The Comprehensive Legal Regime of Railway Stations
(Regarding passenger corridors of Middle East)
Significance of the subject: Role of Tourism Industry in world economic development

1.34 trillion U.S. dollars revenue of global tourism (World Bank- 2017)

Impacts on the balance of payments, employment and gross income, fostering sustainable development

Railway, as the safe, secure, comfort and cheap mean of tourism
Significance of the Legal Regime at Rail Corridors

Significance of unified security & legal regulations in intl. tourism

Legal regulations and its role in intl. passenger corridors
Existing obstacles in Middle East Rail Tourism:

- Technical complexities (e.g. border crossing, structural issues)
- Legal disorders and unconformities between the states
- Political issues (e.g. foreign policy, national vision & policies, power of legislation body, national capacity)
- Security and cultural issues (e.g. civil wars, intervention of state & non-state actors, religious struggles)
Solutions: Extension of international railway tourism in Middle East

Common Political Will of the states (Macro level)

Public Diplomacy as the mean for regional negotiations (Micro level)

Implementation of a Comprehensive Legal Regime at railway stations:

01. Creation of a Corridor Police Force
02. Adoption of Anti-Money Laundering policies
03. Adoption of Anti-Terrorism Rules
04. Judicial Acts and legal investigation process
05. Establishment of Diplomatic Help Desks
Creation of a Corridor Police Force

A. Corridor Police Force as the mean of implementing agreed rules

B. Prevention of selective interpretative approach

C. Fulfilment of foreign passenger rights in host country according to the Private International Law principles
Adoption of Anti – Terrorism Rules

Interpretative approach in definition of terrorism and terrorist acts

Emerging new kinds of terrorism and different definitions

Significance of adopting common inter-state definition of terrorist acts
Judicial Acts and legal investigation process

Defining the process of investigating crimes at railway stations

Based on mutual or multilateral agreement between the states

Prevention of local rules enforcement

Railway stations as the impartial place for initial legal process

The Corridor Police Force as the mean of implementation
Establishment of Diplomatic Help Desks

Handling the affairs or problems of foreign citizens at railway stations

Cooperation with the Police Force of Corridor

Acting according to their domestic & agreed rules
What will be our achievements?

- Development and acceleration of rail tourism in Middle East
- Help to dismantle of disputes between the states (Micro level)
- Railway stations as the pulsar heart of the intl. passenger corridors
- Founding the corner stone of more regional cooperation
- Decrease of bureaucratic process of legal investigation
- Reduction of legal challenges between the states
- Empowerment of nation to nation type of public diplomacy
Recommendations

- Need for doing more scientific works on legal issues in rail tourism field
- Adding legal phase to *Border Crossing* studies
- Legal and independent identity as the basis of rail based cities
- Creation of required fields for execution of the mentioned policies at the railway stations
- Role of UIC as the impartial and non-governmental organization in more legal identification of the railway stations
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