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

Invitation to the
34th session of the standing working group WG TECH
Belgrade, 6 and 7 February 2018

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 34th session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

6 and 7 February 2018 in Belgrade

6 February: 13:30 – 17:30

7 February: 9:00 – 13:00

Venue:

The Parliament of the Republic of Serbia

Trg Nikole Pašića 13

11000 Belgrade

Republic of Serbia

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

The documents will be available approximately two 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.

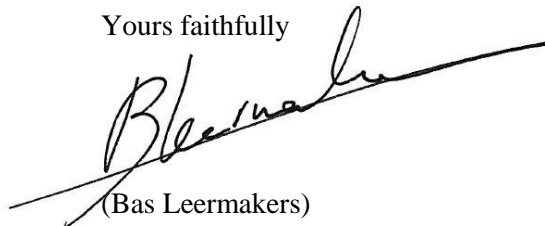
For security reasons the OTIF Secretariat was asked to send the list of participants to the host not later than 15 January 2018. Therefore, please register as soon as possible and by **14 January 2018** at the latest.

The registration form can be found on the OTIF website under Events > Registration Form.

Please note that all participants will have to present their passports when entering the building.

In accordance with 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

Annex:

- 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:
 - 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 Standardisation (CEN)
 - International Association of Private-Sidings Users (IVA)
 - European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)
 - Association of notified bodies (NB-Rail Association)

Annex: Provisional agenda

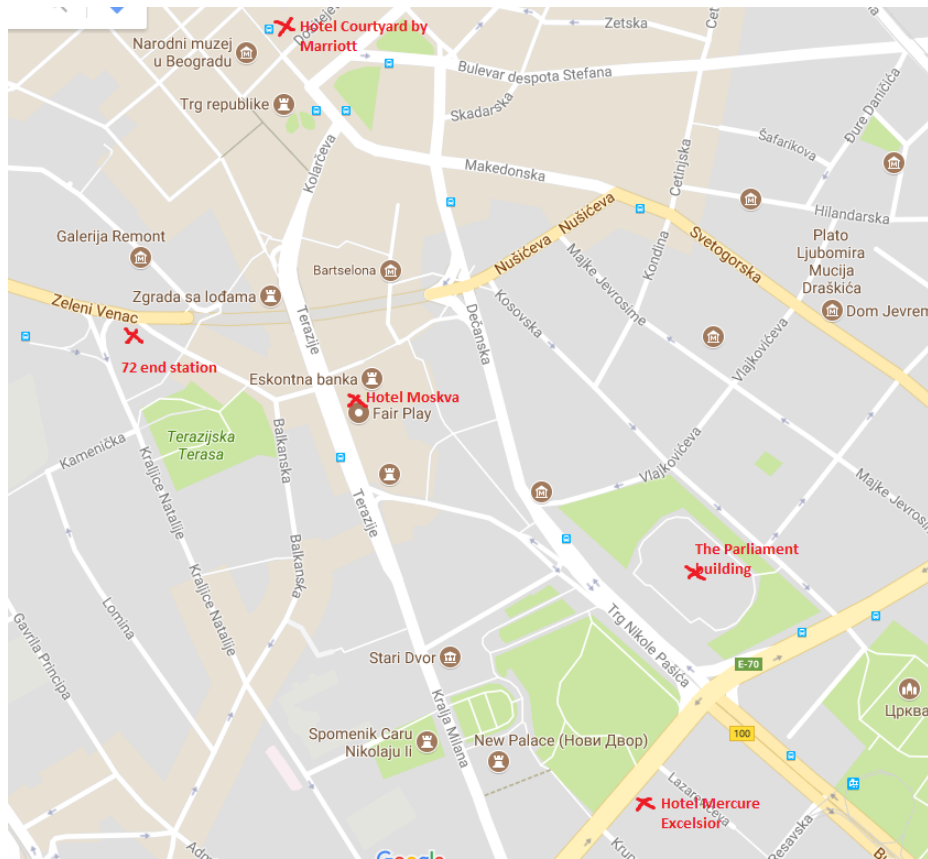
1. Approval of the agenda
2. General information from the OTIF Secretariat
3. Election of chair
4. Approval of the minutes of the 33rd session of WG TECH
5. Preparation of documents for the Committee of Technical Experts:
 - a. Draft amended UTP GEN-B for adoption
 - b. Draft explanatory document concerning the procedure for urgent UTP modifications
 - c. Draft strategy concerning the development of provisions covering infrastructure
6. For discussion:
 - a. Analysis of the possibility to simplify the provisions and procedures for vehicle admission
 - b. Draft strategy concerning the development of registers for route compatibility checks
7. Developments in EU regulations which may affect equivalence with COTIF (by ERA and DG MOVE):
 - a. Vehicle Authorisation under the 4th railway package
 - b. Clarification of the concept of “area of use”
 - c. Status of the revisions of the LOC&PAS TSI and the WAG TSI
 - d. Status of any other on-going work relevant to OTIF (e.g. ECM, registers, noise TSI)
8. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
9. EU-OTIF equivalence table
10. Next sessions
11. Any other business

Annex: Practical information

Practical information provided by the host

The Directorate for Railways recommends three hotels, which are located near the meeting venue:

- **Hotel Courtyard by Marriott Belgrade City Center ******, Vase Čarapića 2-4, Stari Grad, 11000 Belgrade
- **Hotel Moskva ******, Balkanska 1, Stari Grad, 11000 Belgrade
- **Hotel Mercure Belgrade Excelsior ******, Kneza Miloša 5, Vračar, 11000 Belgrade



There are two options to reach the chosen hotel from “Nikola Tesla” Airport:

- by taxi (approx. 20 euros), which is recommend,
- by public transport.

The only bus to and from the airport is bus No. 72, which goes to Zeleni venac square (end station). The closest hotel from there (on foot) is Hotel Moskva (5min).

The official currency is Serbian dinar (indicative conversion 1 EUR= 120 RSD).