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Monitoring and Assessment of OTIF's Legal Instruments

OTIF is committed to effectively fulfilling its aim to promote, improve and facilitate, in all respects, international traffic by rail as defined in COTIF. The Organisation is therefore planning to adopt a consistent and coherent monitoring and assessment policy at the next ordinary session of the General Assembly in 2021.

The Working Group of Legal Experts was tasked with developing the monitoring and assessment policy for OTIF's legal system. The "[Draft Decision on the Monitoring and Assessment of Legal Instruments](#)" (hereafter – Draft Decision) and accompanying "[Explanatory Notes](#)" endorsed by the Working Group, as well as a "[Note by the OTIF Secretariat](#)", are available on [OTIF's website](#). The Working Group recommended the draft decision for provisional application.

In accordance with the Draft Decision, the OTIF organs referred to in COTIF Article 13 §§ 1 and 2 or organs established by them are entitled to initiate monitoring and assessment of the application of a particular legal instrument within the sphere of their competence or specific provisions thereof.

The organs are kindly requested to apply the Draft Decision provisionally and to share their experience.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Küpper', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General