

Country statement
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Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all of you attending the 7th Session of the Committee on Transport of ESCAP.

Over the past two years, we have much experienced that the coordination of trade and transportation is one of the important issues that we need to focus on. Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the countries for overcoming this difficult time together.

Mongolia aims to increase its participation and contribution to the regional and international socio-economic integration, and to expand its cooperation in every sector with other countries. At a time when the trade turnover between the regions is increasing significantly, Mongolia intends to participate in trade and transport network between Asia and Europe, to divert the freight transportation through the territory of Mongolia, and to join the regional logistics networks.

In order to develop the diversified transport network and facilitate the regional and international trade and transport, the Government of Mongolia has adopted medium and long-term development policies, such as Vision-2050 and New Revival Policy, to intensify the construction of infrastructure in road, transport, energy, telecommunications, mining, manufacturing and tourism sectors, and to develop the connections to foreign countries and neighboring countries.

Within the framework of the New Revival Policy, we will focus on six main areas based on the active public-private partnership and close cooperation with foreign investors. Under this medium-term policy, the Port Revival Policy is one of key areas that aims to increase the capacity of dry ports and improve the transport and logistics infrastructure in Mongolia.

In this context, we have launched major railway projects in southern region of the country in order to expand the railway network. Further, a total of 1,700 km of railways are planned to be built in the coming years.

As part of the goals of facilitating transportation and improving border crossings, we have fully completed the western road corridor, a part of AH-4 route of the Asian Highway Network.

Regarding the progress in road transport sector, we are pleased to inform that the Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network signed by Mongolia, Russia and China has been successfully implemented over the past years. Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to ESCAP for a great support to the implementation of this open agreement, and I am very confident that we will continue our cooperation in the further activities, such as upcoming meetings, researches and pilot transportation within the framework of this agreement.

In addition, we would like to cooperate with ESCAP in the operation of National Committee on Transport of Mongolia, which is established this month by the Government of Mongolia in order to monitor the implementation of international treaties and agreements on transport which Mongolia has joined, to expand the cooperation in transport sector, and to improve its legal framework.

I am pleased to mention that the National Workshop on Planning for Resilient and Inclusive Public Transport Systems in Ulaanbaatar was successfully organized by ESCAP jointly with the Government of Mongolia in September, 2022 in Ulaanbaatar. This workshop was a great place to discuss the importance of developing reliable, accessible, and high-quality public transport system to attract users and reducing the emissions caused by vehicles. In order to promote the best result, the National Committee on Reduction of Road Traffic Congestion of Mongolia has been actively working with the relevant organizations.

As a member state of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports, we focus on the establishment of dry ports in Altanbulag, Ulaanbaatar, Sainshand, Zamyn-Uud and Choibalsan, which are significantly important for the facilitation of trade and transport and increase of transit transportation. We hereby would like to highlight the importance of support and cooperation of all the countries in the implementation of this agreement.

Last but not least, Mongolia will be closely cooperating with you in all aspects to develop the international transport and logistics network, to build its infrastructure, and to create the conditions for the seamless and safe transportation.

I wish you a great success. Thank you for your attention.

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