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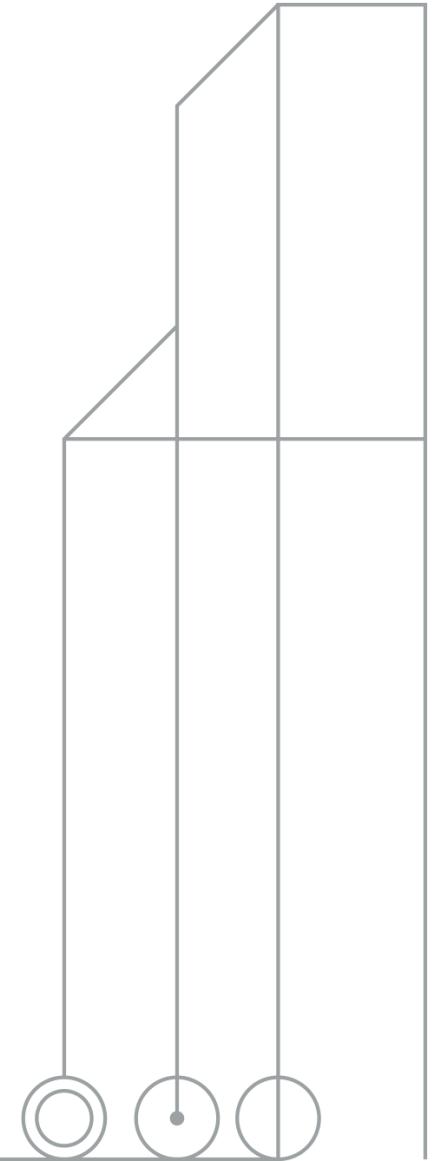
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THE ORGANISATION

Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail

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MEMBER STATES

+1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER

3 WORKING LANGUAGES : FR/DE/EN



HEADQUARTERS: Berne, Switzerland 

COTIF THE CONVENTION

COTIF 1999 Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail

1st

INTERNATIONAL
TRANSPORT CONVENTION

ENTRED INTO FORCE IN **1893**

COTIF IS APPLIED ON **270,000 KM** OF RAILWAY LINES

2011 |  ACCEDED TO **COTIF**



VIDEO LINK

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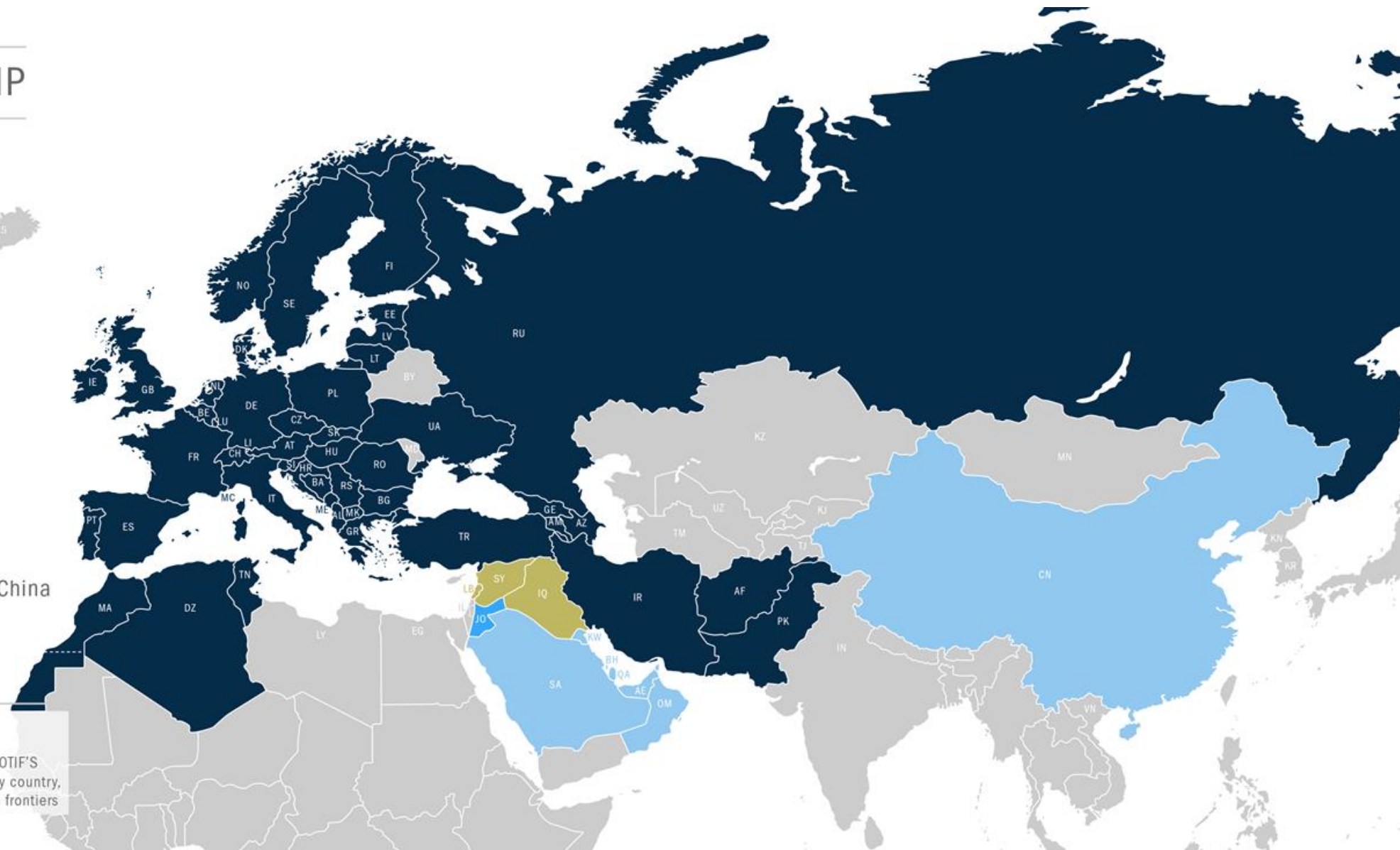
OTIF MEMBERSHIP

SITUATION ON
1 MAY 2019

- OTIF Member States
- MoU with GCC/MoU with China
- Associate Members
- Membership suspended

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COTIF legal framework



Organisation intergouvernementale pour les transports internationaux ferroviaires

Zwischenstaatliche Organisation für den internationalen Eisenbahnverkehr

Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail

COTIF 1999

Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail

Unofficial consolidated version

version 1.3.2019



COTIF: CONVENTION CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE BY RAIL

