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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth session¹

to be held in Yerevan starting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 26 October 2016

I. Provisional agenda

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2. Identification of cargo flows on the Euro-Asian transport links.
3. Facilitating the coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs on the Euro-Asian transport links.
4. Identification of needs and requirements by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders in transport and trade on EATL routes.
5. Information from participants on recent developments in transport infrastructure priority projects along EATL routes.
6. Geographical Information Systems.
7. Other business.
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¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html. On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (maria.mostovets@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/27/Rev.1

2. Identification of cargo flows on the Euro-Asian transport links

The Group of Experts may wish to consider a presentation by the "Scientific and Research Institute of Motor Transport" (NIIAT) from Moscow as the consultant for the drafting of the Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL) Phase 3 report. The NIIAT will present the first draft of the Phase 3 report based on the skeleton and the methodology agreed by the Group in June 2016. The Group of Experts may wish to review the presented draft and offer its opinion and guidance for the finalisation of the report.

The Group of Experts may also welcome presentations from representatives of main EATL stakeholders.

Documentation

Informal document WP.5/GE.2 (2016) No. 1, Informal document WP.5/GE.2 (2015) No. 1, Informal document WP.5/GE.2 (2015) No. 5

3. Facilitating of the coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs on the Euro-Asian transport links

The Group of Experts may wish to consider new information on time schedules and tariffs on EATL routes. As agreed at the second informal EATL session, the Organization for Cooperation between Railways shall submit a document on trains operating with regular itineraries between Europe and Asia (Informal document WP.5/GE.2 (2015) No. 3/Rev.1).

Documentation

Informal document WP.5/GE.2 (2015) No. 3/Rev.1

4. Identification of needs and requirements by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders in transport and trade on EATL routes

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that based on an adopted work plan (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) it shall identify transportation needs and requirements (including obstacles) which face producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders along nine rail and road EATL corridors.

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that it invited at its twelfth session company Plaske and the Moscow State Institute for Engineers of Transport to update the document drafted by Plaske for the twelfth session and present it to the Group at its thirteenth session. The document contains a comparative analysis of time and cost between rail and maritime transport between Europe and Asia.

The Group of Experts will consider the presentations by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders who share their experiences, best practices, problems and proposals for solutions.

5. Information from participants on recent developments in transport infrastructure priority projects on EATL routes

The Group of Experts may wish to consider new information by Governments on this topic and provide guidance to the secretariat on possible actions.

6. Geographical Information Systems

The Group of Experts will continue to receive observations and guidance from the Governments and exchange views on the further development of the Geographical Information Systems (GIS), especially on the financing of this wing of the EATL project. A possible involvement of commercial enterprises in EATL GIS will also be considered.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2014/1

7. Other business

Given that the UNECE Executive Committee extended the mandate of the EATL Group of Experts on 10 May 2016 for one more year, the Group may wish to consider the ways on how best to use the allocated additional time in order to finalise the Phase 3 report.

The Group of Experts shall discuss other issues about EATL Phase 3.

8. Date of next meeting

The Group of Experts will set the date and venue for its fifteenth session.

9. Summary of decisions

The Group of Experts will adopt the list of main decisions at the end of the session.
