

# Progress towards the Unified Railway Law

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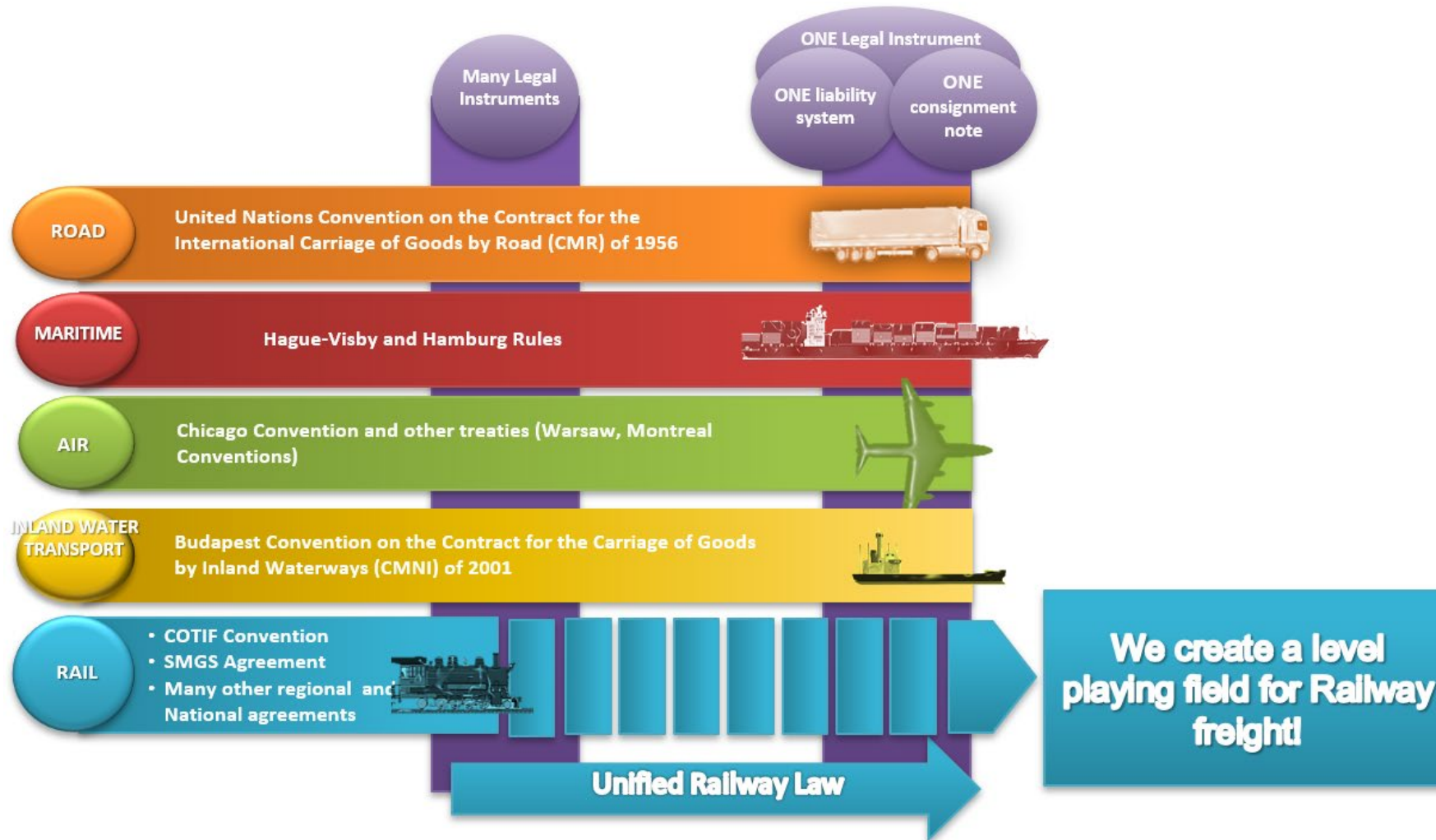
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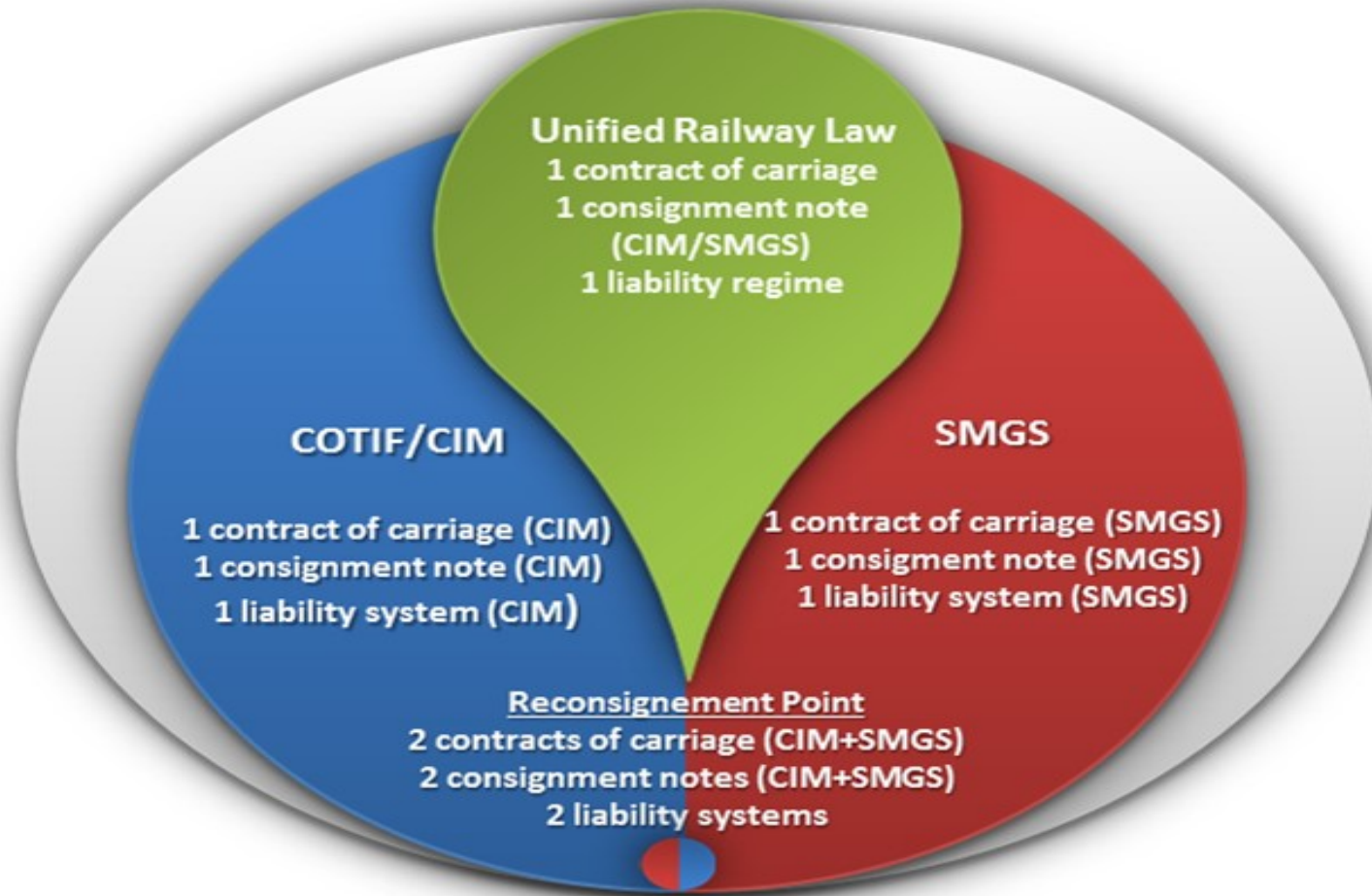


