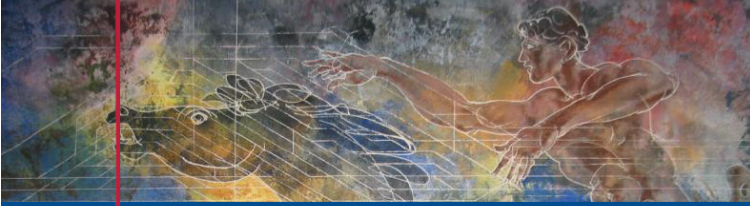




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**Intergovernmental Organisation
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by Rail**

**Mr Carlos del Olmo, head of OTIF's legal service,
attends the 11th Turkish Transport Forum
Istanbul, 5-7 September 2013**



The 11th Turkish Transport Forum was held in Istanbul from 5-7 September 2013. This platform gives more than 6,000 people from political, economic and academic backgrounds the opportunity to meet, and brings together all those involved in transport in this strategic region bridging Europe, Asia and the Middle East. **Mr Carlos del Olmo**, head of OTIF's legal service, took part

in the forum as the Organisation's representative and gave a presentation on how OTIF works and its various tasks.

He noted the growing interest shown by States in possible accession to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) in order to apply the CIV and CIM Uniform Rules in international traffic.

Pakistan's accession to OTIF on 1 September 2013 has shown that it is also possible to develop international rail freight by simplifying and establishing common legal standards.

Mr del Olmo would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Turkish Government and the Railways of the Republic of Turkey (TCDD) and to thank them for their kind invitation and welcome.

