Session 2 :
How to avoid the fragmentation of international railway law?
How to ensure the quality and the relevance of international law?
OTIF’s role

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OTIF Role and Tasks – Developing uniform law for interoperable networks

- International (binding + soft) law
- A bridging concept
- An approach based on partnership
- Railways as networks: connected, uniform and interoperable

**Freight / Passenger Contracts**
- Legal interoperability

**Dangerous Goods Regulation**
- Exchange of dangerous goods wagons
- Towards full interoperability

**Technical Regulation**
- Technical interoperability
Chances and Challenges: The case for intercontinental rail freight

Asia ↔ Europe

Time

Costs

Cheap but slow

3x Faster than shipping

Competitive area for rail

70% Lower costs than aviation

Fast but expensive

3x Faster than shipping

70% Lower costs than aviation
How to Ensure the Quality and the Relevance of International Law

Efficient Implementation: Wherever possible avoid the differentiation between international/regional/national
Best practice: RID and Passenger transport rules

Compatibility with other transport modes: multimodality

Strong orientation to the needs of the market/ e.g. Digitalisation

Flexibility which allows to adopt the law in due time and easily

Control of implementation into national law (task of the WG´s of Legal Experts, TECH, RID)

Enhanced cooperation with other organizations and associations (task of the Ad hoc Committee on Cooperation)
OTIF and its relations: The importance of cooperation
Thank you for your attention

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