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# Leveling the playing field



# Unified Railway Law



# Unified Railway Law progress



- A draft new Convention prepared by the Group of Experts in 2014
- In 2016 ITC requested:
  - all additional documents be prepared and
  - pilot tests be carried out
- Corridors identified in 2016
- Virtual pilot test in 2017
- ITC in 2018 extended the work for a further 2 years

# Unified Railway Law - current mandate 1



- Main activities for the group:
  - Monitor the finalisation of the necessary documents
  - Monitor the performance of real pilot tests
  - Draft a document (or system of documents) on URL to be adopted as a legally binding instrument which shall:
    - take into account the draft legal provisions on the contract of carriage already prepared;
    - include the necessary formal provisions eg: depository, management, secretariat, etc.;
    - be structured in a way which allows to easily supplement it with provisions.

## Unified Railway Law - current mandate 2



- Real pilot test carried out on the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars line. The test was successful and showed that the URL worked.
- The group discussed whether to move to the next phase working towards a convention.
- The group recommended that SC.2 should consider an extension to the mandate of the group of 1 year to finalise this work.
- SC.2 to decide on next steps at its 73<sup>rd</sup> session next week.

# Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2)



- Workshop on Innovation in the railways in 2018 and on rail freight competitiveness in 2019
- Updating of AGC
- Further discussions on rail security and productivity.
- Safety in the railways
- Rail financing and PPPs
- New Convention on the transport of passengers and baggage

Next session 25-27 November 2019

**Thank you!**

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