



OTIF present to celebrate UNIDROIT's 90th year

On Wednesday, 20 April 2016, Mr François Davenne, the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF), took part in the international symposium on “Private law, international cooperation and development” organised in Rome by the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT).

The symposium took place at a special session of UNIDROIT's General Assembly. It was held against the background of the celebrations for UNIDROIT's 90th anniversary under the high patronage of the President of the Italian Republic, in the presence of the Deputy Secretary General of Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mr Bernardini, and the Secretary of State of the Holy See, His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin.

The Secretary General of OTIF spoke in session II, “Secured Transactions, Equipment Financing and Transportation Safety” ([video 55: click here](#)). After a presentation on the Organisation as an actor in the unification of private law, he highlighted the link between UNIDROIT and OTIF, particularly with regard to the Luxembourg Protocol, which is to set up a register of interests to promote private investment in railway material.

The Secretary General thanked UNIDROIT for the invitation and expressed his best wishes to the Institute.

