

The IGC met in London and online on 10 December 2020, in a meeting chaired by the UK Delegation and covering the following points:

### **Future regulation of the Channel Tunnel**

The IGC discussed the new legal framework to be implemented for the Channel Tunnel from 1 January 2021, when EPSF becomes the National Safety authority for the French half of the Fixed Link. The IGC will remain responsible for the UK half of the Tunnel until the introduction of a new binational regulation expected in 2021 when ORR will take over this role. This work required the development of a new cooperation agreement between the IGC, EPSF and ORR to take effect on 1 January 2021. The IGC noted a number of contingency measures that are being implemented to support the continuity of traffic through the Tunnel during this transition.

### **ElecLink Project**

The IGC took the decision to reinstate consent for the ElecLink project, allowing Eurotunnel to draw the interconnector cable through the Channel Tunnel whilst requiring a number of not fully resolved issues to be closed through discussions between the CTSA and Eurotunnel.

### **Covid-19**

The IGC invited colleagues from Eurotunnel and Eurostar to highlight and discuss particular difficulties that they were experiencing as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.