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Observations of the Comité international des transports par chemins de fer (CIT)
on the preliminary draft Convention on the liability of international terminal
operators and the explanatory report thereto (Study XLIV - Doc. 14)

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"The unification of the law relating to the liability of international terminal operators is certainly not of capital importance to railways as goods delivered for international railway transport usually remain in the custody of the railway which is liable for them in accordance with the CIM Convention between the time of acceptance for carriage and the time of delivery. In certain situations however (temporary storage of the goods, circumstances preventing carriage or delivery), CIM refers to the provisions of national law applicable in that connection. This has not until now given rise to serious difficulties. It is nevertheless true that the attempt at unification by Unidroit seems to be useful on the understanding that the final text of the draft should clearly avoid any risk of conflict with existing Conventions."