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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 48th session of the working group Technology (WG TECH)

Paris (hybrid meeting), 15-16 November 2022

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 48th session of the working group Technology on

15 November 2022: 13:30 – 17:30 (CET)

16 November 2022: 9:00 – 13:00 (CET)

The session will be held as a hybrid meeting.

Delegates will be able to attend the meeting in person in Paris, unless this becomes impossible due to new restrictions in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. In any case, delegates will be able to attend remotely using MS Teams. For those who attend in person, the session will take place at

**Union Internationale des Chemins de fer (UIC)
16 rue Jean Rey,
75015 Paris, France**

The provisional agenda can be found in Annex 2 to this invitation. The agenda items for this working group concern the preparation of documents for decision by the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE). It is therefore important that as many of the Member States as possible participate.

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

[Activities](#) > [Technical Interoperability](#) > [Working Group Tech](#) > [Working Documents](#) > [2022](#)

On the basis of Article 16 § 5 of COTIF, the Secretary General invites the states, 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 **18 October 2022**. The Secretary General will assume the tacit agreement of the Member States that do not object.

In accordance with Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the CTE applicable from 22 June 2021 and the decision taken by the CTE at its 3rd session in February 2009, sessions of the WG TECH are 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 **2 November 2022** at the latest. For logistical reasons it is important that delegates indicate whether they will attend the meeting in person or remotely.

Further information on how to participate in the remote meeting will be provided to registered delegates before the meeting.

Yours faithfully



(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

Annexes:

- 1: List of invited states, organisations and associations
- 2: Provisional agenda

Annex 1**List of invited states, organisations and associations**

The following states that are not members of the Organisation are invited to participate in the working group session in an advisory capacity (observer):

- People's Republic of China
- Republic of Moldova

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

- 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)

Annex 2**Provisional agenda**

Opening of the session

Election of chair

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the 47th session of WG TECH
3. Information from the OTIF Secretariat
4. For discussion:
 - 4.1. Draft proposal for revision of UTP GEN-E concerning the qualification and independence of assessing entities
 - 4.2. Draft proposal for revision of UTP GEN-G concerning a Common Safety Method on risk evaluation and assessment
 - 4.3. Draft update to the application guide for UTP WAG
 - 4.4. Progress report on feasibility of developing specific UTPs dedicated to vehicles that can be used freely in international traffic
 - 4.5. Draft proposal for decision concerning the involvement of stakeholders in work of the Committee of Technical Experts
 - 4.6. Draft revised Rules of Procedure for the Committee of Technical Experts
 - 4.7. Draft provisional agenda for the 15th session of the Committee of Technical Experts
5. Information on developments concerning the Future Railway Mobile Communication System (presented by UIC)
6. Developments in European Union regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by the European Commission and the European Union Agency for Railways)
7. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
8. EU – OTIF equivalence table
9. Any other business
10. Next sessions