

On 15 April 2015 the IGC held its second meeting of the year in Coquelles. It was chaired by the Head of the French delegatopm, since the chairmanship changes on 1 April of each year. The two national regulators, the Autorité de Régulation des Activités Ferroviaires (ARAF) and the Office of Rail and Road (ORR), attended the meeting.

#### Re economic regulation of the Tunnel

- a report describing progress with research into Eurotunnel's long-term costs was received from the Joint Economic Committee; the two national regulators required to assume responsibility for economic regulation of the Tunnel by 15 June 2015 at the latest have expressed their interest in the report and intend to take it into consideration in their future work.
- the IGC thanked the Joint Economic Committee for its efforts over the four years it has been in existence and decided to bring its activities to a close, while continuing to exercise its own monitoring role over the Concession.

#### Re regulations:

- the IGC has asked the UK and French transport ministries to coordinate to ensure that the provisions of Directive 2012/34 (recast of the first railway package) on the Channel Fixed Link are transposed consistently and comprehensively on both sides of the Channel.

#### Re Tunnel safety

- the IGC decided to accept Eurostar's modification of the applicable procedure in the event that a train has to change direction in the Tunnel as a result of an incident affecting a preceding train; the driver will now be permitted to walk through the train to take control and set off in reverse, without the need to train another crew member to carry out this task.
- the IGC listened to a presentation from SETEC on its final report on Tunnel evacuation approaches. This report puts forward an overview based on past accident studies and the latest technical and sociological research, the IGC asked CTSA to work with Eurotunnel and the railway undertakings to use this information as a basis for its review of the situation and, if applicable, to modify the current evacuation procedures for passenger trains.

#### Re relations with Tunnel users

- in accordance with Article 16 of the Concession Agreement, the IGC decided to examine Eurotunnel's register of user comments.