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ANNEX III

INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL, THE MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION IN PROCEEDINGS UNDER OTIF

2. Coordination procedure

- 2.1. To prepare for any OTIF meeting, including but not limited to the meetings of the General Assembly, the Administrative Committee and other Committees, coordination meetings will be held:
 - in Brussels, within the competent Council Working Party (usually the Land Transport Working Party), as early as possible and as many times as necessary ahead of the OTIF meeting and, in addition,
 - on the spot, particularly at the beginning and, if necessary, during and at the end of an OTIF meeting.
- 2.2. The coordination meetings will agree on positions on behalf of the Union only or, where relevant, on behalf of the Union and its Member States. Positions of the Member States relating to their exclusive competence may be subject to coordination at these meetings if so agreed by the Member States.
- 2.3. The coordination meetings will decide on the exercise of responsibilities with respect to statements and voting in relation to each item of the OTIF meeting agenda, on which a statement may be made or a vote is expected.
- 2.4. To prepare the coordination meetings referred to in point 2.1, including draft statements and position papers, preliminary discussions will, if necessary, be held in the appropriate Committee created by the relevant Union rail legislation, namely:
 - the Committee on the transport of dangerous goods for items covered by Appendix C to the Convention; if these items affect rail interoperability, or the common safety approach developed under Directive 2004/49/EC, the Committee on rail interoperability and safety is also to be involved,
 - the Committee on the development of the Union's railways for items covered by Appendices A, B, D or E to the Convention and for other systems of uniform law elaborated by the OTIF,
 - the Committee on rail interoperability and safety for items covered by Appendices F or G to the Convention.
- 2.5. Before any OTIF meeting the Commission will give an indication of which agenda items are subject to Union coordination and will prepare draft statements and position papers to be discussed at coordination meetings.
- 2.6. If the Commission and the Member States in coordination meetings cannot agree a common position, including for reasons of disagreement on the repartition of competence, the matter will be referred to the Committee of Permanent Representatives and/or the Council.

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