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For the harmonisation of rail transport law

On 17 June 2021, the Secretary General of OTIF, Mr Küpper, participated as a guest in the Ministerial Conference of the Organisation for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD).

The XLIXth session of the OSJD Ministerial Conference will be held from 15 to 18 June 2021. OTIF has been invited to the plenary session on 17 and 18 June as an observer.

In his speech today, Mr Küpper presented his concept for enhanced cooperation between OTIF and OSJD to the OSJD members. The ultimate aim of enhanced cooperation with OSJD is to reduce the negative effects of the fragmentation of railway law and to improve the quality of international railway law.



The Secretary General of OTIF called for enhanced cooperation through the creation of a joint OTIF-OSJD forum, which would examine the specific areas of the two legal systems and make recommendations on harmonisation.

OTIF and OSJD have been discussing enhanced cooperation for some time.

The Secretary General of OTIF warmly thanked the Chairman of the OSJD Committee, Mr Antonowicz, for his invitation and for giving him the opportunity to speak and to strengthen further the relationship between OTIF and OSJD.

