting Parties, a conference, to which the States referred to in article 5 shall be invited, shall be convened by the Secretary-General. The procedure specified in paragraph 2, subparagraphs (a) and (b), of this article shall be applied in respect of any amendment submitted to the consideration of such a conference.”

Documents ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2023/5 contains the text of the proposed amendments to the main text of the AGC in the English, French and Russian languages, and is available on the website of the UNECE Working Party on Rail Transport at:

<https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/ECE-TRANS-SC.2-2023-05e%20%281%29.pdf> (anglais);

<https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/ECE-TRANS-SC.2-2023-05f.pdf> (français);

<https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/ECE-TRANS-SC.2-2023-05r.pdf> (russe).

In accordance with paragraph 2(c) of article 10, if the amendments are accepted by two thirds of the Contracting Parties, the Secretary-General shall so notify all the Contracting Parties and the amendments shall enter into force 12 months after the date of such notification. The amendments shall enter into force with respect to all the Contracting Parties except those which, before its entry into force, make a declaration that they do not accept the amendments.

4 March 2024

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