

**SEVENTY-NINE SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA
AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)**

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AGENDA ITEM 4(f)

**Report of the Committee on Transport on its Seventh Session
23 - 25 November 2022**

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Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

1. It is my honour and privilege to have assumed the role of the chair of the Committee on Transport at its seventh session from 23 to 25 November 2022, and to present its outcomes to the Commission.

2. The Committee reviewed the implementation of the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026), and stressed the need for a sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery in the transport sector following the COVID-19 pandemic and other recent disruptions.

3. The Committee reaffirmed its support for the development of the regional transport network and considered it necessary to boost efforts to enhance regional and interregional transport connectivity, particularly leveraging on the Intergovernmental Agreements on the Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railways and Dry Ports.

4. The Committee also acknowledged the importance of sustainable transport development to address climate change challenges. The Committee welcomed the establishment of a regional cooperation mechanism on low carbon transport to promote green and low-carbon transport pathways and noted with appreciation the development of the Asia-Pacific Initiative on Electric Mobility. The Committee requested to continue the exchange of knowledge, provision of technical assistance and capacity building on low carbon transport, which reflects the theme of this year's Commission Session. .

5. On safe and inclusive transport and mobility, the Committee welcomed the Regional Plan of Action for Asia and the Pacific for the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030, and stressed that transport could play a significant role in

ensuring inclusiveness in the region and that current transport systems need rapid transformation to ensure access to services and markets for all users.

6. On behalf of the Committee on Transport, we welcome and count on the continued support of the Commission and of the secretariat in the efforts towards sustainable, resilient and inclusive transport development in Asia and the Pacific through the implementation of the regional transport action programme.

7. I thank you Chair.

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