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Mr. Umberto de Pretto Secretary General International Road Transport Union Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Mr. de Pretto,

Thank you for your letter to Asian Development Bank (ADB) President dated 23 November 2020 regarding the International Road Transport Union's COVID-19 call for action.

ADB assists its developing members, and partners by providing loans, technical assistance, grants, and equity investments to promote social and economic development. ADB works with its member to deliver demand-based, country-owned, and results-oriented programs of assistance.

At present, ADB's Strategy 2030 sets the course in responding effectively to the region's changing needs to eradicate extreme poverty and expand its vision to achieve a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific.

In light of the pandemic, ADB is supporting its developing members in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak through finance, knowledge, and partnerships. The Transport Sector Group within ADB has also prepared a "Guidance Note on COVID-19 and Transport in Asia and the Pacific", which may be accessed through the following link: https://www.adb.org/documents/guidance-note-covid-19-transport-asia-pacific.

We wish to extend our best wishes to your organization.

Kind regards,

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