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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL COMBINED TRANSPORT LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS (AGTC)

New amendment proposals

Note by the secretariat

- 1. In accordance with the decisions of the Working Party at its forty-seventh session, the secretariat has compiled a package of amendment proposals to the AGTC Agreement¹ containing a number of railway lines and related installations that would complement the existing AGTC network and cover important international pan-European combined transport lines in Belarus, Estonia, Latvia and the Russian Federation. The proposals also contain railway lines and related installations that would extend the AGTC network to Central Asia and the Caucasus and would align it with the AGC rail network in this region (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/113, paragraphs 26-27).
- 2. The present amendment proposals take account of documentation and proposals transmitted by Latvia (WP.24 Informal document No.3 (2005)), Lithuania (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/3), Estonia (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/1/Add.3) and the secretariat

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¹ The up-to-date and consolidated text of the AGTC Agreement is contained in document ECE/TRANS/88/Rev.4 and is available at the website of the Working Party in English, French and Russian (http://www.unece.org/trans/wp24/welcome.html).

(Informal document No.9 (2006) and TRANS/WP.24/2005/2) and are consistent with the Pan-European Transport Corridors – rail network (PETC).

- 3. Contracting Parties to the AGTC Agreement that are directly concerned by the present amendment proposals (in accordance with article 15(3) of the AGTC Agreement) may wish to consult among each other on these proposals well before the session of the Working Party. The secretariat will facilitate these consultations. In accordance with the relevant provisions of article 15 of the AGTC Agreement, the Contracting Parties to the AGTC Agreement present at the session of the Working Party may wish to consider and adopt the amendment proposals to Annexes I and II of the AGTC Agreement as contained in the <u>Addendum</u> to the present document.
- 4. In case these amendment proposals will be adopted by the required majority of Contracting Parties present and voting, the secretariat will transmit these proposals to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his capacity as depositary of the AGTC Agreement for issuance of the required depositary notifications to those countries that are directly concerned by these proposals as defined in article 15 (3) of the AGTC Agreement. Contracting Parties will then have a period of six months to raise objections.
- 5. The map of page 3 shows the total AGTC network (black lines), the newly proposed lines covering the Baltic region (green lines) and the newly proposed lines in Central Asia and the Caucasus (red lines). The map (in color) is also available on the WP.24 website (www.unece.org/trans/wp24/documents/AGTCmap.pdf).
- 6. For information: As of 1 January 2007, the following countries are Contracting Parties to the AGTC (combined transport) and AGC (rail) Agreements respectively:

AGC Agreement	AGTC Agreement	AGC Agreement	AGTC Agreement
(25 countries)	(28 countries)	(25 countries)	(28 countries)
Austria	Austria	Luxembourg	Luxembourg
Belarus	Belarus	-	Kazakhstan
Belgium	Belgium	-	Netherlands
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	1	Norway
Bulgaria	Bulgaria	Poland	Poland
Croatia	Croatia	-	Portugal
Czech Republic	Czech Republic	Moldova	Moldova
-	Denmark	Romania	Romania
France	France	Russian Federation	Russian Federation
-	Georgia	Serbia	Serbia
Germany	Germany	Slovakia	Slovakia
Greece	Greece	Slovenia	Slovenia
Hungary	Hungary	-	Switzerland
Italy	Italy	The former Yugoslav	
Latvia	-	Republic of Macedonia	-
Lithuania		Turkey	Turkey
Limuania	-	Ukraine	Ukraine

Map of AGTC and AGC networks

