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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifth session* **

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Wednesday, 19 April 2023

I. Provisional agenda

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5. Identification of the legal instrument or tool to be used for international railway passenger hub and draft the necessary legal provisions.
6. Measures to support international rail carriers in pandemics.
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* Participation is possible in-person only. Delegates are requested to register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1002101>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the located at the Villa Les Feuillantines (13, Avenue de la Paix), open on weekdays from 8.00 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 917 24 32). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates>.

** Delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website at <https://unece.org/info/Transport/Rail-Transport/events/373654>.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts on International Railway Passenger Hubs (Group of Experts) will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/1

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 railway passenger hub

The Group of Experts will be invited to continue discussions on the identification of the hubs based on documents ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/8 and ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/3 prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with experts, incorporating comments received from experts on the definition for an International Railway Passenger Hub and on the draft list of stations to be included in a potential legal instrument.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/8

4. Identification of the technical and service parameters necessary for the definition of an international railway passenger hub

The Group of Experts will be invited to continue discussions on what should be defined as minimum technical and service parameters for international railway passenger hubs. Discussions will focus on document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/4 prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with experts, based on the results of the consultation process agreed at the fourth session, setting out an updated list of parameters and incorporating comments received by experts. The Group may also wish to continue discussions on the role of the Guidance note on the application of the requirements relating to technical parameters in hubs identified in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/11. Finally, the Group may wish to discuss examples of pictograms and the information of provision to passengers in other sectors as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/6.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2022/11,
ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/6

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, on the potential legal agreement building on the possibility of amending the AGC to incorporate aspects related to international railway passenger hubs. The Group may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/5 as an input to these discussions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/5

6. Measures to support international rail carriers in pandemics

The Group of Experts will be invited to review the final version of the study completed under this agenda item and available on the UNECE website.

Documentation

“Railways at the centre of a post-pandemic recovery: Measures to support international rail carriers”

7. Other business

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

8. 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 13 to 15 September 2023.

9. Summary of decisions and reading of the draft report

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will read through the draft report of the session highlighting the main decisions.
