A high-level partnership for international rulemaking

On 3 September 2020, the Secretary General of OTIF, Mr Wolfgang Küpper, took part in the 7th Annual Meeting for International Organisations organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The meeting was held remotely as a video-conference.

The meeting was divided into two parts: an initial high-level webinar entitled “International Organisations and their Members Facing the Global Crisis Together” and a second webinar entitled “The IO Partnership in Action: Towards a Compendium of IO Practices”.

At the meeting, the secretariats of the participating international organisations published the joint statement “Partnership of International Organisations for Effective International Rulemaking (the “IO Partnership”), through which the OTIF secretariat, as part of the IO Partnership, will endeavour in particular to:

- Exchange information, experiences and best practices on international rulemaking;
- Identify key challenges and priority opportunities in international rulemaking, with a view to advancing understanding in these areas, reducing overlaps and avoiding duplication, and encouraging coordinated action;
- Promote greater commonality, compatibility, and synergy in international rulemaking.

The secretariat will use this opportunity to reiterate its commitment to advancing the effectiveness of international rulemaking and better international coordination. It is crucial to strengthen OTIF’s cooperation with other relevant international organisations and associations so that the Organisation can achieve the objective it has under Article 2 of the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF).