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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Rail Transport

##### Group of Experts on International Railway Passenger Hubs

###### Second session

Geneva, 13–15 December 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the second session\*, \*\*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 13 December 2021

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Information on other complementary activities across the ECE Region.
3. Identification of stations on the AGC network to be defined as an international passenger railway hub.
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. Analysis of the legal framework governing international passenger transportation.
7. Measures to support international rail carriers in pandemics.

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\* Delegates are requested to register online at the following address:

<https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=rWLgCE>.

Participation is possible both virtually and in-person. To take part in the session in-person, delegates are kindly requested to additionally register at <https://indico.un.org/event/35930>.

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\*\* 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/transport/events/sc2hubs-group-experts-international-railway-passenger-hubs-2nd-session>.

8. Other business.
9. Date of next session.
10. Summary of decisions.

## **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/2021/5

### **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. Discussions will focus on document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/8 prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with experts, setting out proposals for a definition of international passenger railway hubs, a criteria for the identification of such hubs and an initial list of potential stations to be classified as these hubs.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/8

### **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, in line with the approach of Annex III of the AGC and with Annexes III and IV of the AGTC, on what principles should be defined as minimum requirements for international passenger railway hubs. Discussions will focus on document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/9 prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with experts, setting out possible technical parameters.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/9

### **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, in line with related provisions in other UNECE Legal agreements and Conventions, on what legal instrument or tool to use in creating provisions for international passenger railway hubs. The Group may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/10 as an input to these discussions.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/10

## **6. Analysis of the legal framework governing international passenger transportation**

The Group of Experts will be invited to discuss the legal framework governing international passenger transportation with a particular focus on document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/7, provided by Organization for Co-operation between Railways, setting out legal provisions across the region and identifying possible solutions going forward.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2021/7

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

The Group of Experts will recall that at its first session it asked the secretariat to prepare a short questionnaire for experts to complete on behalf of their countries, on support that is currently being provided to railway undertakings. The preliminary results are included in Informal document SC.2/HUBS No.4 (2021).

### **Documentation**

Informal document SC.2/HUBS No.4 (2021)

## **8. Other business**

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

## **9. 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 23–25 May 2022.

## **10. 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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