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Traffic censuses in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

2010 E-Rail traffic census

Note by the secretariat

1. During its seventy-first session, the Inland Transport Committee adopted:
Resolution No. 260: E-Rail Traffic Census in Europe in 2010 (“2010 E-Rail Traffic Census”).
2. This resolution requested Governments to inform the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) by **30 September 2009** whether they agree to implement the provisions of the resolution.
3. Circular letters were sent to all Ministries of Foreign Affairs and reminder was sent to the delegates to the UNECE Working Party on Transport Statistics.
4. The secretariat received information from the following countries on their intention to implement the resolution on 2010 E-Rail Traffic Census:
Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Luxembourg, Poland, Serbia, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey.
5. It is mandatory for Member States of the European Union (EU) to undertake 2010 E-Rail Traffic Census according Regulation No. 91/2003 of 16 December 2002 on rail transport statistics adopted by the European Parliament and the Council.
6. During its seventy-second session (23-25 February 2010), the Inland Transport Committee **invited** UNECE member Governments, in compliance with ITC Resolution No. 260 adopted at its seventieth session, to take in 2010 E-Rail traffic census in accordance with the AGC and AGTC Agreements and to inform, if not already done so, the Executive Secretary of UNECE whether they agree to implement the provisions of these resolutions as soon as possible.

Annex

Resolution No. 260

E-Rail Traffic Census in Europe in 2010 ("2010 E-Rail Traffic Census")

The Inland Transport Committee,

Recalling its Resolution No. 255 adopted on 19 February 2004 (ECE/TRANS/156, annex 4),

1. *Invites* Governments:

(a) To take a census of traffic on the E-rail lines on their national territory, in accordance with the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) as in force in 2010 and with the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) as in force in 2010, and in line with the Recommendations to Governments for the 2010 E-Rail Traffic Census as set forth in UNECE document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.4/4.

(b) To supply the results of the combined E-Rail Traffic Census 2010 to the UNECE secretariat, if possible, before 30 June 2012, in conformity with the Recommendations set forth in UNECE document ECE/TRANS/WP.6/AC.4/4.

2. *Recommends* that Governments take a census of traffic on other non-urban rail lines in their national territory, applying where possible, the methods set out in the Recommendations mentioned under paragraph 1(a) above.

3. *Requests* Governments to inform the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) by 30 September 2009 whether they agree to implement the provisions of this resolution.
