The IGC met in London on 6 December 2018 under UK Chairmanship where it dealt with the following subjects:

<u>Brexit</u>

The IGC noted progress on the agreement of the UK Withdrawal Agreement and the steps to come over the coming months. The transport ministries expressed confidence that any issues could be resolved in advance of the UK exit date and that work was progressing well to maintain cross border services post 29 March 2019. Specific concerns raised by Eurostar were also discussed.

Eurotunnel applications

It was reported that the CTSA had received applications from Eurotunnel in respect of the fitment of four pagodas to each WBN and Arbel wagon, and the renewal of its safety authorisation in 2019. Eurotunnel was advised that the CTSA would be reviewing both applications in detail.

SVC power supply issues

Eurotunnel and Eurostar provided details of the joint work being carried out to identify and resolve problems being caused by the SVC power supplies in the Channel Tunnel, and the mitigations that have been put in place to address the problem in the short term.

New London to Amsterdam service

Updates were provided to the IGC on the good progress in finalising the drafting of the new legal agreements to enable the introduction of the direct return service. It was noted plans are in place for representatives of all four member states to visit Amsterdam early in 2019 for a detailed overview of security arrangements and a demonstration of train sterilisation arrangements in Brussels.