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The Secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Embassies of the ECO Member States in Tehran, and has the honour to enclose the **"IRU Emergency Call for Action on COVID-19 Vaccinations for Professional Drivers"**.

The Secretariat while highlighting the vital role of transit transport in securing the supply chain particularly for the LLDCs, shares the same concern raised by the International Road Union (IRU) and urgently requests the Member States to prioritize vaccinating the professional transit drivers as the key players of supply chains

Further to remind that the Virtual Meeting of the ECO Transport Ministers (15 December 2020) approved the **"ECO Practical Guidelines On Cross Border Facilitation Measures Under Conditions of COVID-19"** and requested the Member States to implement the Guidelines within their territories ensuring unhindered passage of goods and essential services particularly medical supplies and food stuff at border crossing points (enclosed).

Considering the above and the detailed aspects of the given IRU's letter, the esteemed Ministry and Embassies are requested to kindly approach their relevant authorities for ascertaining necessary actions in vaccination of professional transit drivers and facilitative measures at their respective Border Crossing Points.

The ECO Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the esteemed Ministry and the esteemed Embassies, the assurances of its highest consideration.

All ECO Member States - Tehran

