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Remarks about Railway Security

The security of railway buildings and facilities and freight transportation and passengers is very important. Railway Administrations are paying huge amounts of compensation due to the stealing of the freight transported, damage to the freight itself or the wagons and stealing incidents from the passengers. These incidents have an adverse effect on freight and passenger transportations.

It is a must to cooperate with the other railway administrations on this issue in order to prevent the incidents which will induce to jeopardize the security of the freight during transportation, cause significant amounts of loss due to stealing of the freight and damage to the wagons.

In this connection, it should be aimed to reduce the security costs and to increase the security level by taking efficient and lasting measures.

In this sense, being the essential aim “to increase the quality of train operations” and taking into consideration the increasing importance of the need for railway “security”, cooperating with the other railway administrations on the issues such as taking a common attitude towards the actions disrupting the railway security, exchanging of experiences and identifying deterrent measures will contribute to the success of our Railway Administration.

The Task Force on Rail Transport Security and the issues in the reports on the studies of this group are considered appropriate in general terms.

As a result of the evaluation made by our Railway Administration, our remarks and proposals considered to be added in the reports as follows:

- 1- Providing the necessary coordination between the Institutions which are carrying out activities in the rail security field (UIC-UITP COLPOFER, etc. Association-Organization and Groups).
- 2- Creating a website about Rail Security,
- 3- Creating a data bank by drawing up a Railway Incident Record Form (half yearly/yearly) regarding the incidents occurred in railways in order to classify, to map and frame the crime activities occurred in railways and to prepare statistics as well as to provide information exchange between Railway Administrations within this coordinator to be established or on the website,
- 4- Establishing individual security units in Railway Administrations.
- 5- Ensuring that the stations are safe places like airports and tracking the security of trains/wagons by a GPS system utilizing satellite for tracking.

Enhancing the scope of insurance for passengers and freight as well as wagons and locomotives would be appropriate in order to reduce the compensation fees of Railway Administrations.