

STATEMENT

at the Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport
Progress Update Meeting
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Good morning Excellences,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the end of this year Turkmenistan will host the **1st UN Global Conference on Sustainable Transport**, initiated by the UN Secretary General, dedicated to the role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation, stability and sustainable development. Once again, we plan to highlight the importance of safe and secure roads in transit corridors to ensure that persons and cargo transit to their destinations without incident.

The convening of this Conference marks a momentous event designed to give impetus to the commencement of meaningful multilateral communication with respect to transportation problems and raising cooperation in this sphere to a qualitatively new level and transition to the adoption of concrete decisions.

The Conference will consider the Report prepared by the UN Secretary General' High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport and after its thorough discussion will adopt the final document, which will together establish the guidelines and milestones for development of global transportation system until year 2030. Importantly, the Conference will analyze situation in all modes of transport, including rail, road, air and sea, and its contribution to the global sustainable development in all regions and parts of the world. Business will play an important role in preparation for the Conference and will host the Private Sector Forum on the second day of the Conference in accordance with

recommendations of the recent ECOSOC Partnerships Forum, which emphasized the role of cross-sectoral partnerships in implementation of Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the UN for the next fifteen years.

Now it is time to discuss next-generation transport systems for the twenty-first century within wider platforms, such as Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport (GPST), and I am pleased to take part at today's meeting. As you are well aware, the GPST is a business and industry-lead, action-oriented, multi-stakeholder initiative involving all modes of transport.

The GPST embodies the vision of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and through its actions involving the transport industry, promotes the achievement of the SDGs. To date, it has already inspired numerous public-private partnerships that target ambitious, but realistic actions to improve the delivery of viable, accessible and sustainable transport solutions.

In addition to promoting concerted action among all modes of transport and between governments and industry actors, the GPST will also play an important role in ensuring that the Global Conference on Sustainable Transport delivers impactful results commensurate with the vision of a world where transport and mobility are accessible to all. Indeed, this is a core objective of the GPST, and its important role in this historic Conference brings us all closer to realizing this noble ambition.

With the support of the GPST in mobilizing multi-stakeholder participation and interaction at the Conference, my Government has every confidence that the outcome of this first-ever Global Conference on Sustainable Transport will be meaningful, measurable and will deliver long-term impact in accordance with the objectives of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, which Turkmenistan wholeheartedly support.

I thank you.