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Room XXVI, Palais des Nations**

**Written input from
Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport**

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Mr. Timothy Sullivan
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Dear Mr. Sullivan,

The Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT) would like to congratulate the Preparatory Committee for the preparation of the draft text, which provides a sound basis for the negotiations.

In particular, we welcome that the text:

- Recognises the key role of transport in facilitating trade and sustainable development,
- Recognises the links between job creation, social inclusion, infrastructure and interconnectivity,
- Recognises the special challenges of transport infrastructure and the importance of expanded infrastructure investments.
- Reaffirms the role of UNCTAD in supporting policy dialogues and co-operation mechanisms in the field of sustainable transport.

However, the following important aspects should be given more specific attention:

- The potential contribution of efficient and sustainable transport solutions to reducing transport and logistics costs.
- The necessity and urgency of transforming transport policy, planning and investments in order to reduce transport greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with the ambition of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
- The defining role of sustainable transport in ensuring cities sustainable urban economic development and to ensure that cities are attractive and healthy places to live and work.
- To avoid market failures and in accordance with the “polluter pays” principle - ensure transport user fees fully reflect the marginal social costs.
- The role of transport systems in providing “access for all” to economic opportunities (education, jobs etc.) in particular those in “vulnerable situations” (in accordance with SDG Target 11.2).
- The potential of information and communication technologies to improve the efficiency and use of transport infrastructure and vehicles and improve supply chain efficiency and integration.

- UNCTAD should work with developing countries to help them avoid historic, inefficient transport solutions and support them in moving directly to safe, clean and efficient transport infrastructure, systems and technologies.

The SLoCaT Partnership, welcomes, and expresses its willingness to participate actively in the “standing expert group on sustainable and resilient transport and logistics infrastructure services and trade logistics” to contribute its broad experience in order to maximise the contribution of sustainable transport to sustainable trade and development.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cornie Huizenga', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cornie Huizenga,
Secretary General
Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport

About

The Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT) is a multi-stakeholder partnership of over 90 organizations (representing UN organizations, multilateral and bilateral development organizations, NGOs and foundations, academia and the business sector).

Details of our membership and activities can be found at: www.slocat.net