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# Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2)

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## Sixty-ninth session of Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2)

- A. Sixty-ninth session** of the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/224);
- a. The pilot phase of the **International Observatory on Rail Security** with was prepared and reviewed by the WP.;
  - b. Preparations for the establishment in SC.2 in cooperation with Economic Integration Division of ECE of a **center of excellence** for financing railway infrastructure under **PPP schemes** including the hosting on the Working Party's website of an **online tool** for the evaluation of rail infrastructure financing projects under PPP schemes.
  - c. In cooperation with TER project the work on preparing the **Master Plan on High-Speed Trains** for the TER region (2016-2017) and the ECE region (2018-2019) started;
  - d. Monitoring the developments on the **New convention** on the facilitation of crossing of frontiers for passengers and baggage carried by rail;
  - e. Reviewed, updated and fine tuned the **rail productivity indicators** after 10 years since their adoption with the main objective these indicators to become a management tool for railways undertakings;



- f. The Administrative Committee of AGC Agreement prepared in cooperation with the European Railway Agency and approved significant **amendment proposals** to the AGC agreement;
  - g. Monitors developments on **railways reform** by inviting distinguished speakers who present case studies on the subject;
  - h. Monitors the implementation of Annex 9 to the Harmonization Convention on the **facilitation of rail border crossings** in cooperation with Working Party 30 by implementing a detailed action plan which was approved during the last session of the W.P;
- B. Workshop on “**RAIL SAFETY**”:
- a. The Workshop was co-organised with UIC; The workshop took stock of initiatives and activities by Governments, UIC and railways undertakings on safety and assets management, technology, human factor, statistics and risk assessment.



### Unified Railway Law

- a. The Group of Experts managed during its mandate to **prepare legal provisions** in the contract of carriage and, in particular, on rights and obligations of the parties to the contract of carriage, documentation, liability, assertion of claims and relationship among carriers of a Unified Railway Law. It did so by taking into consideration **good practices** already implemented by the CIM-COTIF Convention and SMGS Agreement as well as other International Transport Conventions; (ECE/TRANS/2016/15, legal provisions / ECE/TRANS/2016/16 - main principles of an appropriate management system);
- b. The Working Party kindly requests the Committee to **consider and adopt** the draft **resolution on the Unified Railway Law** (ECE/TRANS/2016/17) which was negotiated during the last session of the WP;
- c. The Working Party kindly requests the Committee to **consider and approve** the new **Terms of Reference** (ECE/TRANS/2016/18) for the Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law;





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# Thank You!

