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

Invitation to the
33rd session of the standing working group WG TECH
Bern, 5 and 6 December 2017

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 33rd session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

5 and 6 December 2017 in Bern

5 December: 13:00 – 17:00

6 December: 9:00 – 15:00

Venue: the OTIF building, Gryphenhübeliweg 30, Bern

The documents for the session will be placed on the OTIF website (www.otif.org) under: Activities > Technical Interoperability > Working Group Tech > Working Documents.

The documents will be available approximately one month before the meeting.

The provisional agenda is attached to this letter.

As the agenda items for this working group also concern the preparation of documents for the next session of the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE), it is important that as many of the Member States as possible participate. Please register as soon as possible and by **24 November 2017** at the latest.

The registration form can be found on the OTIF website under Events > Registration Form.

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Committee of Technical Experts of 11 February 2009, and the decision taken by the Committee of Technical Experts at its 3rd session in February 2009, sessions of the WG TECH will be held in English only.

Yours faithfully



(François Davenne)
Secretary General

Annex:

- Provisional agenda

cc:

- Representatives present at the sessions of the Committee of Technical Experts
- Representatives who participated in previous WG TECH sessions
- The following institutions, organisations and associations that were invited to the Committee of Technical Experts are also invited to participate in the working group session:
 - European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)
 - International Union of Railways (UIC)
 - International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)
 - International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)
 - Organization for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD)
 - Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
 - European Rail Freight Association (ERFA)
 - European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM)
 - Union of European Railway Industries (UNIFE)
 - International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
 - International Union of combined Road-Rail transport companies (UIRR)
 - European Committee for Standardisation (CEN)
 - International Association of Private-Sidings Users (IVA)
 - European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)
 - Association of notified bodies (NB-Rail Association)

Annex: Provisional agenda

1. Approval of the agenda
2. General information from the OTIF Secretariat
3. Election of chair
4. Approval of the minutes of the 32nd session of WG TECH
5. Documents for discussion:
 - a. Draft proposal for modification of UTP GEN-B
 - b. Draft strategy concerning the development of UTP(s) covering infrastructure
 - c. Feasibility of the development of registers to check compatibility between train and infrastructure
 - d. Analysis of possibilities for the urgent modification of UTP if there are safety-relevant gaps or errors in the UTP (updated document after WG TECH 32)
 - e. Declarations in the scope of vehicle approval (updated document after comments from FR)
6. Developments in EU regulations which may affect equivalence with COTIF and discussion on next step (by ERA and DG MOVE)
 - a. Vehicle Authorisation under the 4th Railway Package
 - b. Explanatory note concerning the concept “area of use” in the context of the 4th Railway Package
 - c. Status of development and use of the register of infrastructure (RINF) in EU
 - d. Status of revisions of EU provisions with equivalence in COTIF (e.g. ECM, vehicle registers, TSIs)
7. Cross Reference table “EU” - and “OTIF” terminology and the process for keeping the table up-to-date
8. EU-OTIF equivalence table
9. Next sessions
10. Any other business