Ankara: High-level meeting

Today, 23 July 2024 in Ankara, OTIF's Secretary General, Mr Wolfgang Küpper, had a meeting with the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Türkiye, H.E. Mr Abdulkadir Uraloğlu.

They shared their views on Türkiye’s strategic role in international rail transport and in particular in the development of the Middle Corridor.

They also discussed the transposition of the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) into Turkish national law. They identified Türkiye’s specific requirements and measures to address this issue, such as support from OTIF’s Secretariat.

They exchanged views on the importance of developing international rail transport and the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure also stressed that Türkiye’s railway network has many international connections and presented the planned infrastructure works.

To conclude the meeting, the Secretary General of OTIF highlighted the entry into force of the Luxembourg Rail Protocol, which aims to facilitate more and cheaper finance from the private sector for the procurement of rolling stock, thus enabling governments to focus their resources on infrastructure. He added that the OTIF’s role in connection with the Luxembourg Protocol was to act as the Secretariat of the Supervisory Authority established by the Protocol.

The Secretary General of OTIF welcomed this high-level meeting and warmly thanks H.E. Mr Abdulkadir Uraloğlu for the quality of their discussions.