

The IGC held its fourth meeting of the year in London on 1 October 2015, under French chairmanship.

Concerning safety of the tunnel

- It took note of the responses to the consultation on the planned new national rule on passenger trains with 15 minutes' running capacity in case of fire.
- It formally endorsed the new rule, which will be forwarded to the governments for notification to the European Commission.
- It reviewed the progress of the procedure for authorisation of the new e320 trains, soon to be commissioned by Eurostar.
- It validated the topics chosen for the next two binational safety exercises, to be held in October 2015 and January 2016. The first will focus on a medical emergency, while the second will be an evacuation drill.
- It continued its work of finalising new evacuation procedures for passenger trains, based on the information supplied by the Safety Authority, the Joint Security Committee, Eurostar and Eurotunnel.

On managing disruption in the tunnel

- It resolved to publish, at its website, the report it had commissioned from Messrs. Gressier and Gibb following last January's incidents (see link <http://www.channeltunneligc.co.uk/Fire-of-17-January-2015.html?lang=en>). It discussed the method of follow-up of the recommendations contained in this report, both those directed at the IGC and at Eurostar and Eurotunnel.

Concerning security of the tunnel

- It reviewed with Eurotunnel the progress made on some important work to secure the site against repeated trespassing by migrants and to prevent accidents to the migrants themselves.