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Review and monitoring of emerging issues and sustainable development goals:

**Transport Trends and Challenges in the road, rail and inland waterways
sectors**

Second Informal Multidisciplinary Advisory Group Meeting on Transport Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis

Note by the secretariat



Second Informal Multidisciplinary Advisory Group Meeting on Transport Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis

Geneva, 8 September 2020

10H00 – 12H00 (both in-person & through Interprefy)

10h00-10h05 – Welcoming remarks

Mr. Piet De Wildt, Chair, Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5)

Mr. Yuwei Li, Director, UNECE Sustainable Transport Division

10h05-10h20 – Introduction by the secretariat

- Presentation of Working Document 10 "Taking stock of the resilience of the inland transport sector to pandemics and international emergency situations" (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2020/10)

Mr. Roel Janssens, Secretary, Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5), UNECE Sustainable Transport Division

10h20-11h00 – COVID-19 responses – Updates by Governments and international and regional organisations

Selected topics:

- Further measures taken and policies implemented since the first informal multidisciplinary advisory group meeting
- Remaining challenges and obstacles in the wake of the crisis

Interventions (5-7 minutes)

Q&A

11h00-11h50 – Discussion on possible recommendations for further action by the inland transport community and the role of UNECE

Selected questions:

- What action is needed at the regulatory level to further strengthen the inland transport sector's resilience towards future pandemics?
- Are existing international legal instruments/ Conventions to be amended/ expanded upon in order to strengthen their role in boosting the international transport community's responsiveness to future pandemics or should new instruments be developed instead?
- How to tap the full potential of ongoing transport digitalization initiatives in the fight against COVID-19 and possible future pandemics?
- How to promote continuous regional and inter-regional dialogue on transport community pandemic preparedness issues?

Interventions (5-7 minutes):

Q&A

11h50-12h00 – Wrap-up, agreement on next steps
