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

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Invitation to the  
31<sup>st</sup> session of the standing working group WG TECH  
Rome, 21 and 22 February 2017

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 31<sup>st</sup> session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

**21 and 22 February 2017 in Rome**

**21 February: 13:00 – 17:00**

**22 February: 9:00 – 13:00**

**Venue:**

**Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport,  
Via Giuseppe Caraci 36, Building “D”  
00157 Rome  
Italy**

The documents for the session will be placed on the OTIF website ([www.otif.org](http://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 **6 February 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 3<sup>rd</sup> session in February 2009, sessions of the WG TECH will be held in English only.

Yours faithfully



(François Davenne)  
Secretary General

**Annexes:**

- Provisional agenda
- Practical information

**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 30<sup>th</sup> session of WG TECH
5. Comments from Member States on draft documents proposed for CTE 10 decision:
  - a) UTP TAF
  - b) Revised UTP GEN-A
  - c) Revised UTP GEN-B
  - d) Revised UTP GEN-C
6. Development of interoperability beyond the EU:
  - a) Aims of the development
  - b) Draft working document
7. UTP GEN-G: draft explanatory document
8. Developments in EU regulations which may affect equivalence with COTIF and discussion on next steps:
  - a) EU Noise Reduction Strategy
  - b) Status update NVR developments
9. 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package: status update on analysis of consequences at the level of APTU and ATMF
  - a) General information from ERA and EC
  - b) Draft revised APTU
  - c) Draft revised ATMF
10. EU-OTIF equivalence table
11. Next sessions
12. Any other business

## Annex: Practical information

### Practical information provided by the host

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport recommends three hotels, which are around 3 to 4 kilometres from the meeting venue:

- **Hotel Mercure \*\*\*\***, Via Reggio Calabria 54, 00161 Rome, Italy, Tel: +39 06 44 07 41
- **Hotel Laura \*\*\***, Viale XXI Aprile 109, 00162 Rome, Italy, Tel: +39 06 44 23 34 72
- **Hotel San Giusto\*\*\***, Piazza Bologna 58, 00162 Rome, Italy, Tel: +39 06 44 24 45 98

Trains run between “Fiumicino” airport, “Roma Termini” and “Roma Tiburtina” train station.

The Ministry recommends taking a taxi from “Roma Termini” or “Roma Tiburtina” or from the “Bologna” underground station (line B) to the Ministry, or bus 445 (every 30 minutes) from the “Bologna” underground station.

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