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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 41st session of the standing working group TECH
Remote meeting, 9 and 10 September 2020

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 41st session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

9 September: 14:00 – 17:00

10 September: 09:30 – 13:00

The session will be held remotely.

The provisional agenda can be found in Annex 2 to this invitation.

The documents for the session will be placed on the OTIF website (www.otif.org) approximately four weeks before the meeting under:

Activities > Technical Interoperability > Working Group Tech > Working Documents > 2020

The agenda items for this working group concern the preparation of documents for decision by the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE). Therefore, it is important that as many of the Member States as possible participate.

On the basis of Article 16 § 5 of COTIF, the Secretary General invites the organisations and associations listed in Annex 1 in an advisory capacity, subject to the agreement of a majority of the Member States. Member States are asked to send the Secretariat any objections they may have concerning this invitation by no later than **8 August 2020.** The Secretary General will assume the tacit agreement of the Member States that do not object.

In accordance with Article 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the CTE of 11 February 2009 and the decision taken by the CTE at its 3rd session in February 2009, sessions of the WG TECH will be held in English only.

Member States, associate Members, regional organisations that have acceded to COTIF and organisations and associations invited to the session are asked to register using the digital registration form on the OTIF website under:

Events > Registration form

The completed form should be submitted by **1 September 2020** at the latest. Registered delegates will receive instructions to connect to the remote meeting.

Yours faithfully

(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

Annexes:

–   1: List of invited organisations
–   2: Provisional agenda

Annex 1: List of invited organisations and associations

The following organisations and associations are invited to participate in the working group session in an advisory capacity[1]:

- 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)
- Transport Community Treaty Secretariat (TCTS)

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[1] In previous invitations, the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) was included in this list. However, on the basis of the accession of the European Union to COTIF, ERA is considered as an addressee of this circular under "regional organisations which have acceded to COTIF" and is therefore directly invited.

Annex 2: Provisional agenda

1. Approval of the agenda

2. Information from the OTIF Secretariat

3. Election of chair

4. Approval of the minutes of the 40th session of WG TECH

5. Review of draft proposals for:

    a. A new UTP concerning infrastructure

    b. A new UTP concerning train composition and route compatibility checks

    c. Revision of UTP LOC&PAS (locomotives and passenger rolling stock)

    d. Revision of UTP PRM (accessibility for people with reduced mobility)

    e. Revision of UTP WAG (freight wagons)

6. Discussion on further development of:

    a. Revision of UTP Marking with regard to rail/road machines

    b. Revision of UTP TAF (telematics applications for freight)

    c. Vehicle register interface specifications

7. Discussion concerning the future revision of ATMF with regard to scope of ECM certification

8. Developments in EU regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by ERA and DG MOVE)

9. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology

10. EU – OTIF equivalence table

11. Any other business

12. Next sessions