

### 3. EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY LINES (AGC)

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*Note:* The Agreement was drawn up under the auspices of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe and is open for signature at Geneva until 1 September 1986.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Succession(d)</i>
Albania.....		5 Jun 2007 a	France .....	28 Aug 1986	27 Jan 1989 AA
Austria .....		1 Oct 2001 a	Germany <sup>4,5</sup> .....	29 Aug 1986	23 Oct 1987
Belarus .....	27 Aug 1986	1 Apr 1987 A	Greece .....	9 Jul 1986	31 Mar 1995
Belgium .....		6 Aug 1999 a	Hungary .....	16 Apr 1986	26 Jun 1987 AA
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>2</sup> .....		1 Sep 1993 d	Italy .....	19 Aug 1986	29 Nov 1991
Bulgaria .....		9 Mar 1990 a	Latvia .....		18 May 2006 a
Croatia <sup>2</sup> .....		20 May 1994 d	Lithuania .....		27 Mar 2002 a
Czech Republic <sup>3</sup> .....		2 Jun 1993 d	Luxembourg.....	17 Jul 1986	28 Oct 1996
			Montenegro <sup>6</sup> .....		23 Oct 2006 d

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North Macedonia <sup>2</sup> .....		5 Oct 1994 d	Serbia <sup>2</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d
Poland <sup>7</sup> .....	5 Feb 1986	14 Sep 1988	Slovakia <sup>3</sup> .....		28 May 1993 d
Portugal.....	1 Nov 1985		Slovenia.....		6 Jul 1992 d
Republic of Moldova.....		8 Jul 1996 a	Türkiye.....		4 Jan 1993 a
Romania.....		11 Dec 1996 a	Turkmenistan.....		31 Aug 2020 a
Russian Federation.....	27 Aug 1986	10 Mar 1987 A	Ukraine.....	27 Aug 1986	22 Sep 1987 A

**Declarations and Reservations**  
(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, accession, acceptance, approval or succession.)

**AUSTRIA**

"Declaration in respect of Article 8 of the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC):

The Federal Government of the Republic of Austria declares herewith in accordance with Article 9 of the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) that the Republic of Austria does not consider herself bound by the provisions of Article 8 of the AGC.

The topographic conditions in Austria do not permit a complete adherence to the parameter "nominal minimum speed" of 160 kph on existing lines and of 250 kph on new lines to be built. Also, when considering the optimal use of resources available for the improvement of railroad infrastructure and the priority goal of the lines capacity, the parameter of a "nominal minimum speed" of 250 kph cannot be upheld for all new lines."

**BELARUS**

The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic does not consider itself bound by article 8 of the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines of 31 May 1985 and declares that the agreement of all the parties to a dispute is required, in each specific case, for the submission to arbitrators of any dispute between Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or application of the European Agreement and that only persons designated by mutual agreement between the parties to a dispute may act as arbitrators.

**CZECH REPUBLIC<sup>3</sup>**

**LATVIA**

"In accordance with Article 13 of the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) the Republic of Latvia declares that the administration to which proposed amendments to the annexes to this Agreement are to be communicated in conformity with Articles 11 and 12 is:

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**POLAND<sup>7</sup>**

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

[Same reservation, mutatis mutandis, as that made by Belarus.]

**SLOVAKIA<sup>3</sup>**

**UKRAINE**

[Same reservation, mutatis mutandis, as that made by Belarus.]

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Amendments to the Convention were adopted as follows:

<i>Amendments to:</i>	<i>Proposed by:</i>	<i>Date of circulation:</i>	<i>Date of entry into force:</i>	<i>Amendments to:</i>	<i>Proposed by:</i>	<i>Date of circulation:</i>	<i>Date of entry into force:</i>
Annex I	Germany	30 Mar 1992	10 Mar 1993	Annex I	Croatia	28 May 1996	18 Mar 1997
Annex I	Czech Republic, France, Germany, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine	20 Jul 1994	14 May 1995	Annex I	Italy and Republic of Moldova	12 Nov 1997	12 Feb 1998
				Annex I	Hungary and Poland	10 Feb 2000	15 Nov 2000
				Annex I	Czech Republic, Republic of Moldova and Greece	28 Mar 2001	1 Jan 2002
				Annex I	Germany	28 Feb 2005	9 Nov 2005

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Annex I	Hungary	9 Aug 2005	12 May 2007

<sup>2</sup> The former Yugoslavia had acceded to the Agreement on 31 January 1990. See also note 1 under “Bosnia and Herzegovina”, “Croatia”, “former Yugoslavia”, “Slovenia”, “The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and “Yugoslavia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>3</sup> Czechoslovakia had acceded to the Agreement on 10 May 1990, with the following reservation:

Czechoslovakia shall not consider itself bound by article 8 of the Agreement.

See also note 1 under “Czech Republic” and note 1 under “Slovakia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>4</sup> See note 1 under “Germany” regarding Berlin (West) in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>5</sup> The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Agreement on 22 March 1988 with the following reservation:  
Reservation:

The German Democratic Republic does not consider itself bound by the provisions of Article 8 of the Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) of 31 May 1985.

In order to refer a dispute which relates to the interpretation or application of the Agreement to arbitration, it is necessary in each single case to have the consent of all States in the dispute. The arbitrators have to be selected jointly by the States in the dispute. See also note 2 under “Germany” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>6</sup> See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>7</sup> Upon ratification, the Government of Poland declared that it withdraws its reservation made upon signature. The text of the reservation read as follows:

The Government of Poland declares that it does not consider itself bound by article 8 of the Agreement.

