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**TO THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF AND TO REGIONAL
ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF**

Working group set up by the Secretary General to amend the procedure for revising
COTIF – Berne, 3 and 4 May 2017

Documents for the session

With reference to the circular of 16 March 2017 (LAW-17003) convening the working group to amend the procedure for revising COTIF, which will meet on 3 and 4 May 2017, please find enclosed the following documents:

- The legal opinion (LAW-17034-WGREVCOTIF 3-01) prepared by Mrs Brölmann, a recognised expert in international public law (see curriculum vitae attached).
- A document by the Secretariat of OTIF (LAW-17020-WGREVCOTIF 3-02) on the feasibility of amending the procedure for revising COTIF.

Mrs Brölmann will present her legal opinion in person at the session, so delegations will have the opportunity to ask her questions on the opinion.

A registration form for this working group was attached to the circular dated 16 March 2017. It should have been filled in and returned to the Secretariat by no later than **31 March 2017**. Those States and international organisations which are interested, but which have not yet done so, are **specifically invited** to send the Secretariat their registration forms **as soon as possible** (secretary.general@otif.org).

The OTIF Secretariat also urgently requests States and the international organisations concerned to send us their standpoints or comments on the above-mentioned documents by

24 April 2017 at the latest.

These standpoints and comments will be brought to the attention of those States and relevant international organisations that are participating in the working group to amend the procedure for revising COTIF.

All the [documents](#) will also be available on OTIF's website.



(François Davenne)
Secretary General

Annexes

cc to the international organisations and associations concerned:

International organisations and associations concerned

- European Railway Agency (ERA)
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
Transport Division
- Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
- Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
- International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)
- Organisation for Co-operation between Railways (OSJD)
- International Association of Private Sidings Users (AIEP)
- Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
- European Intermodal Association (EIA)
- European Rail Freight Association (ERFA)
- European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM)
- Organisation of Tariff and Transport Experts (IVT)
- International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)
- Arab Union of Railways (UACF)
- International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)
- International Union of Public Transport (UITP)
- International Union for Road-Rail Combined Transport (UIRR)