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Attn: Mr. Umberto de Pretto
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Dear Mr. de Pretto,

On behalf of the Permanent Secretariat (PS) of the Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA and on my own behalf, let me convey to you the assurances of my highest consideration and thank you for your letter № AD/GE1048038/UDP dated May 04, 2020.

For a long time, TRACECA and the IRU have been actively cooperating, supporting each other in many joint projects, and promoting useful initiatives on the interregional and international platforms.

Taking this opportunity, let me express my sincere appreciation for the significant contribution to strengthening partnership relations and enhancing cooperation between TRACECA and the IRU for the development of transport arteries of the Eurasian region.

Undoubtedly, we support you in your efforts to overcome the challenging times caused by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and the IRU initiative outlined in the call for action entitled "Driving the Recovery" to support the road transport industry.

In March of this year, the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, in its turn, prepared information on the border control measures taken with regard to the COVID-19 in the TRACECA countries, developed the Recommendations to ensure transport of goods under the restrictions adopted in the Corridor countries, and came forward with the initiative to adopt the Harmonized Conditions for the Transport of Goods under the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus Infection Pandemic.

We also believe that the recovery of trade between countries will continue until the end of 2021, with the implementation of restrictive measures to varying degrees. Therefore, along with the adoption of the Harmonized Conditions for the Transport of Goods by the MLA member states, the formation and early implementation of measures of state support for the road transport industry (tax, budget, etc.) are of particular importance.

We express our readiness to promote the elaboration of support measures within our competence once again.

In connection with the above-stated, dear Mr. de Pretto, the Permanent Secretariat sent an initiative - the IRU appeal to the Chairmen of the National Commissions of the MLA TRACECA member states for consideration and is waiting for the relevant comments.

In conclusion, let me renew to you the assurance of my highest consideration and thank you for your support in promoting joint efforts to effectively fight against the pandemic for the development of the road transport industry in particular, and the routes in international transport as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

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