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Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

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Dear Mr. de Pretto,


In reference to your letter dated 4 May 2020, Ref: AD/GE1048028/UDP, I would like to thank you for your efforts calling for actions for the economic recovery in transport industry.

Indeed, ECLAC is also monitoring the COVID-19 impacts in our region and is collaborating jointly with the other Regional Commissions of the United Nations, and with IRU, in the monitoring of the cross-borders situation and impacts on logistics, through the Observatory on Border Crossing Status due to COVID-19.

ECLAC has also its own [COVID-19 Observatory in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) to support review and follow-up over the medium and long terms. The Observatory tracks the public policies that the 33 countries of the Latin America and Caribbean region are implementing to limit the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and offers analyses of the economic and social impacts that these policies will have at the national and sectoral levels, for example: movements restrictions, health, economy, employment, social protection and education.

We look forward to further collaborating with IRU on these important issues during this pandemic but also in the recovery phase. For this purpose, I have designated Mr. Ricardo J. Sánchez, Senior Economic Affairs Officer of the Division of International Trade and Integration (e-mail: [ricardo.sanchez@cepal.org](mailto:ricardo.sanchez@cepal.org)), as focal point to follow-up on this matter.

I take this opportunity to express the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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