



Berne: high-level meeting

On 19 April 2023 in Berne, the Secretary General of OTIF, Mr Wolfgang Küpper, met the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) of Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA), Mr Asset Assavbayev.

Some of the signatory states of the “Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor” (MLA TRACECA) are Member States of OTIF; others are members of OSJD only and still others are members of both OTIF and OSJD.

The work carried out by the TRACECA programme to ensure efficient and reliable Euro-Asian transport links is of great importance to OTIF and its Secretariat in order to ensure harmonisation of international rail law and to connect Europe and Asia.

It was therefore only natural that Mr Küpper and Mr Assavbayev had a long discussion about the middle corridor (Trans-Caspian International Transport Route), existing and future issues and the challenges to be met in order to make this corridor operational.

Mr Aleksandr Kuzmenko, Head of the OTIF Secretariat’s Legal Department, also took an active part in the meeting. The Secretary General of OTIF welcomes this high-level meeting and warmly thanks Mr Asset Assavbayev for the quality of the discussion.

