ITC-related matters
Highlights and Outcomes of the 2019 ITC High-level Policy Segment on "Automation in Transport"

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Ministers from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East

400 participants from 75 countries

High-profile speakers

Cutting-edge side events and demos

Ministerial Resolution on transport automation and digitalization
Recognizing that digitalization, including of transport documents, the availability and exchange of essential data without compromising business secrets, and the deployment of new technologies, such as intelligent transport systems, automated driving, e-navigation and smart shipping, taking into account the e-navigation strategy and activities to enable maritime automation in the International Maritime Organization (IMO), improve the efficiency of transport and should therefore be accelerated,
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collaboration, and appropriate intergovernmental platforms that facilitate that collaboration.
Recognizing the global relevance of the work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,
Acknowledging the Committee as a unique United Nations center providing comprehensive national and global platforms for the consideration of all aspects of inland transport development and cooperation, including digitalization of transport documents and data, and automation,

Decide to:
1. Reaffirm our commitment to strengthen the role of the Inland Transport Committee as the United Nations platform for inland transport and, therefore, to support the development, use and safe integration in transport systems of digital and other relevant technologies and innovations in all transport modes and in particular in the areas of TIR, CMR and AETR, and in general of transport data and documents, automated/autonomous and connected vehicles, e-navigation, river information services, and Intelligent Transport Systems, including smart infrastructure and smart mobility, as a main pillar of the Committee’s Strategy until 2030, thus improving traffic safety, environmental performance and efficient provision of transport and mobility services;

2. Express our resolve to ensure that the Committee’s relevant regulatory functions, its greatest asset and top priority, keep pace with the cutting-edge technologies supporting transport innovation and remain open, inclusive and available to all United Nations Member States;

3. Call upon States to promote the full use of information and communication technologies in inland transport, with particular emphasis on the computerization of procedures established under the United Nations transport conventions administered by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, and to strengthen cooperation with International Financial Institutions to attract funding for innovative projects;

4. Pledge to work towards the full implementation of the e-TIR system, the rapid entry into force of Annex 11 to the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), including by ensuring the required financing for and implementation of e-TIR at the national level, and to promote accessions to and the operationalization of e-CMR;

5. Express our conviction that harmonization, supported by common specifications and transparency standards, is essential for effective decision-making on automated/autonomous and connected vehicles, in the context of inland and interoperable transport system, and that the greater use of new technologies in inland transport has vast potential to provide solutions that improve efficiency, prevent road accidents, increase intermodality and reduce pollution and greenhouse gases.

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Adoption of the ITC Strategy

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2019
81st Annual session
Adoption of ITC Strategy 2030

2018
80th Annual session
- Discussion paper on ITC Strategy
- Background report

2017
79th Annual session:
- Resolution
- ECE/TRANS/2017/R.1

Resolution on inland transport
- 79th Annual session
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Thank you!