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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 49th session of the working group Technology (WG TECH)

Bern (hybrid meeting), 15 June 2023

The OTIF Secretariat is convening the 49th session of the working group Technology (WG TECH) on

15 June 2023: 9:00 – 16:30 (CEST)

The session will be held as a hybrid meeting.

Participants will be able to attend the meeting in person in Bern, or attend remotely using MS Teams. For those who attend in person, the session will take place at

**OTIF,
Gryphenhübeliweg 30,
3006 Bern, Switzerland**

The session will follow the 15th session of the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE), which is also taking place in Bern (in hybrid form) on 13-14 June 2023.

The provisional agenda is in Annex 1 to this invitation. The agenda items for this working group concern the preparation of documents for decision by the CTE.

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](#) > [2023](#)

On the basis of Article 16 § 5 of COTIF, the Secretary General may invite states and organisations that are not members of the Organisation, as well as associations, in an advisory capacity (observers). This invitation is subject to the agreement of a majority of the Member States. The observers invited to this session are listed in Annex 2. Member States should send the Secretariat any objections they may have concerning the invited observers by no later than **19 May 2023**. The Secretary General will assume tacit agreement of the Member States that do not object.

In accordance with Article 23 § 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the CTE of 22 June 2021 and the decision taken by the CTE at its 3rd session (Bern, 11-12 February 2009), sessions of the WG TECH are held in English only.

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

[Events > Registration form](#)

The completed form should be submitted by **1 June 2023** 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 approximately one week before the meeting.

Yours faithfully



(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

Annexes:

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

Annex 1**Provisional agenda**

Opening of the session

Election of chair

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Information from the OTIF Secretariat
3. Planning the work of WG TECH in view of the results of CTE 15
4. For discussion:
 - 4.1. Draft Annex D to the EST UR concerning supervision
 - 4.2. Update to the application guide for the UTP LOC&PAS
 - 4.3. Explanatory document to the UTP TCRC
 - 4.4. Draft revision of UTPs (depending on availability of final texts of revised TSIs)
5. Developments in European Union regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by the European Commission and the European Union Agency for Railways)
 - 5.1. Status update on the European Vehicle Register, including transitional measures
 - 5.2. Status update on the revision of TSIs
6. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
7. EU – OTIF equivalence table
8. Any other business
9. Next sessions

Annex 2**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)
- 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)