

### **Statement of 3C by Mr. Bert Fabian, UNEP**

I reconstructed my short intervention yesterday for Agenda Item 3: Cross-cutting issues in transport (b) Environmentally sustainable transport systems and services, as I did not have pre-prepared notes. Please find below.

“Thank you very much Madam Chair, and thank you ESCAP for inviting UNEP to the Sixth Session of the Committee on Transport. UNESCAP and UNEP are co-leads of the Issue-Based Coalition on Air Pollution and Climate Change in Asia Pacific, which strives to increase effective actions in reducing air pollution in the region. We’ve all seen the beauty of our environment due to clean air in March 2020 as the lockdowns due to COVID-19 started. We would like to encourage that as we rebuild our economies, we build back better, we build back greener. UNEP has historically supported cleaner and efficient fuels and vehicle policies including e-mobility in the region, through progressive vehicle emission standards and fuel quality standards. I would like to share our recent study on the Global Trade of Used Vehicles, which provides recommendations to improve and develop regulations in developed and developing markets in order to make the second-hand vehicle trade more sustainable. UNEP is also leading, together with the International Energy Agency, the Global Electric Mobility Programme that aims to support countries in developing comprehensive framework and policy development, demonstrating e-mobility projects, battery management, etc. Country members in ESCAP, like Uzbekistan, Armenia, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Philippines, Indonesia are included in this global program. In addition, and through our work with the German Government’s International Climate Initiative we recently finalized Policy Guidelines for Electric 2&3 wheelers in the ASEAN. The report was developed with the EV industry associations in Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, and Singapore; and specific to the context of Southeast Asian countries but of course the information may also be relevant and useful to the other countries. I will be happy to provide more information on our work. “

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