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Re-election of Secretary General of OTIF signals continuity

The General Assembly of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) was held in Berne, Switzerland, on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 September. Representatives from 42 of the 49 Member States took part in the General Assembly (GA) which, among other matters, elected the Secretary General for a three year term of office.



Mats Andersson



On Tuesday, 29 September 2015, two candidates presented their applications to the Assembly: Mrs Leodolter and Mr Davenne. Following the vote, which took place on the same day in accordance with the procedure set out in the GA's Rules of Procedure, a large majority re-elected Mr Davenne to head to Secretariat of OTIF.



François Davenne

Mr Davenne graduated from the École Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications d'Evry in 1988 and from the École Nationale d'Administration in 1999. He has always promoted interdisciplinarity as a key factor for success. After experience in international satellite telecommunications, his first assignments were in the housing sector and required strong financial and legal skills.

After three years in the French Transport Ministry working on railway safety and regulation, Mr Davenne was elected Secretary General of OTIF in 2012, where, since 1 January 2013, he has promoted interdisciplinary working methods and partnership building to expand uniform regulations for international carriage by rail.

His re-election is an endorsement of the activities he has been carrying out since 2013 and enables the changes that have taken place within the Secretariat to be continued.

With Mats Andersson, the representative of Sweden, chairing the General Assembly, it adopted the Secretariat's proposed amendments to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) and its Appendices, with some modifications. The Secretariat's budget strategy was also adopted. The adopted decisions will be looked at in more detail in future editions of the Bulletin and news reports.

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