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

Accession of Azerbaijan to COTIF with effect from 1 November 2015

On 12 May 2015, the Government of Azerbaijan deposited an application for accession to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) of 9 May 1980 as amended by the 1999 Protocol. In his capacity as Depositary, the Secretary General notified the Member States of this application in a circular dated 21 May 2015 (A 57-08/5.2015). The period in which the Member States had the opportunity to lodge objections in accordance with Article 37 § 3 of COTIF expired on 21 August 2015. No objections were lodged.

This application for accession, which includes reservations in accordance with Article 28 § 3 (Arbitration) and the first sentence of Article 42 § 1 of COTIF concerning Appendices D, E, F and G, as well as a reservation concerning the scope of application in accordance with Article 1 § 6 of the CIV and CIM (see circular dated 21.5.2015), is therefore accepted *ipso jure*.

In accordance with Article 37 § 3 of COTIF, the accession will take effect on the first day of the third month following notification by the Secretary General, i.e. on 1 November 2015. COTIF and Appendices A (CIV), B (CIM) and C (RID) will enter into force for Azerbaijan on that date.

An overview of the state of signatures, ratifications, acceptances and approvals of the Vilnius Protocol and its Annex, COTIF 1999, and of the accessions to this Protocol or to COTIF, including the reservations and declarations lodged by the Member States, and the texts thereof, is published on OTIF's website (www.otif.org, under "Publications").



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