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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).

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>>.

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 (Informal document No. 9 (2006) and TRANS/WP.24/2005/2) and are consistent with the Pan-European Transport Corridors – rail network (PETC). These proposals also take account of the Agreement of the Organization for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD) on Organizational and Operational Aspects of Combined Transport Services between Europe and Asia of 1997.
3. In 2004, the Inland Transport Committee decided to replace the name of the “Working Party on Combined Transport” charged with the administration of the AGTC Agreement by “Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics”. Therefore, the relevant provisions in the AGTC Agreement referring to the Working Party should be modified accordingly (TRANS/WP.24/2004/5, paragraph 19).
4. On 30 March 2006, the Contracting Parties to the AGTC Agreement adopted unanimously amendment proposals pertaining to Annexes I and II to the AGTC Agreement submitted by Poland and Slovakia (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/111, paragraph 24). These proposals are also contained in the Addendum to the present document.
5. 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 Addendum to the present document.
6. 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.
7. The map on page 4 shows the present 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.²

² <www.unece.org/trans/wp24/documents/AGTCmap.pdf>.

8. For information: As of 1 January 2008, the following countries are Contracting Parties to the AGTC (combined transport) and AGC (rail) Agreements respectively:

AGC Agreement (27 countries)	AGTC Agreement (30 countries)	AGC Agreement (27 countries)	AGTC Agreement (30 countries)
Albania	-	-	Kazakhstan
Austria	Austria	Montenegro	Montenegro
Belarus	Belarus	-	Netherlands
Belgium	Belgium	-	Norway
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	Poland	Poland
Bulgaria	Bulgaria	-	Portugal
Croatia	Croatia	Moldova	Moldova
Czech Republic	Czech Republic	Romania	Romania
-	Denmark	Russian Federation	Russian Federation
France	France	Serbia	Serbia
-	Georgia	Slovakia	Slovakia
Germany	Germany	Slovenia	Slovenia
Greece	Greece	-	Switzerland
Hungary	Hungary	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-
Italy	Italy	Turkey	Turkey
Latvia	Latvia	Ukraine	Ukraine
Lithuania	-		
Luxembourg	Luxembourg		


