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

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Invitation to the  
37<sup>th</sup> session of the standing working group WG TECH  
Bern, 5 and 6 February 2019

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

**5 and 6 February 2019 in Bern**

**5 February: 13:30 – 17:30**

**6 February: 9:00 – 13:00**

**Venue: the OTIF building, Gryphenhübeliweg 30, Bern**

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 **25 January 2019** at the latest.

The registration form for the meeting can be found on the OTIF website under Events > [Registration Form](#).

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 3<sup>rd</sup> session in February 2009, sessions of the WG TECH will be held in English only.

Yours faithfully



(François Davenne)  
Secretary General

**Annex:**

- Provisional agenda

**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)
  - 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. General information from the OTIF Secretariat
3. Election of chair
4. Approval of the minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> session of WG TECH
5. Preparation of the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Technical Experts:
  - Draft proposal for a decision to adopt the UTP infrastructure
  - Draft proposal for a decision to amend the NVR specification
  - Draft explanatory document concerning National Technical Requirements
6. Developments in EU regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by ERA and DG MOVE)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package TSI package – Status of revision process and ensuring continued compatibility with COTIF after adoption
  - Entity in Charge of Maintenance (ECM) regulation – status of revision process and ensuring continued compatibility with COTIF after adoption
  - UTP TAF: ERA document describing the objective of the CCM Changes approved by the ERA Change control board TAF TSI (see doc: TECH-18026-WGT35)
7. For discussion:
  - Development of EU centralised vehicle register (EVR) and consequences for the OTIF national vehicle registers
  - Planning concerning the alignment of the UTPs with the TSIs revised in 2019
  - Provisional agenda for the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Technical Experts
8. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
9. EU-OTIF equivalence table
10. Next sessions
11. Any other business