

MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON TRANSPORT SAFETY AND SECURITY

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Preamble

Safety and security are of fundamental concern for transport, both as the basis of a citizen's right to travel without fear, and as a condition for the reliable and efficient transport of goods.

Nearly 3500 lives are lost each day to road crashes across the globe; transport systems are moreover increasingly impacted by terrorist activities, and natural disasters.

These disruptions to the system have global, national and local impacts, and the responses to these trends should be commensurate in nature.

The digital revolution is bringing new tools and innovative approaches to improving safety and security, including efficient exchange and use of big data and transport automation. However, new technologies generate new challenges, including the need for greater infrastructure investment, the complexity of integration, data privacy concerns, and cybersecurity risks.

Against this backdrop, strong political leadership to implement existing safety and security measures is essential, along with international cooperation to address common governance concerns.

We, the Ministers responsible for transport in the member countries of the International Transport Forum, have assembled under the Presidency of Latvia to seek understanding of, and orient our response to, these challenges.

Safety for sustainable and inclusive road and rail transport

We:

commend countries' efforts to meet the goal of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020) to significantly reduce road traffic deaths and injuries; but **underscore** that deaths and serious injuries still need to decrease substantially;

encourage an integrated approach to reduce or eliminate road traffic fatalities and serious injuries backed by intermediate voluntary targets with regular monitoring to guide actions;

support efforts and initiatives that take into account the need for safe transport for everyone across all means of transport, notably vulnerable travellers such as pedestrians, cyclists, children, older and disabled people;

promote involvement of civil society in the elaboration of road safety policies and initiatives, as well as public campaigns to raise awareness;

support initiatives to improve the quality of road safety data and data science techniques to understand risk factors and monitor and evaluate road safety policies;

recognise that rail has been the safest mode of land transport, but given safety incidents in recent years, **we encourage** improvements that are based on the structural reduction of the probability of fatalities, injuries and damage;

foster increased cooperation, exchange of best practice, improved training and qualification, coordinated financing and enhanced use of digital technologies among all stakeholders to achieve sustained improvement of safety across the sector.

Security of passenger transport

We:

promote a security culture whereby all actors -- from individual travellers to service providers and infrastructure planners -- contribute to a more safe and secure transport system;

support initiatives that improve the efficiency of transport security systems through advanced risk-analysis, scanning and screening techniques and procedures, and improved passenger information exchange, while ensuring respect for individuals and their privacy, and smooth passenger processing;

commit ourselves to cooperate globally with public and private sector entities to combat human trafficking, terrorism and other crime involving transport networks, and raise awareness of security issues among the travelling public and transport service providers;

promote policies and initiatives that ensure safe and secure mobility of all travellers, regardless of income level, age, ability, gender identity or ethnicity, thereby providing better access to economic opportunity, social participation and public services.

Safe, secure and resilient transport systems

We:

join forces in counteracting any deliberate, malicious disruptions to the transport system that cause death and injury to its passengers and workers and compromise the physical integrity of transport infrastructure and equipment;

recognise that enhanced measures are necessary to ensure that transport systems are resilient to extreme weather events and natural disasters;

emphasise that sustainable, resilient supply chains are fundamental to provide transport connectivity and efficient trade flows, and ultimately, to enable economic growth. In this context, we **call for** consistent and coordinated dialogue between governments and business to ensure safe and secure transport logistics;

foster cross-border cooperation between relevant agencies and entities in order to reduce crime in freight transport. In this context, we **support** initiatives that feature better exchange of high-quality data;

recognise that maritime safety and security must be addressed through international cooperation. In this context, we **will** contribute to further improving maritime safety and security, including through the work of the International Maritime Organization;

promote the safety and security of inland waterways through cooperative initiatives with relevant organisations;

support further improvement in aviation safety and security, including through the work of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Innovation and new technologies for a safer and more secure transport

We:

recognise the potential and challenges brought by digitalisation in transport;

encourage cooperation among all stakeholders to test, demonstrate and evaluate the effects of these new technologies while optimising resources and sharing good practice and knowledge;

promote measures for real-time exchange and use of robust data to enhance safe and secure passenger and freight transport, while ensuring cyber security and data protection;

encourage application of big data analytics to obtain insights from real-time exchange of data;

welcome developments in transport automation in all transport modes, in particular, advancements in automated, co-operative and connected driving that increase road safety, as well as the exploration of civil drone technologies to ensure their safe and secure integration within the transport system;

seek the rapid deployment of advanced safety technologies on all types of conventional motor vehicles and **endorse** the exchange of information and the sharing of best practice to enable and accelerate the safe and secure deployment of these innovative technologies within and across national borders, in cooperation with the recognised international transport organisations.
