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Foreword

The Inland Transport Committee (ITC) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe was created seventy-five years ago in the aftermath of the second World War to help promote recovery and prosperity in a war-ravaged Europe and beyond. Since the inception of the Committee, its core task has been to systematically address all elements related to the safety, facilitation and security of the international transport of goods and people via road, rail, inland waterways and other connections.

Today, the world is at another pivotal moment. Global challenges, from climate change to inequality and the economic and social disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, are threatening worldwide efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. With sustainable development at risk, coordinated global efforts among governments and key stakeholders are increasingly necessary.

The transport sector remains central – as part of the problem and the solution. Inland transport, for example, contributes significantly to global greenhouse gas emissions. As reflected in the discussions of the second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference, it is crucial that transport be integrated into a broader sustainable infrastructure agenda, especially in developing countries.

Sustainable transport is a key element of promoting sustainability, and the ITC is an established asset. As the only United Nations body specializing in inland transport, the ITC has a major role in shaping the international regulatory framework for inland transport and leading the global drive for more coordination, harmonization, and agreements among governments. May the ITC long continue its work to promote inclusive sustainable development for all people on a healthy planet.

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