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

Invitation to the
28th session of the standing working group WG TECH
Bern, 16 and 17 February 2016

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 28th session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

16 and 17 February 2016 in Bern

16.02.2016 13:00 – 17:00

17.02.2016 9:00 – 13:00

Venue: the OTIF building, Gryphenhübeliweg 30, Bern

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 27th session of WG TECH
5. Comments from Member States on documents proposed for CTE 9
 - a. Draft amended UTP WAG
 - b. Draft amended UTP GEN-G (CSM risk assessment)
6. TAF transposition into COTIF
 - a. Information about the workshop
 - b. Discussion on principles and planning of the transposition
7. Information on developments in EU regulations which will affect equivalence with law and discussion on next steps (EC/ERA)
8. 4th Railway Package: status update on evaluation of consequences for equivalence with COTIF (EC)
9. Status update on interchangeable coaches
 - a. Status update on the Working Party Unique Authorisation (ERA)
 - b. Status update on implementing the provisions for interchangeability (ERA)
10. Draft explanatory document for UTP GEN-D (assessment modules)
11. EU-OTIF equivalence table
12. Next sessions
13. Any other business

The documents for the session will be placed on the OTIF website (www.otif.org) under: OTIF – Technology. The documents will be available approximately one month before the meeting.

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 send the attached registration form to the OTIF Secretariat as soon as possible and by **8 February 2016** at the latest.

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.

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 Railway Agency (ERA)
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)
- International Union of Private Railway Wagons (UIP)
- Organisation for Railways Cooperation (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)

Yours faithfully

(François Davenne)
Secretary General

Annex:

- Personal registration form

cc:

- Representatives present at the sessions of the Committee of Technical Experts
- Representatives who participated in the earlier WG TECH sessions
- Organisations listed above