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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the 13th meeting of the Committee of Technical Experts of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) for the adoption of modifications to UTP locomotives and passenger rolling stock, UTP rolling stock – freight wagons, UTP concerning accessibility of the rail system for persons with disabilities and persons with reduced mobility, the adoption of the UTP applicable to train composition and route compatibility checks and the UTP applicable to the subsystem infrastructure, the upgrade of the references to the Technical Documents of TAF TSI listed in Appendix I of UTP TAF, and for the revision of ATMF with regard to Entities in Charge of Maintenance (ECM) – Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission submitted to the Council on 15 April 2021 the above-mentioned proposal for a Council Decision on the EU position at the 13th session of the Committee of Technical Experts of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF).

2. The 13th session of the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE) of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) will take place in Bern on 22 June 2021.

II. WORK AT THE PREPARATORY BODY

3. At their meeting of 27 April 2021, the members of the Working Party on Land Transport examined the proposal presented by the Commission. Following the agreement confirmed through written consultation at working party level, the text of the draft Council Decision was revised by the Council's legal-linguistic services.

III. CONCLUSIONS

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to endorse the draft Decision and to submit for adoption by the Council on 3 June 2021, as presented in document 8678/21, revised by the lawyer-linguists.

5. Once adopted, the European Parliament will be informed about the Council Decision.