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

13th Session of the Committee of Technical Experts 22 - 23 June 2021

Additional information and adapted provisional agenda

Following the invitation for the 13^{th} session of the Committee of Technical Experts on 22 - 23 June 2021 sent by the Secretary General in circular letter <u>TECH-21001</u> of 1 February 2021, please find below some important additional information for the meeting.

Venue

The meeting will be held at the

Universal Postal Union (UPU) Weltpoststrasse 4 3015 Bern Switzerland

as a remote meeting or possibly as a hybrid meeting.

Time

The meeting will take place on:

22 June: 10:00 - 16:00 (CEST)

23 June: 10:00 - 12:00 (CEST)

The session will be followed by the 43rd session of the standing working group Technology, for which a separate invitation has been sent.

Organisational

Delegates will be able to attend the meeting remotely. For this meeting the *Interprefy multilingual platform for simultaneous interpretation* will be used. Further information on how to participate in the remote meeting will be provided to registered delegates approximately one week before the meeting.

Delegates are requested to register using the digital registration form on OTIF's website (www.otif.org) under:

Events > Registration Form

Whether delegates will also be allowed to attend the meeting in person depends on travel and other restrictions in connection with the COVID 19 pandemic that apply at the time of the meeting. Delegates wishing to attend the meeting in person are invited to contact the Secretariat.

Provisional agenda

The European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) requested that the *Proposal for decision to update Appendix I of UTP TAF* be added to the provisional agenda under "Any other business". This request was in accordance with Article 9 § 1 b) of the Committee's Rules of Procedure. The adapted provisional agenda is set out in Annex 1.

Observers

By the deadline of 12 April 2021, the Secretariat had not received any objections to the proposed invited observers as set out in Annex C of circular TECH-21001. The list of invited states and international organisations and associations that are not members of the Committee is set out in Annex 2.

Working documents

All working documents for the session are available on OTIF's website under:

<u>Activities > Technical Interoperability > Committee of Technical Experts > Working Documents > 2021</u>

Yours faithfully,

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(Wolfgang Küpper) Secretary General

Annex:

- Annex 1: Provisional agenda (adapted)
- Annex 2: List of invited observers

Annex 1

PROVISIONAL AGENDA (adapted)

- 1. Approval of the agenda
- 2. Presence and quorum
- 3. Election of the Chair
- 4. Proposal for decision to modify the Committee's Rules of Procedure

5. For information:

- 5.1 General information from the OTIF Secretariat
- 5.2 Report from the Committee of Technical Experts' working group TECH

6. Proposals for decisions with legal effect:

- 6.1 Adoption of a new UTP concerning train composition and route compatibility checks
- 6.2 Adoption of a new UTP concerning infrastructure
- 6.3 Revision of the UTP LOC&PAS (locomotives and passenger rolling stock)
- 6.4 Revision of the UTP WAG (freight wagons)
- 6.5 Revision of the UTP PRM (accessibility for people with reduced mobility)

7. Proposal for a recommendation for the Revision Committee

Modification of the ATMF Uniform Rules with regard to entities in charge of maintenance

8. For discussion:

- 8.1 Monitoring and assessment of implementation of APTU and ATMF UR by Contracting States
- 8.2 Vehicle registers
- 8.3 Work programme of the Committee

9. Any other business

Proposal for decision to update Appendix I of UTP TAF

10. Next session

Annex 2

LIST OF INVITED OBSERVERS

INVITED STATES THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND INVITED INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

States:

- People's Republic of China
- Republic of Moldova

International organisations and associations:

- Association of notified bodies (NB-Rail Association)
- Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
- European Committee for Standardization (CEN)
- European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM)
- European Rail Freight Association (ERFA)
- European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)
- International Association of Private-Sidings Users (IVA)
- International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
- International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)
- International Union of combined Road-Rail transport companies (UIRR)
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)
- Organisation for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD)
- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
- Transport Community Permanent Secretariat (TCPS)
- Union of European Railway Industries (UNIFE)