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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 9 June 2009			
		Subject	Speaker
10.00 - 11.15		Opening statements	Suat Hayri Aka (Turkey), Stefan Schimming (OTIF), Kurshid Anwar (ECO)
	1.	COTIF – OTIF in general	Stefan Schimming (OTIF)
	2.	Presentation of ECO transport initiatives in the region, particularly in view of corridor projects, such as the container trains Almaty-Istanbul and Islamabad-Istanbul routes	Mohammad Mirzaei Kahagh (ECO)
11.15 – 11.30		<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.30 – 12.15	3.	International rail transport law for freight traffic, CIM/SMGS traffic	Erik Evtimov (CIT)
12.15 – 13.00		Discussion	
13.00 - 14.30		<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.30 - 15.15	4.	Subject concerning rail freight transport in the ECO region – presentations from ECO Member States: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The New horizons – Rail traffic between Asia and Europe – Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway connection as an important section of the Trans-European Railway networks – Rail Freight Transport in Pakistan Competition with Road Transport 	Ibrahim Çelik, Hülya Çilgi (TCDD) Aydin Suleymanli (Azerbaijan) Shafiq Ullah (Pakistan)
15.15 - 15.45	5.	Legal support for financing railway rolling stock	Gustav Kafka (OTIF)
15.45 - 16.00		<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00 - 16.45	6.	Facilitation of border crossing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Border and customs controls – Cross-border use of wagons – unification of the legal requirements – Technical controls 	Stefan Schimming (OTIF)
16.45 - 17.30		Discussion	

Wednesday, 10 June 2009			
		Subject	Speaker
10.00 - 10.45	7.	Agreements and contracts for cross-border use of wagons in the OTIF and ECO Member States respectively (CUV, GCU, PGW/PPW)	Jean-Pierre Lehman (UIC)
10.45 - 11.15		Discussion	
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee break		
11.30 - 11.45	8.	International rail transport law for passenger traffic (Short presentation)	Eva Hammerschmiedová (OTIF)
11.45 - 12.30	9.	Safety in rail transport, transport of dangerous goods	Gustav Kafka (OTIF)
12.30 – 13.00	10.	Accession to COTIF – procedure and consequences	Stefan Schimming (OTIF)
Closure			