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**TO THE CHAIRS OF:**

- THE OTIF COMMITTEE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS**
- THE OTIF RID COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS**
- THE EU RAILWAY INTEROPERABILITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**
- THE EU TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS COMMITTEE**

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Conclusions of the RID-ATMF working group

Dear Sir or Madam,

The EU Commission's DG MOVE and the OTIF Secretariat have previously informed your Committee about their initiative to set up a working group to study possible inconsistencies between RID and the general railway legislation.

To this end a working group was created, entitled the "*RID-ATMF working group*". The group had a well-balanced composition of experts in both fields of law. We are writing you in our capacity as co-chairs of this working group.

The RID-ATMF working group met four times (3 and 4 February 2016, 9 and 10 June 2016, 18 and 19 October 2016 and 8 and 9 February 2017) and during its sessions came to the conclusions as set out in document:

➤ *Conclusions of the RID – ATMF working group (reference TECH-16050)*

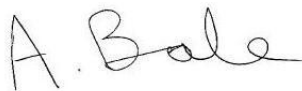
We kindly ask you to make these conclusions available to your Committee with a view to endorsing them. We would also be pleased to be given the opportunity to present the conclusions to your Committee. Such presentation could be done by one of us, or by a representative of the OTIF Secretariat or by a representative of the EU Commission's DG MOVE.

Endorsement of the conclusions will result in the creation of the *Joint Coordinating Group of Experts (JCGE)*, the details of which are explained in the conclusions. As soon as the JCGE is created, the EU Commission's DG MOVE and the OTIF Secretariat will organise its first session.

At its first meeting the JCGE would adopt its rules of procedure and create a "JCGE Table of coordination items". As set out in its conclusions, the RID-ATMF working group already suggested several coordination items, but we invite your Committee to identify potential additional items that concern the interface between RID and general railway legislation.

We copy this letter to the OTIF Secretariat, so they can take it into account when preparing the OTIF Committees (the EU Committees are chaired by the DG MOVE and therefore directly addressed).

We thank you kindly for your cooperation.



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