

The IGC met in Paris on 20 December 2019, chaired by the head of the French delegation, and dealt with the following points:

ElecLink

After numerous discussions with the IGC, Eurotunnel submitted a final safety case regarding the ElecLink project on 21 November 2019.

The CTSA, assisted by additional experts, is currently examining this dossier in order to be able to issue an opinion to the IGC by 23 March 2020. This deadline should be sufficient for a decision to be reached at the IGC meeting on 23 April 2020, this timetable having been agreed with Eurotunnel. This decision will be final and result in either the withdrawal or the reinstatement of the IGC consent for the ElecLink project, which had been suspended in October 2017.

A public statement on the ElecLink assessment, as requested by Eurotunnel, will be published shortly on the IGC website.

Entry into force of the memorandum of understanding signed with Eurotunnel

The memorandum of understanding signed in February 2018 by Eurotunnel and the French and UK governments has made it possible to modify the amount of Eurotunnel's contribution to the IGC under the Concession Agreement. An amendment to this protocol will be signed shortly by the Principals and Eurotunnel to enable its entry into force.

Closure of recommendations in reports following the fire of 2015

The IGC noted the closure of two recommendations from the BEA-TT/RAIB and Gibb-Gressier reports regarding the fire that broke out in the tunnel in January 2015. Several recommendations and invitations resulting from these reports still require supplementary work before they can be closed in turn.

Eurotunnel Asset Management

The IGC informed Eurotunnel that it wished to better understand the way in which assets are managed and would be writing to the company to explain this further and seek assistance in this work.