3. European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC)

Geneva, 31 May 1985

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 27 April 1989, in accordance with article 6(1).

REGISTRATION: 27 April 1989, No. 26540.


TEXT:


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.
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Serbia 2 | 12 Mar 2001 d | Türkiye | 4 Jan 1993 a
Slovakia 3 | 28 May 1993 d | Turkmenistan | 31 Aug 2020 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 prioratory 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

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

Russian Federation

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

Slovakia

Ukraine

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

Notes:

1 Amendments to the Convention were adopted as follows:

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2 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.

3 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.

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

5 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.

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

7 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.