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## **Bilateral OTIF - OSJD meeting in Warsaw**

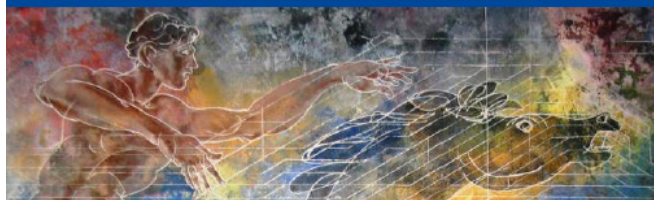
The meeting between the heads of OTIF and OSJD was held on 18 September 2013 in Warsaw, Poland, and was the first such meeting since 2005. It was attended by a number of **officials from both organisations**; the OTIF delegation was headed by OTIF's Secretary General, **Mr François Davenne**, and the OSJD delegation was headed by the chairman of the OSJD Committee **Mr Tadeusz Szozda**.



The meeting dealt with the main aspects of cooperation implemented between the two organisations since June 1991. In particular, it focused on the reaffirmation of the “**common position**” adopted by both parties in 2003. This document constitutes a common framework that makes it possible to identify the people responsible for coordinating each key activity in the respective organisations.

At the end of the meeting, the participants agreed on a number of specific tasks requiring a joint approach:





- The process already underway, which is aimed at harmonising the provisions in documents relating to international transport law for passenger and freight traffic, as made available by our two organisations;
- The continuation of cooperation on updating and harmonising the rules for the transport of dangerous goods;
- The legal harmonisation of CIM/SMGS, with the support of CIT;
- Fostering technical cooperation in order to develop interoperability.

In addition, it was concluded that such **management level** meetings should take place **every year** in order to foster the operational content of cooperation between OSJD and OTIF.

In particular, OTIF's participation in relevant OSJD Commissions, such as the Commission on Transport Policy and Development Strategy, the Commission on Transport Law and the Commission on Infrastructure and Rolling Stock, will be intensified.



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