

Past and Future of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee

Ministerial Meeting

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Italian intervention in Panel II: “ITC – Platform to link regulators and innovators:
technologies for sustainable mobility”

- Mr. Chairman, Honorable Ministers, Excellences, distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, let me thank UNECE for organizing this Ministerial meeting and devoting this event to the prominent role played by the Inland Transport Committee in the field of sustainable transport at international level; This remarkable event draws its full meaning from ITC past commitment, as well as from its future one;
- We believe that connectivity in transport is an important challenge for the coming years that is worth addressing at present since the concept of mobility is evolving rapidly towards alternative forms of propulsion and advanced driving technologies; also within the G7, under the Italian Presidency, the theme of automation and connectivity of transport will be prominent on the agenda;
- We welcome and support cooperation at international level to encourage the development and introduction on the market of means of transport with progressively increasing levels of automation until reaching – in the long term - the possible introduction of fully autonomous vehicles;
- I would like to stress the Italian interest and the active involvement within the UNECE in the task of casting the right framework for the mobility of the new era, also through the Chairmanship of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulation (WP29), and the Road Safety Forum (WP1). We would like to see ITC to increase its global dimension on the administration and promotion of Land Transport Conventions and agreements;
- In concluding my brief statement, I want to thank once again UNECE for its high quality work and for the preparation of the Ministerial resolution which my Government fully endorses.
