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Measures to support international rail carriers in pandemics

Survey on review on measures to support rail during the pandemic

The railway sector has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The mandate for the Group of Experts on International Railway Passenger Hubs requires a comparative analysis to be undertaken on the incentives provided by governments to the railway sector to help it during the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to undertake this assessment, the secretariat has prepared the short survey below. Please complete the survey on behalf of your entity (government, operator, infrastructure manager, other stakeholder) identifying which country you are referring to in the event that your activities span more than one country. Please fill in one survey per country of operation.

Please provide your answers to the secretariat (sc.2@un.org) by **10 December 2021**.

Name of entity:

Type of entity (Please underline):

- Government,
- Infrastructure Manager,
- Railway Undertaking,

Other Stakeholder - Please specify:

Country which your response covers:

Survey questions:

1. Is there Government support for the railway system through direct financial contributions?

Yes

No

Please provide details if available:

2. Is that contribution given to the infrastructure manager, to the railway undertakings or both?

Please provide details if available:

3. Was there a decrease in access charges for railway undertakings?

Yes

No

Please provide details if available:

4. Was Government support provided through a decrease or elimination of VAT or other taxes?

Yes

No

Please provide details if available:

5. Was Government support provided through the use of guaranteed loans for the Railway Undertakings or Infrastructure Managers?

Yes

No

Please provide details if available:

6. Were any adjustments made to public service obligations related funds for the railway companies?

Yes

No

Please provide details if available:

7. Has the Government introduced any measure to increase the safety for the passengers (ex. Covid tested trains) to increase ridership during the pandemic?

Yes

No

Please provide details if available:

8. Are any of these measures time limited?

Yes

No

Please provide details if available:

9. Where they are time limited, are they due to be extended into 2022?

Yes

No

Please provide details if available:

10. Could you please rank the most important measure to support the railway sector from your point of view based on your experience (1 most important – 5 less important)?

Desired economic measures

Choose the priority (1=most important, 5=less important)

Direct Economic Contribution

Decrease Access Charge

Decrease/Elimination TVA

Guaranteed loans

Fair level playfield between all transport mode
