

**Dear Chairmen and Chief Executives,
Dear Members,**

Subject: Invitation to the 6th edition of the International
Seminar on Railway Operating Safety and Security
Tangier, 19 - 21 April 2017

Attachment: Provisional programme and registration formalities

Paris, 09th February, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the sixth International Seminar on Railway Operating Safety and Security in Tangier (Morocco) from 19 - 21 April 2017. This edition will focus on the subject of **"High speed rail: the challenges of safe and secure operations"**, and is being organised jointly by Moroccan Railways (ONCF) and the International Union of Railways (UIC).

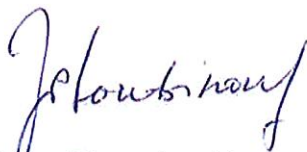
Following on from the last, highly successful, edition in Tanger in 2013, which was attended by around 250 people from 21 countries, around 40 expert speakers and 15 internationally-reputed sponsor companies, this sixth edition will be aimed at a range of decision-makers from various railways across the world, as well as manufacturers, researchers, and academics.

Please find attached the provisional programme for this year's event. The first two days of the conference will provide a platform via which to share experience and good practice surrounding high speed rail systems at all stages in their life cycle - from design through to construction and opening for revenue service.

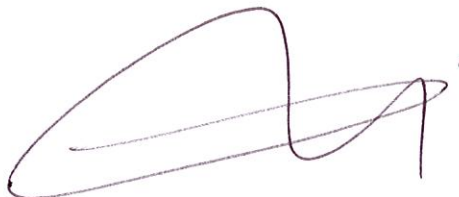
Day three will take the form of a visit to the site of the first Arab-African high speed line (200 km). Running from Casablanca, Morocco's business capital, to Tangier, the gateway to Europe, the line is currently 86% complete.

We are sure you will be interested in attending this important gathering, and will be pleased to count you and your key collaborators amongst us making a valuable contribution to our work. Please confirm your attendance by **7 April 2017**, as indicated in the attached document, so that we can make the necessary organisational arrangements.

We look forward to welcoming you to Tangier
Yours faithfully,



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UIC Director-General



Mohamed Rabie Khlie
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