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

Invitation to the 42nd session of the standing working group TECH
Remote meeting, 17 and 18 November 2020

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 42nd session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

17 November: 10:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 - 15:00 (CET)

18 November: 10:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 - 15:00 (CET)

The session will be held remotely.

The provisional agenda can be found in Annex 2 to this invitation.

The documents for the session will be placed on the OTIF website (www.otif.org) approximately four weeks before the meeting under:

[Activities > Technical Interoperability > Working Group Tech > Working Documents > 2020](#)

The agenda items for this working group concern the preparation of documents for decision by the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE). Therefore, it is important that as many of the Member States as possible participate.

On the basis of Article 16 § 5 of COTIF, the Secretary General invites the organisations and associations listed in Annex 1 in an advisory capacity, subject to the agreement of a majority of the Member States. Member States are asked to send the Secretariat any objections they may have concerning this invitation by no later than **16 October 2020**. The Secretary General will assume the tacit agreement of the Member States that do not object.

In accordance with Article 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the CTE of 11 February 2009 and the decision taken by the CTE at its 3rd session in February 2009, sessions of the WG TECH will be held in English only.

Member States, associate members, regional organisations that have acceded to COTIF and organisations and associations invited to the session are asked to register using the digital registration form on the OTIF website under:

[Events > Registration form](#)

The completed form should be submitted by **10 November 2020** at the latest. Registered delegates will receive instructions on how to connect to the remote meeting.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.P. Küpper', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

Annexes:

- 1: List of invited organisations
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Annex 1: List of invited organisations and associations

The following organisations and associations are invited to participate in the working group session in an advisory capacity:

- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
- 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 Standardization (CEN)
- International Association of Private-Sidings Users (IVA)
- European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)
- Association of notified bodies (NB-Rail Association)
- Transport Community Treaty Secretariat (TCTS)

Annex 2: Provisional agenda

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Information from the OTIF Secretariat
3. Election of chair
4. Approval of the minutes of the 41st session of WG TECH
5. Preparation of documents for the Committee of Technical Experts:
 - a) Draft new UTP concerning infrastructure
 - b) Draft new UTP concerning train composition and route compatibility checks
 - c) Draft revised UTP LOC&PAS (locomotives and passenger rolling stock)
 - d) Draft revised UTP PRM (accessibility for people with reduced mobility)
 - e) Draft revised UTP WAG (freight wagons)
 - f) Draft modifications to the ATMF Uniform Rules with regard to entities in charge of maintenance
6. Feasibility analysis concerning the establishment of an OTIF vehicle register
7. Developments in EU regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by ERA and the European Commission)
8. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
9. EU – OTIF equivalence table
10. Any other business
11. Next sessions