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**TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF AND
TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF**

**Final report of the 54th session of the RID Committee of Experts
(Berne, 25 May 2016)**

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ITEM 1: Approval of the agenda

Document: RID-16002-CE54 (Secretariat)

1. The provisional agenda contained in calling notice RID-16002-CE54 dated 9 March 2016 was adopted.

ITEM 2: Presence and quorum

2. The Secretariat noted that of the 45 Member States entitled to vote, 18 States (see Annex I) were present. The Secretariat explained that it had been informed in a letter from the European Commission dated 19 May 2016 that in accordance with the agreement between OTIF and the European Union concerning the EU's accession to COTIF, the European Union would exercise the voting rights on behalf its Member States. The quorum in accordance with Article 20 § 1 of the Rules of Procedure ($\frac{1}{3}$ of the Member States) was therefore reached.

ITEM 3: Election of the Chairmen

3. The chairman of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Berne, 23 and 24 May 2016), Mr Helmut Rein (Germany) was also elected to chair this session of the RID Committee of Experts.

ITEM 4: Approval of the amendments to RID suggested by the fourth, fifth and sixth sessions of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Madrid, 17 to 20 November 2014, Zagreb, 23 to 27 November 2015 and Berne, 23 and 24 May 2016) for a date of entry into force of 1 January 2017

Document: [OTIF/RID/NOT/2017] (Secretariat)

Informal document: INF.7 from the 6th session of the standing working group (Secretariat)

4. The RID Committee of Experts had in front of it the draft notification texts (document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2017]) containing all the amendments to RID proposed by the fourth and fifth sessions of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Madrid, 17 to 20 November 2014 and Zagreb, 23 to 27 November 2015) for a date of entry into force of 1 January 2017. This document also contained all the texts adopted by the last RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (Berne, 14 to 18 March 2016).
5. The RID Committee of Experts also had before it informal document INF.7 from the 6th session of the standing working group, which contained the amendments made to document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2017] and all the additional texts adopted at the 6th session of the standing working group (Berne, 23 and 24 May 2016).
6. The RID Committee of Experts unanimously adopted all the amendments contained in the two documents referred to for a date of entry into force of 1 January 2017.
7. The Secretariat explained that it would send the Member States the final notification texts by 30 June 2016.

Thanks

8. The Chairman thanked the Secretariat for the good preparation of the documents, which had considerably simplified the chairmanship of this meeting. He particularly thanked the Secretariat for the efforts it had made in connection with submitting informal document INF.7 in all three working languages in good time. He thanked the interpreters for the usual good quality of the interpretation, which had helped understand the debate considerably.
9. The Chairman thanked the delegates for their constant constructive work in a friendly atmosphere, which had also made the meeting easier to chair. He recalled the major changes in the work of the RID Committee of Experts, which had brought with it the European Union's accession to COTIF. He hoped the work of the RID Committee of Experts would also be able to continue in future on the common basis that had been found and wished his designated successor every success for the future.

Departure of Mr Helmut Rein as the Chairman

10. On behalf of the Secretary General of OTIF, the Secretariat also thanked the Chairman for his work over the years, in which he had always represented the interests of OTIF and its Member States. Since 1999, when he took over as Chairman of the RID Committee of Experts, he had been a good Chairman, not just for the RID Contracting States, but also for the Secretariat, because he had always succeeded in conducting the discussions in a structured manner and summing them up accurately.
11. The representative of the European Commission thanked the Chairman for his work in developing new working methods that had become necessary in connection with the European Union's accession. He pointed out that his services had also simplified the coordination process within the EU Member States.
12. Lastly, the representative of Belgium thanked the Chairman on behalf of the RID Committee of Experts for his long chairmanship which, despite the changes that had become necessary, had ensured stability in the work of the RID Committee of Experts and its standing working group.

Annex I:

**Liste des participants
Teilnehmerliste
List of participants**

I. États parties au RID/RID-Vertragsstaaten/RID Contracting States

Allemagne/Deutschland/Germany

Mr Helmut **Rein**
Mr Alfons **Hoffmann**
Mr Benjamin **Körner**

Autriche/Österreich/Austria

Mr Othmar **Krammer**
Mr Gerhard **Mayer**

Belgique/Belgien/Belgium

Ms Caroline **Bailleux**

Danemark/Dänemark/Denmark

Ms Bolette **Daugaard**
Mr Steen Riis **Thomsen**

Espagne/Espanien/Spain

Ms Silvia **García Wolfrum**
Mr Luis **del Prado Arévalo**

France/Frankreich/France

Mr Michel **Korhel**

Hongrie/Ungarn/Hungary

Ms Árpádné **Hudák**

Italie/Italien/Italy

Mr Benedetto **Legittimo**
Mr Rocco **Cammarata**
Mr Daniele **Perticoni**

Lettonie/Lettland/Latvia

Mr Dainis **Lacis**
Mr Valērijs **Stuppe**

Lituanie/Litauen/Lithuania

Ms Liubovė Meilė **Vancevičienė**

Pays-Bas/Niederlande/Netherlands

Mr Henk **Langenberg**

Pologne/Polen/Poland

Ms Joanna **Dolińska**
Mr Szczepan **Budzyński**

République tchèque/Tschechische Republik/Czech Republic

Mr Luboš **Knížek**
Mr Vladimír **Hájek**
Mr Stanislav **Hájek**

Roumanie/Rumänien/Romania

Ms Valerica **Stan**
Ms Silvica **Nica**

Royaume-Uni/Vereinigtes Königreich/United Kingdom

Mr Ian **Boddington**
Mr Arne **Bale**

Suède/Schweden/Sweden

Mr Bo **Zetterström**

Suisse/Schweiz/Switzerland

Mr Colin **Bonnet**

Turquie/Türkei/Turkey

Mr Haydar Ufuk **Kale**
Mr Esat Emre **Koç**

**II. Organisations internationales gouvernementales/
Internationale Regierungsorganisationen/ International governmental organisations**

Union européenne/Europäische Union/European Union

Mr Szabolcs **Schmidt**
Mr Roberto **Ferravante**

**Agence ferroviaire européenne/Europäische Eisenbahn-Agentur/European Railway Agency
(ERA)**

Mr Emmanuel **Ruffin**

**III. Organisations internationales non gouvernementales
Internationale Nichtregierungsorganisationen
International non-governmental organisations**

IDGCA

Mr Emil **Akhundov**

UIC

Mr Jean-Georges **Heintz**

UIP

Mr Oliver **Behrens**
Mr Philippe **Laluc**

UIRR

Mr Onorato **Zanini**
Mr Ulrich **Lück**

IV. Secrétariat/Sekretariat/Secretariat

Mr Jochen **Conrad**
Ms Katarina **Guricová**

V. Interprètes/Dolmetscher/Interpreters

Mr Werner **Küpper**
Mr David **Ashman**
