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Proposal for establishment of a special Trust Fund

Submitted by the Government of Ukraine
The Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and has the honour to address with the following.

Ukraine, and in particular the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine, on a regular basis takes active part in the UNECE activities for many years.

Moreover, representatives of Ukraine chair working bodies within the UNECE and participate in the UNECE Inland Transport Committee Bureau. Namely, Mr. Oleksandr Fedorov is the chair of the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP.30) and Mr. Roman Symonenko chairs the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) and is a member of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee Bureau.

However, due to the current precarious financial situation in Ukraine as well as in some other UNECE Member States, there are some essential difficulties in funding the representatives for their participation in the UNECE key activities, which makes relevant presentation of interests of that States virtually impossible.

In this regard, the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine kindly addresses with a proposal to consider the possibility of establishing a special trust fund, designed for the provision of financial support to countries representatives for participation in the UNECE activities.

The Secretariat of the UNECE could be an administrator of these funds, which will be accumulated through the voluntary contributions from the Member States having such an opportunity, as well as from other international governmental and non-governmental organizations (without prejudice to their internal legislation or other obligations).

Taking into account the importance of the Member States participation in the UNECE bodies on a regular basis, the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine kindly asks you to consider our proposal and inform the Ukrainian Side about the decision taken.

The Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the UNECE the assurances of its highest consideration and expresses the hope for further fruitful cooperation in the field of transport.

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