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The Luxembourg Rail Protocol

In light of the significant developments that have taken place since the adoption of the Luxembourg Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Railway Rolling Stock (the "Luxembourg Rail Protocol"), UNIDROIT cordially invites its member States and States parties to the Convention to attend a half-day Symposium organised by the Ratification Task Force of the Preparatory Commission instituted under the Luxembourg Rail Protocol. The Symposium will provide a unique opportunity to discuss key aspects of the Protocol and its advantages, with the panellists and other experts.

AGENDA

- 3:00 – 3:30** **Registration & Coffee**
- 3:30 – 3:45** **Welcome and Introduction**
José Angelo ESTRELLA FARIA, UNIDROIT Secretary-General
François DAVENNE, OTIF Secretary General
- 3:45 – 4:25** **Session 1: The Luxembourg Rail Protocol – emerging opportunities**
Howard ROSEN, Chairman of the Rail Working Group
Elizabeth HIRST, Managing Director, Regulis SA (Registrar Designate of the International Registry under the Luxembourg Rail Protocol)
- 4:25 – 4:40** **Session 2: Updates from the Ratification Task Force**
Peter BLOCH (United States of America) and Mervi KAIKKONEN (Finland), Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Commission and Ratification Task Force
- 4:40 – 5:15** **Session 3: Roundtable on the benefits of the Protocol for the financing in the rail sector**
Moderator: Howard ROSEN, Chairman of the Rail Working Group
Roberta ODOARDI, Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers
Olivier DESFONTAINES, Head of Rail Finance, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank
- 5:15 – 5:30** **Concluding Remarks**
José Angelo ESTRELLA FARIA, UNIDROIT Secretary-General