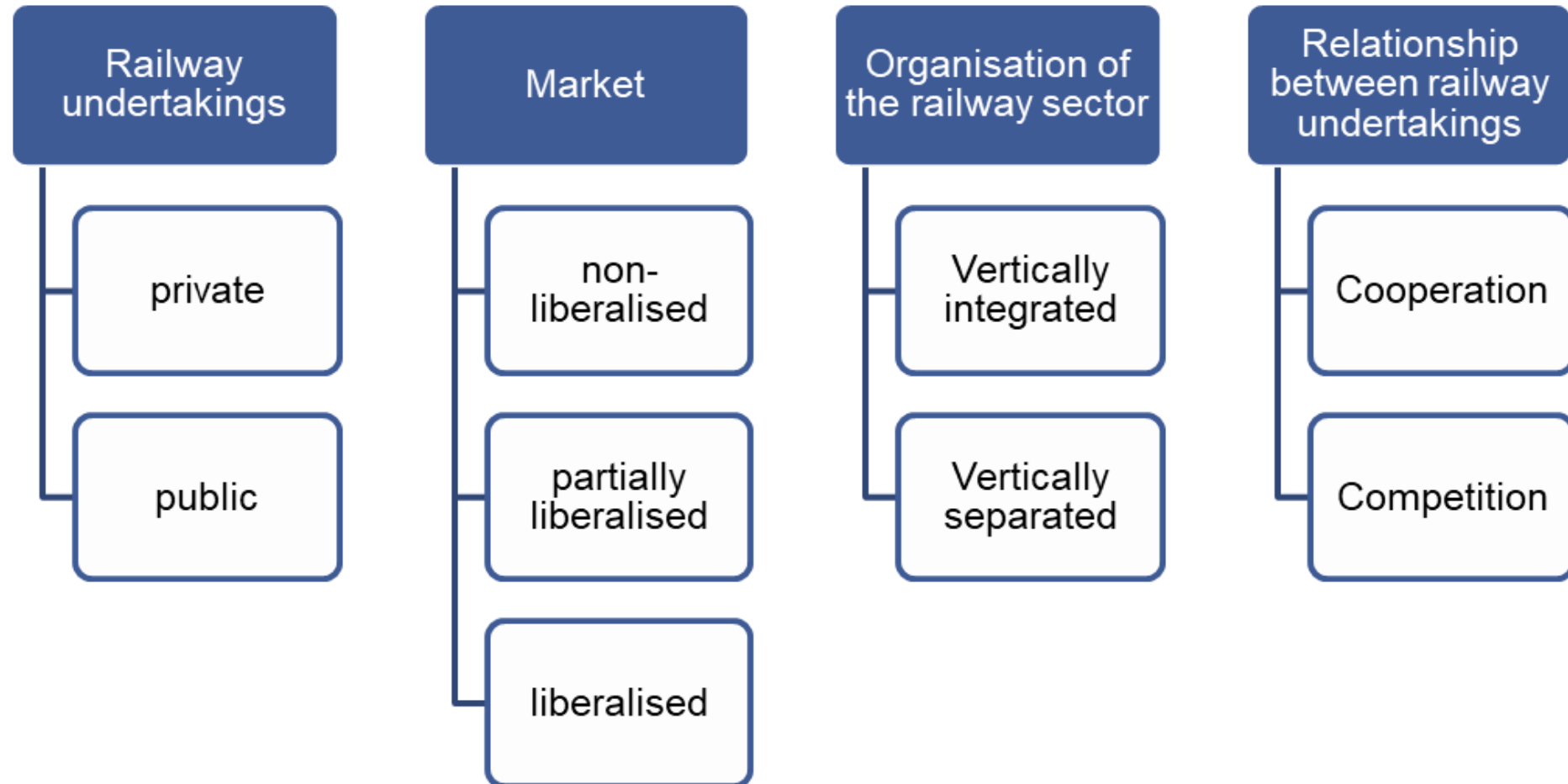
APP. A CIV Uniform Rules The contract of carriage of passengers	APP. B CIM Uniform Rules The contract of carriage of freight	APP. C RID Regulation The carriage of dangerous goods	APP. D CUV Uniform Rules Contracts of use of vehicles	APP. E CUI Uniform Rules The contract of use of infrastructure	APP. F APTU Uniform Rules Validation of Technical standards adoptions of UTPs	APP. G ATMF Uniform Rules Technical admission of railway material	APP. H EST Uniform Rules Safe operation of trains
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COTIF legal framework

Neutrality and flexibility of OTIF's legal system

OTIF's legal system is applicable irrespective of national political, legal or economic system





