

Secretary-General Secrétaire général

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Dear Mr. de Pretto,

Thank you for your letters dated 26 March 2020 and 4 May 2020 where you brought to my attention the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on the road transport industry, its workers and companies.

I share your concern about the need to maintain the sustainability of road transport companies, the backbone of modern economies, by defining packages of financial and non-financial measures to help road transport to support economic recovery in the short- and medium-term.

I have shared your letters with the ITF Secretary-General, Mr. Young Tae Kim. As the leader of that organisation, which brings together transport ministers from 60 member countries, Secretary-General Kim is well positioned to bring the problems and proposed solutions you identify to their attention for possible action.

We will also inform our member governments and financial institutions of your proposals in the context of a broader discussion on post-pandemic recovery measures.

I would like to thank you again for your proposals and readiness to provide practical advice.

Yours sincerely.

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