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Agenda item 4

### Status of Implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network

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# The Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network

### Past milestones



#### 22 signatories – 18 Parties

Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Georgia, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam

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### **Adoption**

62<sup>nd</sup> Commission Session - Jakarta (6-12 April 2006) (Resolution 62/4 of 12 April 2006)

### **Signature**

Opened for signature on 10 November 2006 (Ministerial Conference on Transport - Busan, Republic of Korea)

### **Entry into force**

United Nations headquarters, New York (11 June 2009)

#### **Current status**

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### **Becoming a Party**



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### Obligations and guiding principles

### **Obligations**

- to adopt the Trans-Asian Railway network as a coordinated plan for the development of railway lines of international importance which they intend to undertake within the framework of their national programmes (Article 2)
- bring the Trans-Asian Railway routes into conformity with a set of guiding principles related to technical characteristics (Article 3)

### **Guiding principles**

- provide capacity for efficient international movements
- ensure technical interoperability across borders
- facilitate the development of intermodal transport including through the establishment of efficient stations of international importance

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### The identified network

