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**TO THE MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF OTIF
AND TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF**

**Final report of the 58th Session of the RID Committee of Experts
on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
(Berne, 23 May 2024)**

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ITEM 1: Approval of the agenda

Document: [RID-24006-CE58](#) (Secretariat)

1. The provisional agenda contained in calling notice RID-24006-CE58 dated 21 March 2024 was adopted.

ITEM 2: Presence and quorum

2. The Secretariat noted that of the 45 Member States entitled to vote, 17 states (see Annex) were present. The Secretariat explained that it had been informed in a letter from the European Commission dated 22 May 2024 that in accordance with the agreement between OTIF and the European Union concerning the EU's accession to COTIF, the European Union would exercise the voting rights on behalf its Member States. The quorum in accordance with Article 20 § 1 of the Rules of Procedure (one-third of the Member States) was therefore reached.

ITEM 3: Election of the Chairs

3. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group, Ms Caroline Bailleux (Belgium) and Mr Othmar Krammer (Austria), were also unanimously elected Chair and Vice-Chair of this session of the RID Committee of Experts.

ITEM 4: Approval of the amendments to RID proposed by the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Berne/hybrid, 23 and 24 November 2022, London, 20 to 23 November 2023 and Berne, 22 May 2024) for entry into force on 1 January 2025

Documents: [\[OTIF/RID/NOT/2025\]](#) (Secretariat)
[OTIF/RID/CE/2024/1](#) (Secretariat)

4. The RID Committee of Experts had received the draft notification texts (document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2025]), which contained all the amendments to RID proposed by the fifteenth and sixteenth sessions of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Berne/hybrid, 23 and 24 November 2022 and London, 20 to 23 November 2023) for entry into force on 1 January 2025. This document also contained all the texts adopted by the last RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (Berne, 25 to 28 March 2024) and the last session of WP.15 (Geneva, 2 to 5 April 2024).
5. The RID Committee of Experts also had document OTIF/RID/CE/2024/1, which contained the corrections and additions to be made to document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2025] in accordance with the decisions of the 17th session of the standing working group (Berne, 22 May 2024). This document is identical to Annex I of the report of the 17th session of the standing working group (document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2024-A).
6. The RID Committee of Experts unanimously adopted all the amendments contained in the two documents referred to for a date of entry into force of 1 January 2025.
7. The Secretariat explained that it would send the final notification texts to the Member States in accordance with Article 35 § 3 of COTIF during the course of June 2024.
8. The Secretariat also reminded delegates that after publication of the notification texts for RID, it would also provide an unofficial English-language synopsis of the amendments to RID and ADR on request, in order to make it easier for the Member States to translate the texts.
9. The representative of the European Commission pointed out that a notice would appear in the Official Journal of the European Union as soon as the notification texts were available.

ITEM 5: Any other business

Revised Rules of Procedure of the RID Committee of Experts

Document: [RID-24008-CE](#) (Secretariat)

10. The RID Committee of Experts also unanimously adopted the Rules of Procedure contained in document RID-24008-CE, which had been revised by the standing working group. These will apply from 1 June 2024 and replace the version in force since 1 June 2019. The Secretariat was asked to publish the new version of the Rules of Procedure on OTIF's website.

Tribute to Mr Jouni Karhunen (Finland)

11. Before the meeting, Mr Jouni Karhunen (Finland) informed the Secretariat that he would in future be responsible for the development of tramway and passenger railway systems in the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency and would therefore no longer take part in the meetings of the RID Committee of Experts and its standing working group.
12. On behalf of the RID Committee of Experts, the Chair thanked Mr Karhunen for his contribution to the development of the regulations on the transport of dangerous goods by rail over the last twenty years. She thanked him for organising the 43rd session of the RID Committee of Experts in October 2006, which some delegates still remembered very well, and wished him every success in his new role.

Tribute to Jean-Georges Heintz (UIC)

13. Mr Jean-Georges Heintz (UIC) had sent the Secretariat a valedictory by e-mail, which was read out. In it, he looked back over the twenty years of his participation in the work of the RID Committee of Experts and the standing working group, and praised the good atmosphere for discussions at the meetings, and thanked everybody for the many years of good cooperation.
14. For his part, the representative of UIC thanked Mr Heintz for his successful representation of the International Union of Railways in the various bodies responsible for the transport of dangerous goods and for his comprehensive briefing on dangerous goods legislation, which had made his succession somewhat easier.
15. On behalf of the RID Committee of Experts, the Chair thanked Mr Heintz for his very active participation in the work of the RID Committee of Experts and the standing working group, for his extensive knowledge of the railway system and for his sense of humour. She wished him a successful, healthy and long retirement.

Thanks

16. The Chair thanked the Secretariat for the usual good preparation of the documents, which had made it much easier to chair this meeting and the preceding meeting of the standing working group. She particularly thanked the Secretariat for the efforts made in connection with the timely submission of documents OTIF/RID/CE/2024/1 and RID-24008-CE in all three working languages. She thanked the interpreters for the good quality of the interpretation, which had helped understand the discussions considerably. She also thanked the delegates for their constant active and constructive cooperation.
17. On behalf of all the delegates, the Vice-Chair thanked the Chair for her efficient chairing of the discussions over the past biennium, which had made it possible to adopt the final amendments to RID 2025.

Annex

Liste de participation
Liste der Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer
List of participants

I. États parties au RID/RID-Vertragsstaaten/RID Contracting States

Allemagne/Deutschland/Germany

Ms Linda **Rathje-Unger**
Mr Frank **Jochems**

Autriche/Österreich/Austria

Mr Othmar **Krammer**

Belgique/Belgien/Belgium

Ms Caroline **Bailleux**

Danemark/Dänemark/Denmark

Ms Bolette **Daugaard**

Espagne/Spanien/Spain

Mr Luis **del Prado Arévalo**

Finlande/Finnland/Finland

Mr Jarkko **Voutilainen**

France/Frankreich/France

Mr Vincent **Colliaux Brière**

Hongrie/Ungarn/Hungary

Mr György **Lengyel**

Italie/Italien/Italy

Mr Benedetto **Legittimo**
Mr David **Diafani**
Mr Francesco **Traina**
Mr Rocco **Cammarata**
Mr Andrea Giuseppe **Ercole**

Luxembourg/Luxemburg/Luxembourg

Mr Iliass **Zerktouni**

Pays-Bas/Niederlande/Netherlands

Ms Sam **van de Snepscheut**
Mr Nanja **Smets**

Pologne/Polen/Poland

Mr Grzegorz **Witkowski**
Mr Łukasz **Balcerak**

République tchèque/Tschechische Republik/Czech Republic

Mr Luboš **Knížek**

Royaume-Uni/Vereinigtes Königreich/United Kingdom

Ms Patricia **Findlay**
Mr Arne **Bale**

Slovaquie/Slowakei/Slovakia

Ms Olga **Dmitrieva**

Suède/Schweden/Sweden

Mr Joakim **Agås**
Mr Henric **Strömberg**

Suisse/Schweiz/Switzerland

Ms Ingrid **Hincapié**

**II. Organisations internationales gouvernementales/
Internationale Regierungsorganisationen/International governmental organisations**

Union européenne/Europäische Union/European Union

Commission européenne/Europäische Kommission/European Commission

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Mr Emmanuel **Ruffin**

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International non-governmental organisations**

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Mr Joost **Overdijkink**

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Mr Rainer **Kogelheide**

Mr Philippe **Laluc**

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V. Interprètes/Dolmetscher/Interpreters

Mr Werner **Küpper**

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Mr David **Ashman** (OTIF)
