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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 45th session of the working group Technology (WG TECH)

Remote meeting, 3 and 4 November 2021

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 45th session of the working group Technology on

3 November: 14:00 – 17:00 (CET)

4 November: 10:00 – 13:00 (CET)

The session will be held as a remote meeting or possibly as a hybrid meeting.

Delegates will be able to attend the meeting remotely using MS Teams.

Whether delegates will also be allowed to attend the meeting in person depends on the travel and other restrictions in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic that apply at the time of the meeting.

The provisional agenda can be found in Annex 2 to this invitation. The agenda items for this working group concern the preparation of documents for decision by the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE). It is therefore important that as many of the Member States as possible participate.

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

[Activities > Technical Interoperability > Working Group Tech > Working Documents > 2021](#)

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 **4 October 2021**. The Secretary General will assume the tacit agreement of the Member States that do not object.

In accordance with Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the CTE applicable from 22 June 2021 and the decision taken by the CTE at its 3rd session in February 2009, sessions of the WG TECH are 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 **27 October 2021** at the latest. Delegates wishing to attend the meeting in person are invited to contact the Secretariat, in addition to their registration.

Further information on how to participate in the remote meeting will be provided to registered delegates approximately one week before the meeting.

Yours faithfully



(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

Annexes:

- 1: List of invited organisations and associations
- 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 (observers):

- Association of notified bodies (NB-Rail Association)
- Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
- European Committee for Standardization (CEN)
- European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM)
- European Rail Freight Association (ERFA)
- European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)
- International Association of Private-Sidings Users (IVA)
- International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
- International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)
- International Union of combined Road-Rail transport companies (UIRR)
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)
- Organisation for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD)
- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
- Transport Community Permanent Secretariat (TCPS)
- Union of European Railway Industries (UNIFE)

Annex 2: Provisional agenda

1. Election of chair
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Information from the OTIF Secretariat
4. Approval of the minutes of the 44th session of WG TECH
5. Preparation of documents for the Committee of Technical Experts
 - 5.1. Draft proposal for revision of UTP TAF (Telematics applications for freight services)
 - 5.2. Draft proposal for modification of Annex B to the ATMF UR (Derogations)
 - 5.3. Draft Annex A to the EST UR: Common Safety Method on Safety Management System requirements
 - 5.4. Draft Annex B to the EST UR: Common Safety Method on Monitoring
6. For discussion
 - 6.1. Progress report on monitoring and assessment of the implementation of APTU and ATMF by Contracting States
 - 6.2. Vehicle registers: search and retrieval of vehicle data
7. Developments in EU regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by ERA and the European Commission)
8. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
9. EU – OTIF equivalence table
10. Any other business
11. Next sessions