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Inland Transport Committee: intermodality a key consideration

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) held the 80th session of its Inland Transport Committee in Geneva from 20 to 23 February 2018.

The first day was taken up by a general policy debate on the role of intermodality as one of the keys to sustainable transport, particularly at the international level.

The Secretary General of OTIF, Mr François Davenne, thanked the Director of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's Sustainable Transport Division, Mr Yuwei Li, for inviting him to take part in this debate.

The Secretary General of OTIF gave a speech during session I, entitled "Intermodality leads to sustainability", for which the main high-level speakers included Mr Peter Gašperšič, Slovenia's Minister of Infrastructure, Ms Maria Magdalena Grigore, Romania's Vice-Minister of Transport, Mr Matthew Baldwin, Deputy Director General of the European Commission's DG Mobility and Transport and Mr Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, Director General of the International Union of Railways (UIC).

In his speech, the Secretary General of OTIF emphasised the fact that rail transport is the backbone of mobility. He explained that the rail sector must learn to manage its interfaces both with the other transport modes and with other regulations (customs, etc.). This learning process is a prerequisite for intermodality.

The Secretary General welcomed the opportunity to give this speech.

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