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Subject: **Written Procedure with reply by Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 10:00 CET (Brussels time) by email to land@consilium.europa.eu**

Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF):
Common position at the 4th session of the OTIF Ad Hoc Committee on
Legal Affairs and International Cooperation, 18-20 April 2023

- Approval
 - End of the written procedure
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1. Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 2412/23 on 5 April 2023, and extended by CM 2412/23 REV 1, was completed on 18 April 2023.
 2. All delegations replied yes to both questions. The result of the written procedure is that Council approved the common position for the 4th meeting of the *ad hoc* Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation of OTIF, organised from 18 to 20 April 2023 in Berne, as set out in document ST 7918/23.
 3. The statement made by Hungary is to be found in the Annex to this communication.
- The Council Secretariat takes this opportunity to thank delegations for their cooperation.

STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

**ON THE PROPOSAL FOR COMMON POSITION AT
THE 4TH SESSION OF THE OTIF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

18-20 APRIL 2023

Hungary recognizes and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary, and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from international law. Furthermore, equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the concept of ‘gender’ as reference to ‘sex’ – referring exclusively to women and men – in the document Common Position at the 4th session of the OTIF Ad Hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation, 18-20 April 2023 (set out in document ST 7918/23).