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

Invitation and provisional agenda

(see UNECE documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/165 of 9 June 2022 and …/165/Add.1 of 30 June 2022)
We are pleased to invite you to the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the UNECE Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, which will be held from 12 to 16 September 2022 at the Palais des Nations¹ in Geneva (beginning on Monday, 12 September 2022 at 10.00 a.m. CEST). The meeting is planned to be held again in a hybrid format allowing delegates to participate either in person or remotely (see explanatory remark 1 (g)).

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Tanks
3. Standards
5. Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN
   (a) Pending issues
   (b) New proposals
6. Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN
7. Reports of informal working groups
8. Accidents and risk management
9. Election of officers for 2023
10. Future work
11. Any other business
12. Adoption of the report

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**EXPLANATORY REMARKS**

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

   The first item on the agenda concerns its adoption. The Joint Meeting will also have before it the report on its spring 2022 session, held in Bern from 14 to 18 March 2022 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/164 and Add.1 – OTIF/RID/RC/2022-A and Add.1).

¹ Delegates are requested to register online using the registration system Indico. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 71992). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see the website [https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates](https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates).
The following points should be borne in mind:

(a) At its autumn 2021 session, the Joint Meeting elected Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France) as Chair and elected Ms. S. García Wolfrum (Spain) as Vice-Chair for 2022.

(b) Documents published in German by the Secretariat of OTIF (other than invitations and reports) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/ are circulated by the UNECE in English, French and Russian under the symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/, followed by the same document number. As part of the secretariat’s efforts to reduce expenditure, documents will not be available in the conference room. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to the meeting.

(c) The documentation will be available on the UNECE website in English, French and Russian and on the OTIF website in German.

(d) The Joint Meeting would, if necessary, like an ad hoc working group to meet outside the times of the plenary session, to consider documents concerning standards (item 3), in accordance with the mandate to be decided by the Joint Meeting.

(e) It is also possible that an ad hoc working group might meet concurrently with it to consider documents concerning tanks (item 2), after this item has been discussed in plenary.

(f) The link for online registration of delegates is: https://indico.un.org/event/1000508.

(g) To minimise the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the work of the Joint Meeting, UNECE is planning to revert to normal business beginning of 2023, i.e. organizing in-person sessions only depending on the further improvement of the ongoing sanitary restrictions. Following the agreement to continue with the working arrangements already proposed for the 2022 sessions, the autumn session will still be held in a hybrid format allowing delegates to participate either in person or remotely. More detailed information will be circulated at a later date.

(h) The reading of the report (item 12) is scheduled for Friday morning (16 September 2022) without interpretation.

2. Tanks

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5. Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN

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6. Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN

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7. Reports of informal working groups

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8. Accidents and risk management

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9. Election of officers for 2023

10. Future work

The Joint Meeting may wish to arrange for the organization of the agenda for the spring 2023 session (Bern, 13-17 March 2023).

11. Any other business

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.
12. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Joint Meeting will adopt the report of the session on the basis of a draft established by the secretariat.

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Train tickets

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Yours sincerely

(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

cc:
  – Relevant international organisations and associations as an invitation;
  – The railway undertakings with the request to honour the free travel referred to above.