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**Draft decisions for consideration by the Economic Commission for Europe  
on items related to the Inland Transport Committee**

(for approval)

EXCOM is invited to submit the below draft decisions to the seventieth session of the Commission for consideration under agenda item 7 “Other issues calling for decision by the Commission.”

(As per standing practice, the text will undergo technical editing before issuance to ensure alignment with UN editorial guidelines.)

## **Draft decision on matters related to sustainable transport and mobility**

“The Economic Commission for Europe,

1. *Acknowledges* the importance of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) and of the eTIR international system towards seamless, paperless and efficient border-crossing operations internationally, further facilitating road/intermodal transport and trade, and requests the countries that have not yet performed interconnection of their customs systems with the eTIR international system to do so as soon as possible;

2. *Reiterates* its support to the TIR Convention recognizing the benefits it created since its entry into force for transport and trade facilitation, appealing for its further geographical expansion and inviting United Nations Member States from all regions to become contracting parties to the Convention;

3. *Welcomes* the efforts of the secretariat and the contracting parties to operationalize the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road concerning the electronic consignment note (eCMR protocol) to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR Convention), and invites all relevant parties to finalize this demanding task as soon as possible, and to ensure that the future eCMR system will include the interests of all stakeholders involved in today’s daily CMR practice and of all regions, thus creating a sustainable electronic solution and continuing the great success over time of the CMR Convention by leading road transport and therefore intermodal transport to a fully digital environment;

4. *Notes* the development of the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory on a Geographical Information Technology Platform, including the work done on the adaptation of transport infrastructure to climate change, invites countries to start using the tool and benefit from its services emphasizing that this work is a good practice that further facilitates the sustainable development of transport infrastructure;

5. *Welcomes* the establishment of a package of guidance or regulations in the area of vehicle automation by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE);

6. *Also welcomes* activities of the ECE/ITC World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and by United Nations Member States towards the establishment of minimum technical safety and specific environmental requirements for used and new vehicles designated for markets in low and middle-income countries, where some 90 per cent of global road crash fatalities occur;

7. *Notes* the ongoing work and regulatory results by the ECE/ITC World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations for the safety, energy consumption testing, and carbon Life-Cycle-Assessment of, *inter alia*, electric and hydrogen vehicles and emphasizes that these regulatory tools provide a sound basis for efficient decarbonization of road transport;

8. *Recalls* the use of the ITC carbon emission modelling tool For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS), and invites countries, regions or cities to request modelling of impact for

different policy measures planned towards mitigation of road transport-based carbon emissions”.

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