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

Invitation to the
39th session of the standing working group WG TECH
Brussels, 19 and 20 November 2019

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 39th session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

19 and 20 November 2019 in Brussels

19 November: 10:00 – 17:00

20 November: 9:00 – 15:00

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 will be available approximately four weeks before the meeting on the OTIF website under:

Activities > Technical Interoperability > Working Group Tech > [Working Documents](#).

The provisional agenda is attached to this letter.

As the agenda items for this working group also concern the preparation of documents, including legislative proposals, 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 **6 November 2019** 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



(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

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. General information from the OTIF Secretariat
3. Election of chair
4. Approval of the minutes of the 38th session of WG TECH
5. Preparation of documents for the Committee of Technical Experts:
 - Draft revised UTP Noise
 - Draft revised UTP Freight wagons
 - Draft revised UTP Marking
 - Draft revised Vehicle Register specifications
 - Draft revised ECM certification rules
 - Draft revised Rules of Procedure for the Committee of Technical Experts
6. Items for discussion:
 - Future provisions concerning route compatibility checks
 - Mutual recognition of ECM certificates
7. Developments in EU regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by DG MOVE and ERA)
8. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
9. EU-OTIF equivalence table
10. Any other business
11. Next sessions

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.

