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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL COMBINED TRANSPORT LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS (AGTC)
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PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES I AND II TO THE AGTC AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 28 January 2025, the Secretary-General was informed that, at its sixty-seventh session held in Geneva from 16 to 18 October 2024, the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics of the Inland Transport Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe adopted, in accordance with article 15 of the above Agreement, a proposal of amendments to annexes I and II to the Agreement, as indicated in the report of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/157).

The texts of the proposed amendments in English, French and Russian (Annex I to the report of the session ECE/TRANS/WP.24/157) can be accessed on the website of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at the following addresses:

https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2024-11/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-157e%20%282%29.pdf (English);
https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2024-11/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-157f.pdf (French);
https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2024-11/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-157r.pdf (Russian).

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraphs 1 to 6 of article 15 of the above Agreement, which read as follows:

"1.   Annexes I and II to this Agreement may be amended in accordance with the procedure laid down in this article.

2.   At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to this Agreement shall be considered by the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

3.   If the amendment is adopted by the majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting, the proposed amendment shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Contracting Parties directly concerned for acceptance. For the purpose of this article, a Contracting Party shall be considered directly concerned if in the case of inclusion of a new line, an important terminal, a border crossing point, a gauge interchange station or a ferry link/port or in case of their respective modification, its territory is crossed by that line or is directly linked to the important terminal, or if the considered important terminal, border crossing point, gauge interchange station or terminal point of the ferry link/port are situated on the said territory.

4.   Any proposed amendment communicated in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article shall be deemed accepted if, within a period of six months following the date of its communication by the depositary, none of the Contracting Parties directly concerned has notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations of its objection to the proposed amendment.

5.   Any amendment thus accepted shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all Contracting Parties and shall enter into force three months after the date of its communication by the depositary.

6.   If an objection to the proposed amendment has been notified in accordance with paragraph 4 of this article, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall have no effect whatsoever."

In accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of article 15, the proposed amendments to annexes I and II shall be considered as having been accepted if, within a period of six months following the date of this notification, i.e. by 28 July 2025, no objection has been received by the Secretary-General from a Contracting Party directly concerned. Any amendment thus accepted shall enter into force three months after the date of its communication by the depositary, in accordance with paragraph 5 of article 15.

28 January 2025