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Information from the OTIF Secretariat:

Establishment of the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation

New competences for the Committee of Technical Experts concerning international cooperation

At its 15th session (Bern, 28-29 September 2021), the General Assembly decided in accordance with Article 13 § 2 of COTIF to establish, for a three-year period, an ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation. For more information concerning this Committee, please consult the Final Document of the General Assembly on OTIF's website: [Activities](#) > [General Assembly](#) > [Final Document](#)

The General Assembly mandated the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation, inter alia, to:

- prepare draft amendments or supplements to the Convention,
- provide legal advice on its own initiative or at the request of the organs referred to in Article 13 §§ 1 and 2 of COTIF or at the request of organs established by them,
- promote and facilitate the functioning and implementation of COTIF,
- monitor and assess legal instruments,
- take decisions on cooperation with other international organisations and associations, including establishing and dissolving consultative contact groups with other international organisations and associations and monitoring the functioning of contact groups.

The General Assembly also decided that, whenever applicable, the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation has to submit its conclusions and proposals to the competent organs referred to in Article 13 § 1 of COTIF for consideration or decision. The Committee of Technical Experts is one of these organs.

In addition to the above, the General Assembly mandated the Committee of Technical Experts to:

- Take decisions on cooperation with other international organisations and associations, including establishing and dissolving consultative contact groups with other international organisations and associations and monitoring the functioning of contact groups,
- Inform the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation of its [CTE's] activities on international cooperation and to coordinate such activities with it if need be.

PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

The Committee of Technical Experts takes note of the establishment of the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation.

The Committee of Technical Experts takes note of the mandate given to it by the General Assembly to:

- Take decisions on cooperation with other international organisations and associations, including establishing and dissolving consultative contact groups with other international organisations and associations and monitoring the functioning of contact groups;
- Inform the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation of the CTE's activities on international cooperation and to coordinate such activities with it if need be.