

(c) If the amendment is accepted by two thirds of the Contracting Parties, the Secretary-General shall so notify all the Contracting Parties and the amendment shall enter into force 12 months after the date of such notification. The amendment shall enter into force with respect to all the Contracting Parties except those which, before its entry into force, make a declaration that they do not accept the amendment.

3. At the request of at least one third of the Contracting Parties, a conference, to which the States referred to in article 5 shall be invited, shall be convened by the Secretary-General. The procedure specified in paragraph 2, subparagraphs (a) and (b), of this article shall be applied in respect of any amendment submitted to the consideration of such a conference.

Article 11

Procedure for amending annex I

1. Annex I to this Agreement may be amended in accordance with the procedure specified in this article.

2. At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to annex I to this Agreement shall be considered by the Working Party on Rail Transport of the Economic Commission for Europe.

3. If it is adopted by the majority of the members present and voting and if this majority includes the majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting, the amendment shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to the competent administrations of the Contracting Parties directly concerned. The following shall be considered Contracting Parties directly concerned:

(a) In the case of inclusion of a new main line or modification of an existing main line, any Contracting Party whose territory is crossed by that line;

(b) In the case of inclusion of a new supplementary line or modification of an existing supplementary line, any Contracting Party contiguous to the requesting country, whose territory is crossed by the principal international line or lines with which the supplementary line, whether new or to be modified, is connected. Two Contracting Parties having in their respective territories the terminal points of a proposed ferry service on the principal line or lines specified above shall also be considered contiguous for the purposes of this paragraph.

4. Any proposed amendment communicated in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article shall be accepted if, within a period of six months following the date of its communication, none of the competent administrations of the Contracting Parties directly concerned notifies the Secretary-General of its objection to the amendment. If the administration of a Contracting Party states that its national law obliges it to subordinate its agreement to the grant of a specific authorization or to the approval of a legislative body, the competent administration shall not be considered as having consented to the amendment to annex I to this Agreement, and the proposed amendment shall not be accepted until such time as the said competent administration notifies the Secretary-General that it has obtained the required authorization or approval. If such notification is not made within a period of 18 months following the date on which the proposed amendment was communicated to the said competent administration or if, within the period of six months specified above, the competent administration of a Contracting Party directly concerned expresses an objection to the proposed amendment, that amendment shall be deemed not accepted.

5. Any amendment accepted shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to all the Contracting Parties and shall enter into force for all the Contracting Parties three months after the date of its notification.

Article 12

Procedure for amending annex II

1. Annex II to this Agreement may be amended by the procedure specified in this article.

2. At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to annex II to this Agreement shall be considered by the Working Party on Rail Transport of the Economic Commission for Europe.

3. If it is adopted by the majority of the members present and voting, and if this majority includes the majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting, the amendment shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to the competent administrations of all the Contracting Parties for acceptance.

4. The amendment shall be accepted if, within a period of six months following the date of notification, less than one third of the competent administrations of the Contracting Parties notify the Secretary-General of their objection to the amendment.

5. Any amendment accepted shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to all the Contracting Parties and shall come into force three months after the date of its notification.

Article 13

Notification of the address of the administration to which proposed amendments to the annexes to the Agreement are to be communicated

Each State shall, at the time of signing, ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to this Agreement, inform the Secretary-General of the name and address of its administration to which proposed amendments to the annexes to this Agreement are to be communicated in conformity with articles 11 and 12 above.

Article 14

Denunciation and suspension of the validity of the Agreement

Any Contracting Party may denounce this Agreement by written notification addressed to the Secretary-General. The denunciation shall take effect one year after the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of such notification.

Article 15

The application of this Agreement shall be suspended if the number of Contracting Parties is less than eight for any period of 12 consecutive months.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Geneva, this thirty-first day of May one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five, in a single copy in the English, French and Russian languages, the three texts being equally authentic.

Annex I

RAILWAY LINES OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

Numbering of lines of major international importance

1. **Principal lines**, comprising reference lines and intermediate lines, called class-A lines, have two-digit numbers; **supplementary lines**, called class-B lines, have three-digit numbers.

2. North-south oriented reference lines have two-digit odd numbers ending in 5 and increasing from west to east. West-east oriented reference lines have two-digit even numbers ending in 0 and increasing from north to south. Intermediate lines have respectively two-digit odd and two-digit even numbers falling within the numbers of the reference lines between which they are located.