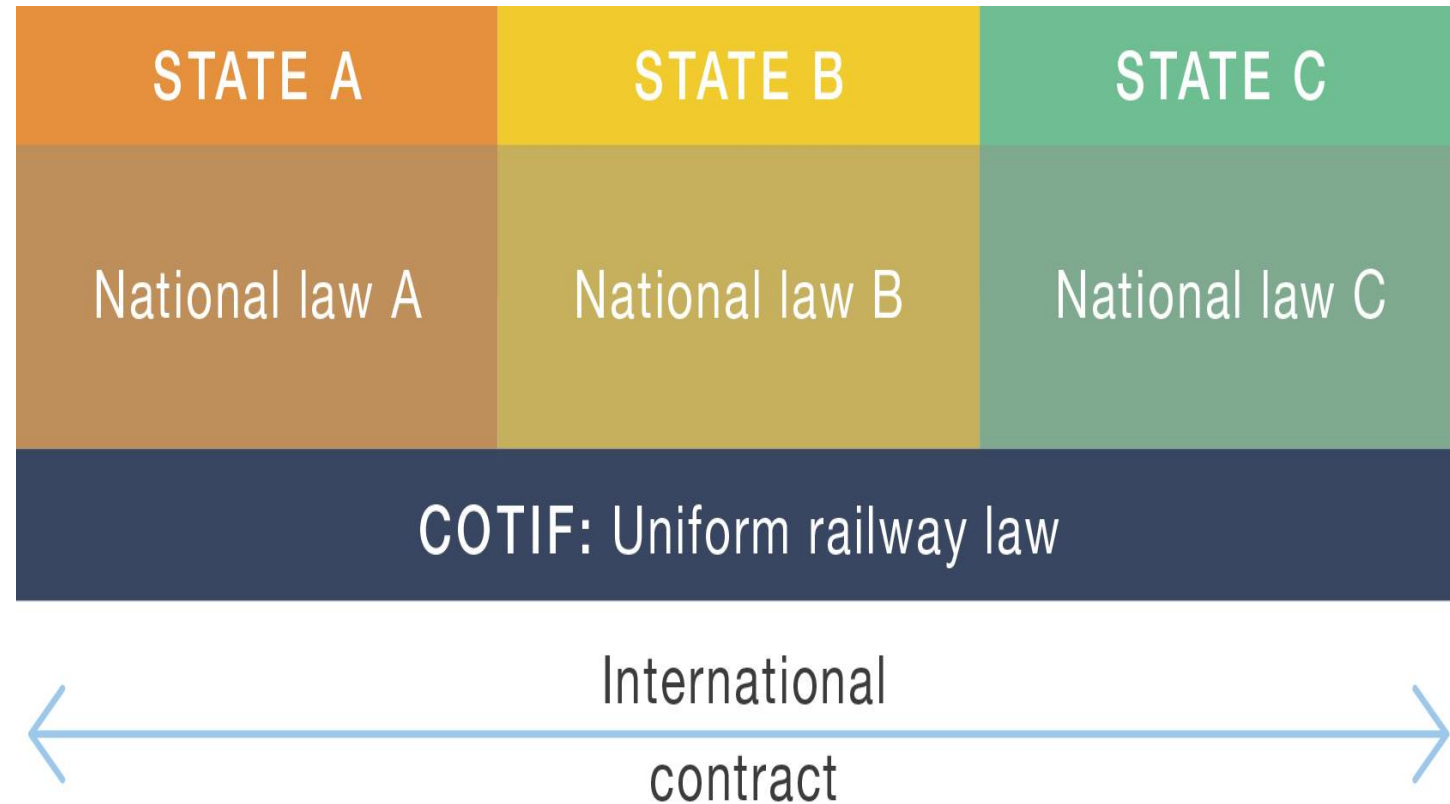
COTIF offers legal certainty for carriers and their customers

COTIF is applicable to international contracts of carriage for passengers and freight:

(CIV UR and CIM UR)

- different successive national carriers
- or
- one carrier with or without involvement of substitute carriers

Full contractual freedom as regards to tariffs and pricing.

