

Thank you Mr. Chairman!

Dear participants of the 6th session of the Committee of Transport, who are in the hall and who participate in a virtual format.

After the speech of the President of Uzbekistan at the 75th session of the UN General Assembly on September 23 this year, the Uzbek side has repeatedly stated, including here in UNESCAP, that for Uzbekistan strengthening regional cooperation in the field of transport is a key priority for achieving sustainable development goals both in our country and for the Central Asia states as a whole.

Uzbekistan pays much attention to the accelerated development of transport and transit potential, to the formation of an effective system of land communications in the region.

We have actively supported the One Belt One Road initiative, which offers wide-ranging prospects for strengthening regional and interregional connectivity.

Today, Central Asia, as in the days of the Great Silk Road, can once again become a hub of trade, economic and transport-transit corridors between Europe and Asia.

We welcome the launch of a new multimodal transport corridor China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan, and are in favor of speeding up the development of project for the construction of a railway along this route.

We also propose to join efforts in shaping an integrated network of dry ports, logistics and wholesale distribution centers within the framework of the Belt and Road initiative.

Suggestions to create new transport corridors linking the railroad systems of Central and South Asia are of great importance. This would seal the overland transport system of the Eurasian continent.

Dear participants,

As I mentioned, at the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Uzbekistan came up with a proposal to establish a Regional Center for Transport and Communication Connectivity under the auspices of the UN.

The idea of establishing a Regional Center is that the Central Asian region should become a strong subject of interregional trade and economic processes and participate in shaping the agenda in this direction.

We look forward to the active support of this initiative by our partners, especially UNESCAP, our neighboring countries, donor states and actors, as well as other international institutions.

I thank you for your attention.