Accession to OTIF – Associate Member

Jordan (12.05.2010)

On 4 February 2010, the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan made an application for accession to OTIF as an Associate Member (Article 39 of COTIF). Article 37 §§ 2 to 5 of COTIF is applicable to the accession procedure accordingly. The Secretary General brought this application for accession to the attention of the Member States.

The period in which the Member States were able to lodge objections expired on 12 May 2010. No objections were lodged. This application for accession is therefore accepted.

The accession will take effect on 1 August 2010.

The opportunity of becoming an Associate Member has been available to interested States since the entry into force of COTIF 1999 (1.7.2006). The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is the first State to have chosen to become an Associate Member before an intended accession as a Member applying COTIF and its Appendices, in order to get to know the Organisation better.

Jordan is therefore aiming to take part in the work of OTIF and its organs even before international rail traffic starts on the network towards Syria, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, which still has to be modernised and extended by 1600 km. Associate membership limits participation to observer status, without the right to vote.