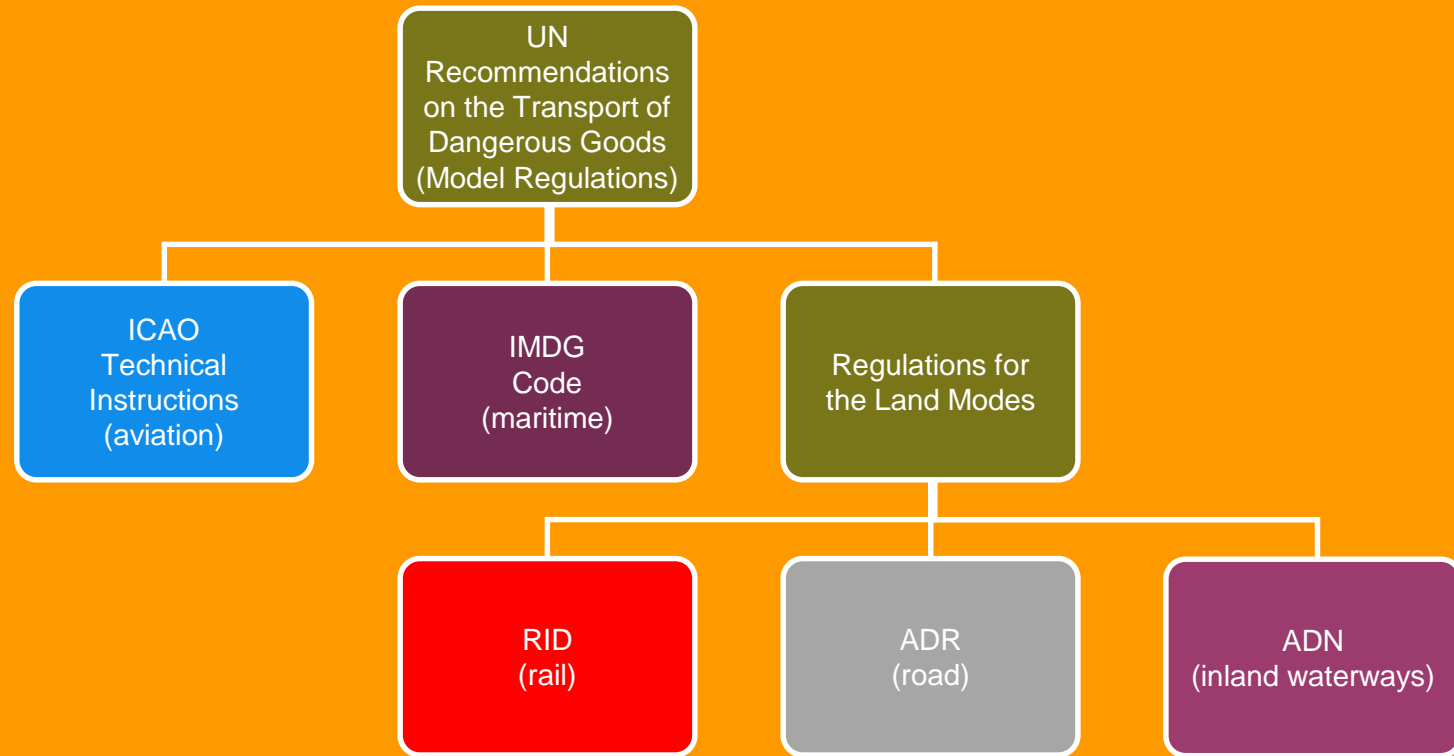




RID

Regulation Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods

- Appendix C to COTIF 1999
- Since 1893
- First restructured edition 1 July 2001
- 45 RID Contracting States (three Contracting States with suspended membership)
- Responsible OTIF Committee: RID Committee of Experts
- Revision every two years



Regulations for the Transport of Dangerous Goods



Did you know that you do not have to apply all appendices of the Convention?

