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4th International Seminar on Railway Safety and Security: a success

(Ifrane/Paris 22 April 2011) The 4th International Seminar on Railway Safety and Security held on 21 and 22 April in Ifrane, Morocco, was a great success, marked by the active and ample participation of delegates during work sessions and quality of questions raised during the debates held after each set of presentations.

UIC's position on the world stage was demonstrated once again by the vast range of countries and subjects represented at the seminar: over 200 delegates attend from Africa, Asia and Europe.

The success of the seminar was greatly helped by the unfailing support of the ONCF – Moroccan Railways – and a number of UIC divisions. The issues covered included the importance of the new high speed line to be built between Tangiers and Casablanca, as well as Safety and Security topics seen from different angles, namely: human factors, technological development and implementation of necessary standards and regulations.

The next major planned dates and outlook for high speed, safety and security were also recalled:

- Security related research projects: Protectrail information day in Paris at UIC HQ, on 4 May 2011;
- Plenary Committee and High Speed seminar in Prague on 18 and 19 May 2011;
- Preparation of the next Security Congress on technology in Rome on 22 and 23 September 2011;
- Annual High Speed Training Seminar;
- Security Platform Congress planned to be held in Slovakia in June or September 2012 ;
- The 8th UIC World Congress on High Speed in Philadelphia from 11 to 13 July 2012.

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