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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY LINES

Amendments proposed to Annex I of the AGC Agreement

Transmitted by the Government of Slovenia

The secretariat reproduced below amendment proposals to Annex I of the AGC Agreement transmitted by the Government of Slovenia, for consideration by the Working Party.

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Proposal for inclusion of a railway line in the AGC Agreement

In accordance with Article 11 of the AGC Agreement, the Republic of Slovenia, in agreement with the Republic of Hungary, proposes the inclusion of a new railway connection between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Hungary in the AGC Agreement.

It is proposed that Annex I to the AGC Agreement be supplemented as follows:

<u>Annex I</u>

RAILWAY LINES OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

LIST OF RAILWAY LINES

I. <u>Numbering of lines at the European level North-South</u>

E 73 Ormož - Murska Sobota - Puconci - Hodoš - Bajánsenye - Zalaegerszeg - Boba - Veszprém - Székesfehérvár

II. <u>Numbering of lines at the national level</u>

Slovenia

E 73 Ormož - Murska Sobota - Puconci – (Hodoš)

Hungary

E 73 (Hodoš) - Bajánsenye - Zalaegerszeg - Boba -Veszprém - Székesfehérvár

Explanation

In May 2001, a new railway connection between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Hungary was opened to international traffic.

The new railway line complements the European corridor system and represents an addition to Corridor V which is an important European corridor and, at the same time, represents the shortest transport route between northern Adriatic ports and northern Italy on the one hand, and Hungary and East European countries on the other. The total length of the new railway line is 43.5 km, of which 24.5 km are in Slovenia and 19 km in Hungary. It runs from Puconci up to the common border station Hodoš and continues on through Bajánsenye to Székesfehérvár.

The railway line was constructed in accordance with technical parameters stipulated by the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) and the European Agreement on Important Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC). It is proposed, therefore, to include both sections of the new railway line - on the Slovenian and the Hungarian sides - in the AGC Agreement.

In the Republic of Slovenia, the new Puconci - Hodoš railway line is linked to the existing Ormož - Murska Sobota - Puconci railway line which, to date, has not been included in the AGC Agreement. With the construction of a new section, the entire railway line from Ormož to Hodoš is connected to the European railway network as it is linked to the E 69 line in Ormož.

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It is proposed that, on the Slovenian side, the route of the entire (existing and newly constructed) railway line from Ormož to Hodoš be included in the Agreement.

In the Republic of Hungary, the new line is connected to the E 69 railway line in Székesfehérvár.

The proposed number of the railway line "Ormož - Murska Sobota - Puconci - Hodoš - Bajánsenye - Zalaegerszeg - Boba - Veszprém — Székesfehérvár" is E 73.

The proposal for inclusion of a railway line (C-E 73) in the AGTC Agreement has already been submitted to the WP.24.

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