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## Intergovernmental Organisation for international Carriage by Rail

### OTIF's attendance at the meetings of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Tehran, 2 - 4 March 2014

OTIF visited Tehran to attend the meetings of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) which took place on 2, 3 and 4 March 2014.

The main topic was the **container trains** operating in the ECO Member States, namely Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

OTIF, represented by the head of the legal service, Mr del Olmo, participated in these meetings for the first time.

OTIF took part in the debates in several meetings and working

groups, including the high-level working groups on ECO's container trains.

A problem came to light during one of the meetings regarding the use of **CIM consignment notes** by the railways of Pakistan.

OTIF was asked to propose solutions. It was suggested that OTIF and CIT should organise a training seminar to explain better the use of the CIM consignment note.

The ECO meetings provided the opportunity to strengthen contacts with this organisation, which is of great importance for this region, and with the railways of Iran, Turkey and Pakistan.

In the context of **OTIF-ECO relations**, OTIF has been invited to participate in a seminar which will be held in September 2014 in Tehran with the participation of Iranian railways.

The OTIF