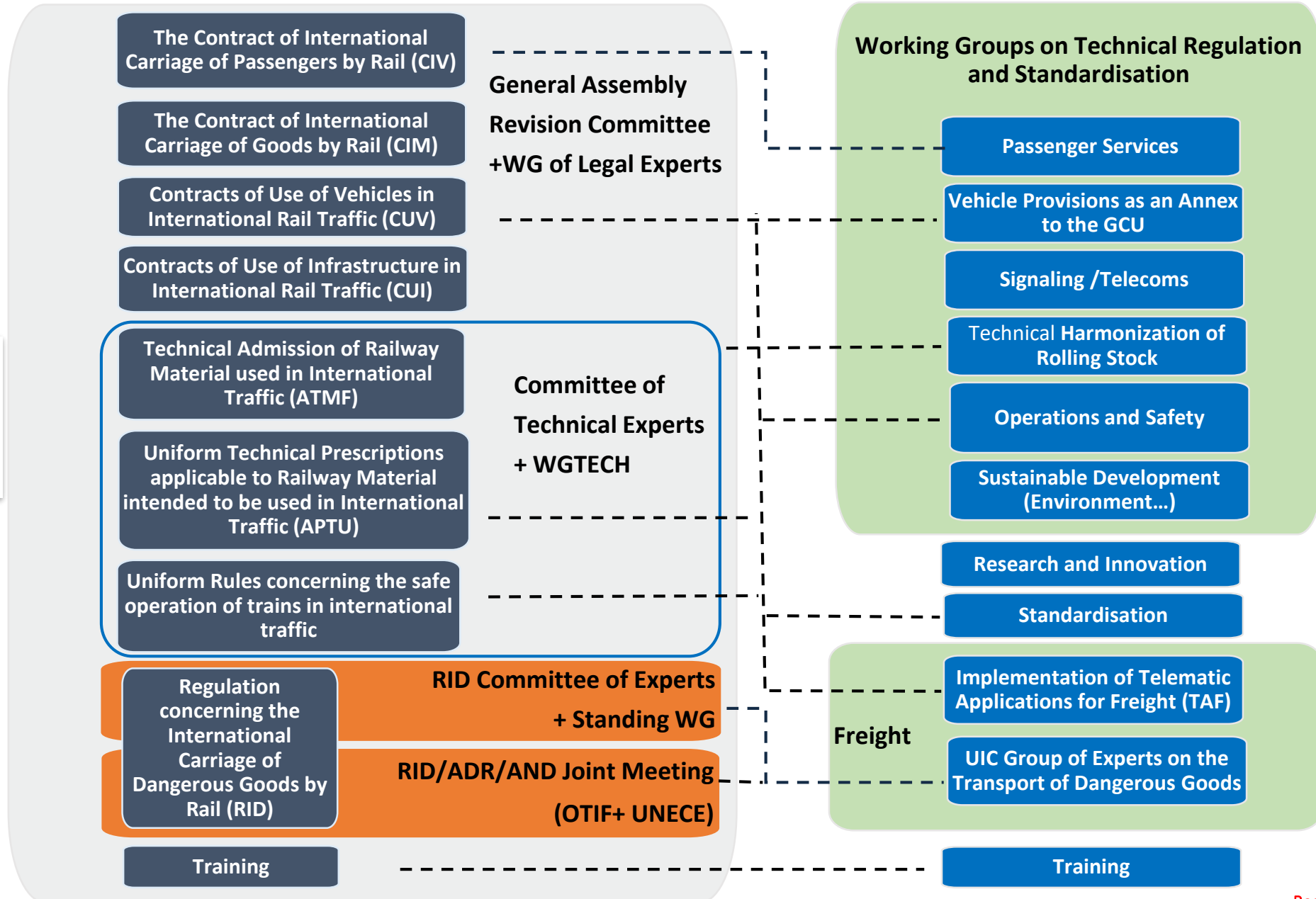
We would love to hear from you, which appendices are most relevant to you.

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OTIF and UIC



--- Areas for cooperation



INTERNATIONAL UNION OF RAILWAYS



Examples of OTIF-UIC complementarity

Partnership between UIC and OTIF aims:
to facilitate international transport by rail and to ensure effective harmonisation in the rail sector.

✓ **OTIF** provides the COTIF **legal framework** for international traffic by rail between 50 Member States.

✓ **UIC** is the professional association which **represents the railway sector** globally.



Example 1: Telematic applications / Digitalisation

OTIF provides legal requirements in form of UTP TAF (on the basis of the EU TSI), UIC provides implementing solutions such as common interface and central IT systems through Raildata.

Example 2: Contracts for use of wagons

OTIF provides legal requirements in form of CUV (Uniform Rules concerning the contract of use of vehicles), UIC with other Sector Representatives (UIP and ERFA) agree on the multilateral contract GCU (General Contract of Use for Wagons).



We are happy to help you get on track
to legal and technical interoperability

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