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TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF STATES LISTED IN THE ANNEX

**Invitation to the workshop “Rail Transport between Europe and Asia”
Istanbul, 9 and 10 June 2009**

The Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) has the honour to invite representatives from the States listed in the Annex to the workshop on “Rail Transport between Europe and Asia”. The invitation is addressed to States which have or might have an important role in the increasing rail traffic between Europe and Asia. The workshop, organised with the kind assistance of Turkish State Railways (TCDD), will be held in

Istanbul on 9 and 10 June 2009.

The workshop will cover the legal basis of rail transport between Europe and Asia, border crossing, safety and financing issues. A draft programme is attached.

The venue will be

The Green Park Hotel MERTER

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Participation in the workshop is free of charge. It is assumed that the States and institutions interested will pay the travel and other expenses of their representatives. The price of the accommodation negotiated between TCDD and the hotel that has been chosen is:

Single room:	115 Euro (including tax and full board)
Double room:	160 Euro (including tax and full board)

TCDD has kindly agreed to make the hotel reservations in accordance with the information provided on the registration form and to organise transport for participants between the airport and the hotel.

The workshop will be in English. Depending on who attends, the OTIF Secretariat is prepared to provide interpretation into Russian.

Apart from the host State, delegations should not include more than three persons.

Please send the attached registration form to the

OTIF Secretariat

(Fax: +41 31 359 10 11 or e-mail: info@otif.org)

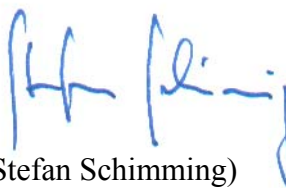
and to

TCDD

(Fax: +90 312 312 50 42 or e-mail: disiliskilerdaresi@tcdd.tr)

as soon as possible, but **at the latest by 31 March 2009**.

Yours faithfully,



(Stefan Schimming)
OTIF Secretary General

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This invitation is also addressed to the following international organisations:

- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Transport Division, Palais des Nations, 8-14, Avenue de la Paix, CH-1211 Geneva 10
- United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Building, Rajadamnern Avenue, TH - Bangkok 10200 (Thailand)
- Organization for Cooperation of Railways (OSJD), Committee of OSJD, Hoża 63/67, PL – 00 681 Warsaw

Annexes:

- List of States invited
- Draft programme
- Registration form

LIST OF STATES INVITED

Republic of Azerbaijan

Republic of Belarus

Republic of Bulgaria

People's Republic of China

Georgia

Hellenic Republic

Republic of India

Islamic Republic of Iran

Republic of Kazakhstan

Kyrgyz Republic

Republic of Moldova

Mongolia

Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Romania

Russian Federation

Republic of Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Republic of Turkey

Ukraine

Republic of Uzbekistan