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Third meeting

Bangkok, 5-6 November 2013

Annotated provisional agenda

I. Provisional agenda

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3. Adoption of the agenda.
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5. Consideration of proposals for amending the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network.
6. Policies and issues relating to the development of the Trans-Asian Railway Network.
7. Other matters.
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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

The Director of the Transport Division of ESCAP will open the meeting.

2. Election of officers

The Working Group will elect a chair, vice-chair(s) and rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the meeting, subject to such changes as may be deemed necessary.

4. Status of implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network

The Working Group will be informed of the current status of the Agreement as regards the number of signatories and Parties to the Agreement and the obligations of the latter. Member States will have an opportunity to inform the Working Group of the progress they have made in ratification, acceptance, accession or approval of the Agreement. The Working Group will also be provided with information that is pertinent to completion of the Network.

5. Consideration of proposals for amending the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network

Member States have been invited to submit their proposals for amending the Agreement. The Working Group will consider such proposals in accordance with articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Agreement.

6. Policies and issues relating to the development of the Trans-Asian Railway Network

The Working Group will be informed of the decisions of legislative bodies that are relevant to the Trans-Asian Railway Network and the work of the secretariat with member States in respect of the Network. Member States are invited to circulate information materials on the progress of and plans for developing Trans-Asian Railway routes within their territory. The Working Group may consider policies for and approaches to: (a) promoting investment in the Trans-Asian Railway Network; (b) keeping the secretariat informed of priority development projects; and (c) updating the Trans-Asian Railway database.

7. Other matters

The Working Group may raise any matter not covered under the items mentioned above.

8. Adoption of the report

The Working Group will adopt the conclusions and recommendations emanating from its third meeting.
