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CCTT CHARTER OF FUTURE

General provisions

This Charter represents the vision, goals and objectives of the International Coordinating Council on Trans–Eurasian Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the CCTT, the Council). It indicates the desire of CCTT members to consistently reflect in the activities of the Council advanced trends and solutions that contribute to the development of Trans-Eurasian transportation in the interests of the economy and society. This Charter is not an international treaty, does not create rights and obligations governed by international law, and does not affect the rights and obligations arising from the participation of Council members in other international treaties, membership in other related transport associations and alliances.

The International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation, in accordance with its Charter, aims to assist its members in establishing effective and mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of Trans–Eurasian container transportation, including transportation via the routes of the international transport corridors "West– East", "North-South", as well as other transport corridors and routes of mutual interest.

The Council unites a wide range of participants working in the field of trans-European transport or related areas, having a proper business reputation, a stable financial position and having the necessary professional competence.

CCTT members representing departments, enterprises, organizations of the transport and logistics industries, IT, marketing, analytics and consulting, science and education, security and other sectors of the economy interacting with the transport complex confirm their interest in forming a system of reliable and sustainable Trans-Eurasian transport links. This interest is formed taking into account the tasks and priorities that each of them has set by their governing bodies.

Priorities

Carrying out joint work on CCTT platform, including the exchange of opinions and information, solving operational issues of interaction, participation in project activities, research and analytical research, as well as interacting with CCTT partners in this work, the members of the Council pay priority attention to the development of container services, taking into account global and regional transport trends, including:

- increasing the degree of containerization of transportation and expanding their geographical coverage;
- development of multimodality;
- widespread introduction of digital solutions, including those using the capabilities of global navigation satellite systems, as well as intelligent transport systems;
- consolidation of efforts / unification of market players to solve the problems;
- promotion of environmentally friendly technologies;
- improving the quality of services provided and the level of trust to rail transportation;
- reduction of delivery time and processing time of container trains at border crossings;
- facilitating an increase in the number of container trains transferred at railway conjunctions;
- cost optimization of providing services at all stages of transportation;
- development of international postal items transportation and e-commerce goods;
- the need to simplify administrative formalities when crossing borders for international rail transportation in the Eurasian space;
- transportation security requirements;
- promotion of transport and logistics services of CCTT members in the international market of transport services.

Noting the advantages of cooperation in the format of "state bodies – transport companies – science and analytics", CCTT welcomes the participation in its work of representatives of executive authorities, supranational structures and integration associations.

The key issues of interaction with state and supranational bodies, international organizations and associations, among others, are: development of transport and logistics infrastructure, simplification of border crossing, introduction of electronic

data exchange and electronic transport documents, as well as other issues of mutual interest.

Objectives and mechanisms for achieving them

The generally recognized **objectives** of the CCTT regular work are both to achieve high volumes of cargo transportation in containers, and to form a general knowledge of competencies, approaches, organizational, technical and technological solutions that could be used to further increase the volumes of Trans-Eurasian transportation and improve the quality of transport services.

The organizational mechanism for the implementation of this activity is the CCTT meetings (plenary, thematic and working), Working Groups (WG) and the Expert Scientific Council (ESC), events within the framework of the CCTT project activities. Their potential makes it possible to promote the introduction of new and popularization of existing railway and multimodal services, related technological solutions, the establishment of necessary business and production contacts, as well as the identification and elimination of "bottlenecks". As necessary, representatives of participating organizations are invited to participate in these events, who are able to make a practical contribution to achieving proper performance.

The Council's participation in the work of **international transport organizations** as well as holding joint events and projects contribute to the promotion of CCTT goals and objectives on international level, strengthening international and industry cooperation, including the integration of Trans-Eurasian services into international transport networks and corridors. Feedback is achieved through the participation of representatives of international organizations and their plenipotentiaries in the CCTT work in order to inform on ongoing activities, normative, technological and other initiatives and their necessary discussion.

In addition, the opportunities of holding joint CCTT events with partners, participation in national and international conferences, forums and exhibitions contribute to the expansion of the synergetic effect.

Advanced study of individual issues can also be carried out within the framework of targeted activities carried out by the CCTT together with its individual members or partners.

Work within the framework of the **CCTT environmental agenda** contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the implementation of the Paris Agreement. This activity also extends to participation in a broad international propaganda campaign to promote environmentally friendly railway and multimodal

services as part of the work to reduce emissions of harmful substances into the atmosphere.

