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This document, submitted by the International Road Transport Union, proposes a draft text of SC.1 resolution as per invitation of the Inland Transport Committee at its session in 2016 (para. 149, ECE/TRANS/254) when ITC invited the Working Parties to consider preparing resolutions for adoption on the occasion of the Committee's seventieth anniversary on topics that are important for their work.

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Acknowledges the importance of the existing UN international legal instruments related to road transport;

Recognises the role of road transport as a production tool in the globalised economy and as an enabler of the UN Sustainable Development Goals;

Takes note of the ongoing activities of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) to facilitate international road transport for passengers and goods;

Recognises the work of SC1 to continuously update the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR);

Welcomes the work the SC1 on the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) and the Trans-European-Motorway (TEM) Project;

Underlines the importance of the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) and the additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note to facilitate international road transport;

Welcomes the support of United Nations organisations, national delegations and international organisations representing the road transport industry to the work of SC.1;

Recognises the improvement of professionalism in the road transport industry through training programmes provided by the IRU Academy and other national training institutes;

Ensures effective implementation and geographical expansion of the AETR Agreement and particularly of the provisions on the digital Tachograph;

Implements AGR standards which have the purpose of enhancing regional integration, economic development, social inclusiveness and the decarbonisation of transport;

Encourages further developments toward paperless cross border trade;

Invites governments to adhere to and support operationalising the additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note;

Invites governments to accede and fully implement tried and test UN Conventions that facilitate transport and thus trade;

Considers developing new legal instruments relevant to international transport facilitation of passengers and goods.