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

Invitation to the
32nd session of the standing working group WG TECH
Brussels, 12 and 13 September 2017

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 32nd session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

12 and 13 September 2017 in Brussels

12 September: 10:00 – 17:00

13 September: 9:00 – 12:30

Venue:

**Building of the European Commission,
Salle François LAMOUREUX (DM28 00/054),
28 rue de Mot, Etterbeek, 1040 Brussels
Belgium**

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 two weeks before the meeting at the latest.

The provisional agenda is attached to this letter.

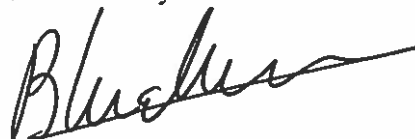
As the agenda items for this working group also concern the preparation of documents for the next session of the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE), it is important that as many of the Member States as possible participate.

Please register as soon as possible and by **28 August 2017** at the latest. Due to security procedures, **timely registration is required** to get access to the meeting premises.

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

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

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:
 - 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 31st session of WG TECH
5. Analyses for discussion:
 - a. UTP GEN-A: analysis of the pertinence of the difference between the EU and COTIF provisions (two-column layout) concerning fixed installations
 - b. UTP GEN-B: analysis of the pertinence of the difference between the EU and COTIF provisions (two-column layout) concerning fixed installations
 - c. Analysis of the pertinence of the difference between the EU and COTIF provisions concerning the mandatory or optional use of declarations of verification
 - d. Analysis of possibilities for the urgent modification of UTP if there are safety-relevant gaps or errors in the UTP
6. UTP TAF: practical arrangements with the EU Agency for Railways so that the non-EU Member States of OTIF that apply the UTP TAF can be involved in the development of the IT provisions related to the UTP TAF
7. Developments in EU regulations which may affect equivalence with COTIF and discussion on next step (presentations by ERA or DG MOVE)
 - a. ECM Regulation
 - b. Noise abatement policy
 - c. LOC&PAS TSI
 - d. Vehicle Register
8. Implementation status of the European Union's 4th Railway Package (presentation by DG MOVE)
9. Draft cross Reference table "EU" - and "OTIF" terminology
10. EU-OTIF equivalence table
11. Next sessions
12. Any other business

Annex: Practical information

Practical information provided by the host

Participants are required to present a picture ID upon arrival at the reception desk of the venue.

The European Commission has negotiated rates with a number of hotels. Please see some examples below. However, the indicated rates might not be available, as there is limited availability. In order to benefit from the negotiated prices, inform the hotel that you are participating in a meeting at the European Commission.

- Hotel NH Stephanie ****, 32 Rue Jean Stas 1060 Brussels, Belgium,
Tel: (+32)(2)/5374250, Price Commission: 138 Euro
- Hotel Motel One Brussels, Rue Royale 120, 1000 Brussels, Belgium,
Tel: (+32)(2)/2096110, Price Commission: 93.50 Euro
- Hotel Crowne Plaza Brussels Le Palace ****, 3 Rue Gineste, 1000 Brussels, Belgium,
Tel: (+32)(2)/2036200, Reservation code = Corporate ID 953200639,
Price Commission: 140 Euro

There are direct trains and bus line no. 12 from Brussels Zaventem Airport (BRU) to Brussels Schuman.

