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Current mandate 2018-2019

- Four main tasks:
 - Monitor the finalization of necessary documents in order to perform international rail transport under URL (consignment note and related documents);
 - Monitor the performance of a substantial number of real pilot tests;
 - Draft a document (or systems of documents) on URL which could be adopted as a legally binding instrument
 - Discuss other relevant issues related to international rail freight transport in relation to the previous point

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Progress of work

- Real pilot tests:
 - Agreement on the consignment note for the tests
 - Countries and railways undertakings from 14 countries invited to perform the tests (letters of 25 January 2019 supported by URL dossier) on four corridors:
 - Germany-Poland-Belarus-Russian Federation
 - Turkey-Georgia-Azerbaijan
 - Turkey-Islamic Republic of Iran-Turkmenistan
 - Austria-Slovakia-Ukraine-Russian Federation-Kazakhstan-China

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Progress of work

- Conversion of URL into a legally binding instrument:
 - Review of administrative provisions of other instruments
 - Consideration of the future content:
 - URL as a convention on the contract for carriage of goods by railway in international traffic vs URL as framework convention covering various railway issues
 - Pros and cons and impact analysis for each approach in preparation

Thank you!



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