



## Moldova: application for accession to OTIF

In accordance with Article 37 of COTIF, the Republic of Moldova has deposited an application for accession to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) of 9 May 1980 in the version of the Protocol of Modification of 3 June 1999 (Vilnius Protocol). Article 37 only stipulates one substantial condition to accede to COTIF: railway infrastructure must be operated on the territory of the state concerned. The Republic of Moldova meets this condition.

The Republic of Moldova will apply Appendix B of COTIF, i.e. the Uniform Rules concerning the Contract of International Carriage of Goods by Rail (CIM). In accordance with the first sentence of Article 42 § 1 of COTIF, the Republic of Moldova has declared that it will not apply Appendices A (CIV), C (RID), D (CUV), E (CUI), F (APTU) and G (ATMF) to the Convention.

In his capacity as the Depositary of the Convention, the Secretary General notified the governments of the Member States of OTIF of the application for accession in a circular letter dated 26 March 2024.

Unless five OTIF Member States object, the application for accession is deemed to be accepted three months after this first notification, i.e. on 26 June 2024.

The Secretary General will then send the Member States a second notification informing them that the application has been fully accepted and accession will take effect on the first day of the third month following this notification.

Moldova will therefore become the fifty-first Member State of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail.

