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PRESS RELEASE

Major business opportunity in the IT services sector

The Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail ([OTIF](#)) and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law ([UNIDROIT](#)), have announced the release of **tender documents** for a major business opportunity in the IT services sector.

OTIF and UNIDROIT were the co-sponsoring organisations of the Luxembourg Rail Protocol, which is part of the Cape Town Convention system. A Preparatory Commission has been established to prepare for the Protocol's entry into force, including for the establishment of a new, innovative international registration system for financial security instruments affecting railway rolling stock. The establishment and operation of this international registration system is the subject of the tender process announced today.

In announcing the release of the tender documents, the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT, Mr José Angelo Estrella-Faria, said: "I expect this project will give the successful bidder an high-profile opportunity to apply cutting-edge technology in the creation of an innovative international electronic registration system". According to the Secretary General of OTIF, Mr Stefan Schimming this project "is in line with the aim of our Organisation to promote, improve and facilitate, in all respects, international traffic by rail. It will be particularly attractive to visionary, high-calibre enterprises, and will give them the opportunity to develop and apply information-technology solutions in a unique, international setting."

The tender documents are available from the contacts listed below, and from the websites of:

- UNIDROIT: www.unidroit.org
- OTIF: www.otif.org

The closing date for the submission of bids is: **29 September 2010**.

Additional information is also available from the UNIDROIT and OTIF Secretariats, contact:

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