Luxemburg protocol: an opportunity for the rail industry

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COTIF – developing uniform law

- Founded in 1893 in Bern
- Applies to international traffic by rail
- Is international law
- Member States can make declarations not to apply selected parts of COTIF

**Legal interoperability**

- Freight / Passenger Contracts
- Dangerous Goods Regulation
- Technical Regulation

**Technical interoperability**

- Exchange of dangerous goods wagons
- Safe exchange of vehicles
Geographical scope of COTIF and its Appendices
Unified railway law to connect Europe, Asia and Africa: Railways as international networks

**Connected**
- Purely national networks belong to the past
- A regional approach is vital

**Uniform**
- Common technical and contract law
- Common high level rules

**Interoperable**
- Common technical rules
- Common interfaces definition
- Partnership based approach with other organisations

- Developing an international interoperability model
- Modal shift towards significant Eurasian freight transport by rail
- Reducing GHG emissions and foster human development
Luxemburg protocol: secured framework for private financing

- Growing investments for connecting Europe with Asia: Silk road project, the will of turkey and Iran to act as regional railway hubs,…
- Regional development: GCC Network building for more than US$20 billion, High speed links in Morocco, Turkey, that will double its network by 2020…

⇒ For the industry, uniform legal, technical and operational framework will be vital.

- The investment in rolling stock should be more driven by private capital.
- The secure access to the locomotive and wagons for the investor is a key success factor for developing innovative services.

⇒ Development of private financing will be an incentive to achieve an uniform technical framework.

OTIF secretariat will contribute to install this virtuous circle.
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