Work within the framework of **CCTT digital agenda** contributes to the formation of the IT landscape of the information space in the framework of international container transportation, taking into account the end-to-end process from planning to presenting the cargo to the client.

The Council provides an opportunity to organize a limited membership "**Trans-Eurasian Transportation Leaders Club**" for a strategic review of the situation on the international transportation market and finding optimal ways to develop Eurasian railway and multimodal services.

The implementation of the "**Trans-Eurasian Container Forum**" under its auspices, a dialogue platform for the CCTT members, representatives of various modes of transport, logistics, industry, insurance and forwarding industries sharing the CCTT goals, as well as other interested participants, will contribute to solving the tasks facing CCTT.

An integral component of the Council's activities in terms of analyzing Trans-Eurasian transport links, trends, challenges and opportunities in the transport services market is provided **by scientific and analytical work**, including an Annual Digest "Trans-Eurasian Routes" within the framework of the project "Multimodal Transport Network of Trans-Eurasian Routes", the work of the Expert Scientific Council, joint activities with industry universities and their associations, and other initiatives implemented on the basis of decisions of CCTT. CCTT welcomes the participation of its members and partners in the work on the analytical track.

Taking into account the importance of the issues of qualified training and retraining of personnel for the transport industry for the implementation of international transport projects, a significant element of the work is in close contact with the academic community, including holding events focused both on the dialogue of heads of enterprises and transport universities, and on working with young transport specialists and students.

Possible promising areas of activity

The International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation is interested in expanding cooperation with participants of the Trans-Eurasian transportation process, international, national and integration organizations and structures interested in establishing constructive and mutually beneficial cooperation, as well as in attracting new members who share the goals and objectives indicated in the Charter of the Council.

The dialogue and cooperation on CCTT platform can be expanded by adding additional emphasis to the Council's areas of work, including, but not limited to, the following:

- development, implementation and operation of new types of rolling stock and container equipment (isothermal containers, flexi containers, tank containers, open-top containers, diesel generator containers, etc.),
- identification of needs for rolling stock, container equipment, networking of operators and manufacturers;
- determination of the client's needs and his vision of the quality of modern Trans-Eurasian multimodal container service;
- breakthrough digital solutions, including artificial intelligence and unmanned vehicles and related technologies in transport and logistics;
- strengthening of cross-sectoral cooperation in the field of Trans-Eurasian transport;
- development of logistics infrastructure on the Trans-Eurasian railway and multimodal corridors;
- use of rolling stock and container equipment in connection with the entry into force of the Luxembourg Protocol on Railway Equipment;
- issues of container agrolistics and international container transportation of other categories of cargo that require special consideration;
- issues of Trans-Eurasian transportation insurance;
- promoting the development of sustainable supply chains;
- promoting the implementation of advanced/best practices for sustainable development in railway transport;
- preparation and promotion, in cooperation with the Universal Postal Union (UPU), of proposals and technologies for the development of international postal items transportation;
- regional events (conferences and meetings with representatives of the transport and logistics industry, shippers/consignees).

CCTT projects can be expanded due to **new areas of work of the Council**, including, but not limited to, the following:

- development of an international rating of land and sea Eurasian corridors according to various criteria (speed, cost, reliability) according to objective parameters and surveys by analogy with the logistics performance index;
- development and introduction of voluntary "green" certification for participants of trans-Eurasian rail and multimodal transport;

- development and implementation of a comprehensive cost indicator on the transport market;
- expansion of the line of information products;
- organization of an aggregator of sales of additional services in relation to transit transportation (4-PL, financing, insurance).

Relationship with the Sustainable Development Goals

In addition to achieving the goals indicated in the CCTT Charter and expanding the practical benefits of membership in the Council, the integrated approach set out in this Charter, in the context of global work to address global goals and objectives, will contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including the following:

- promoting the development of rail transport as a sustainable, innovative and safe mode of transport;
- strengthening the cross-border aspect of the development of rail and multimodal transport;
- promoting the development of rail transport as an important element of foreign economic relations in the interests of meeting the needs of the economy and society in stable and sustainable supply chains.

Final provisions

The provisions of the CCTT Charter of Future can be changed at any time by the decision of the CCTT Plenary Meeting.

Unless otherwise determined by the CCTT Plenary Meeting, it has the same validity period as the Statute of the International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation.