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The ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation and the anniversary of the CIM and CIV Uniform Rules

The ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation will hold its 5th session from 7 to 9 November 2023 in Berne. This will be a meeting without remote participation.

The 5th session opens on Tuesday 7 November with a special anniversary event open to the public.
The CIM UR and CIV UR: feedback and prospects

The first International Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Rail (CIM) was adopted on 14 October 1890 and entered into force on 1 January 1893. The first International Convention on the Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Rail (CIV) was adopted on 23 October 1924 and entered into force on 1 October 1928. This year therefore marks 130 years since the CIM entered into force and 95 years for the CIV.

7 November 2023 will therefore be a day of discussion and celebration.

The following day, 8 November, the session will be open to OTIF members and observers (international organisations and registered stakeholders).

There are a number of items on the agenda, including:

- examination of the draft legal opinion prepared by the Secretariat concerning the application of the Uniform Rules concerning the Contract of Use of Infrastructure in International Rail Traffic (CUI Uniform Rules) to service facilities;

- examination of the issue of digitalisation in international transport, particularly freight transport documents. The question is whether or not the CIM UR need to be revised;

- examination of the concept of the guide to the application and implementation of COTIF by international associations.

Lastly, on Thursday 9 November, the ad hoc Committee will examine the revised OTIF long-term strategy document.

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