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## **OTIF – A partner organisation in the 10<sup>th</sup> UIC World Congress on High Speed Rail**

Under the high patronage of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and with the support of the Minister of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communication of the Republic of Turkey, the International Union of Railways (UIC), together with Turkish State Railways (TCDD), is co-organising the 10<sup>th</sup> UIC World Congress on High Speed Rail in Ankara on 8, 9 and 10 May 2018.

The first high speed line in Turkey started operating in 2009, with further lines coming into operation in 2011 and 2014. These developments illustrate the important role of rail transport in Turkey in its international context. The legal and technical interoperability of the Turkish rail system is more than ever the focus for developing transport between Europe, the East and Asia against the background of the redeployed Silk Roads.

The Secretariat of OTIF is honoured to partner this event and the Secretary General of OTIF, Mr François Davenne, will give a speech in the plenary session at the closing ceremony on 10 May 2018.

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