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

Invitation to the
36th session of the standing working group WG TECH
Brussels, 27 and 28 November 2018

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 36th session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

27 and 28 November 2018 in Brussels

27 November: 13:30 – 17:30

28 November: 9:00 – 13:00

Venue: European Commission DG MOVE

rue Jean-André de Mot 28, 1040 Etterbeek - Brussels, Belgium

Meeting Room SALLE F.LAMOUREUX (DM28-00/54)

The documents for the session will be placed on the OTIF website under:
Activities > Technical Interoperability > Working Group Tech > [Working Documents](#).

The documents will be available approximately four weeks before the meeting. The provisional agenda is attached to this letter.

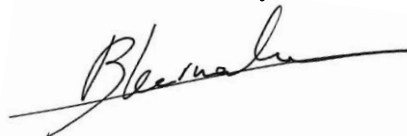
As the agenda items for this working group also concern the preparation of documents for the next session of the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE), it is important that as many of the Member States as possible participate.

Please register as soon as possible and by **14 November 2018** at the latest. Due to security procedures, **additional registration with the European Commission is required** to get access to the meeting premises.

1. The registration form for the meeting can be found on the OTIF website under Events > [Registration Form](#).
2. To register for access to the DG MOVE building, please fill in the Excel form and send it by email with reference to the WG TECH meeting to MOVE-C4-SECRETARIAT-1@ec.europa.eu.

In accordance with Article 24 of the rules of procedure of the Committee of Technical Experts of 11 February 2009, and the decision taken by the Committee of Technical Experts at its 3rd session in February 2009, sessions of the WG TECH will be held in English only.

Yours faithfully



Bas Leermakers
Head of the technical department

Annexes:

- Provisional agenda
- Practical information

cc:

- Representatives present at the sessions of the Committee of Technical Experts
- Representatives who participated in previous WG TECH sessions
- The following institutions, organisations and associations that were invited to the Committee of Technical Experts are also invited to participate in the working group session:
 - The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
 - European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)
 - International Union of Railways (UIC)
 - International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)
 - International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)
 - Organization for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD)
 - Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
 - European Rail Freight Association (ERFA)
 - European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM)
 - Union of European Railway Industries (UNIFE)
 - International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
 - International Union of combined Road-Rail transport companies (UIRR)
 - European Committee for Standardization (CEN)
 - International Association of Private-Sidings Users (IVA)
 - European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)
 - Association of notified bodies (NB-Rail Association)

Annex: Provisional agenda

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Information from the OTIF Secretariat
 - General information
 - Status of the vote by written procedure concerning the amendments to UTP GEN-B and UTP TAF
3. Election of chair
4. Approval of the minutes of the 35th session of WG TECH
5. Preparation of documents for the Committee of Technical Experts:
 - Draft UTP covering infrastructure
6. Developments in EU regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by ERA and DG MOVE)
 - Noise TSI – Status of revision process and ensuring continued compatibility with COTIF after adoption
 - 4th Railway Package TSI package – Status of revision process and ensuring continued compatibility with COTIF after adoption
 - European Vehicle Register and its connection to the National Vehicle Registers
 - Presentation on developments regarding National Technical Rules at EU level.
7. For discussion:
 - COTIF National Technical Requirements – analysis of the need for further action
8. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
9. EU-OTIF equivalence table
10. Next sessions
11. Any other business

Annex: Practical information

- Access to the DG MOVE building requires pre-registration. Please fill in the form provided.
- Participants are required to present a picture ID upon arrival at the reception desk of the venue.
- There are direct trains and bus line no. 12 (bus no.21 after 20:00) from Brussels Zaventem Airport (BRU) to Brussels Schuman.

