

Simple Questionnaire:

1. Which is the approach to the development of the URL favoured by your country/organization?

Approach A

Approach B

None of the above (please explain other approach you favour)

2. If your country/organization favours Approach A, please clarify how the availability of the Convention on the contract for international carriage of goods by rail as a possible first Convention of a system of Unified Railway Law is to benefit the industry involved in freight transport between Europe and Asia? *Please consider as industry all relevant enterprises involved in cargo carriage between Europe and Asia.*

3. If your country/organization is against Approach A, please explain why the availability of the Convention on the contract for international carriage of goods by rail as a possible first Convention of a system of Unified Railway Law, and set up as an interface law, will not, in your country's/organization's view, result in essential benefits to the industry involved in freight transport between Europe and Asia? *Please consider as industry all relevant enterprises involved in cargo carriage between Europe and Asia.*

4. If your country/organization favors Approach B, please clarify what could be the benefits from unifying other laws such as wagon law, infrastructure law, etc. to the industry involved in freight transport between Europe and Asia? Is it the view of your country/organization that unification of these laws will change the current practices for carriage of cargo (container transshipment at gauge breaks) or will have an impact on the market (e.g. competition on the rail by allowing independent transport using own traction ie. licensing foreign railways for carriage of goods on domestic section of networks? You may wish to refer in your response to considerations included in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2020/6. (<https://unece.org/transport/events/sc2geurl-group-experts-towards-unified-railway-law-22nd-session>)

5. If your country/organization is against Approach B, please inform what are the reasons or preconditions, in view of your country/organization, that will endorse the effort necessary to unify laws such as wagon law, infrastructure law, etc.

6. Are there any provisions in the draft Convention as reflected in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2021/3 which cannot be accepted by your country/organization? In your country's/organization's response you may wish to refer to ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2020/5 and Informal document (January 2021) No.1 (sections A to F) (<https://unece.org/info/Transport/Rail-Transport/events/349594>)

7. Are there any provisions in the existing COTIF and SMGS rail legal regimes which, in view of your country/organization, conflict the elaboration of an URL framework convention?

8. Would you like that a meeting of the Friends of SC.2 Chair is organized in early July 2022 to discuss the responses to this questionnaire before a summary of the consultations is issued in a document for the SC.2 76th session?

YES

NO
