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Summary

At its seventh session, the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) agreed that, as of 2010 and beginning with its eighth session, a half-day in-depth discussion would be organized, including speakers from the private sector, academia, Government and civil society, in order to stimulate participation and to more actively engage member States and other stakeholders in a debate on relevant issues involving the three sectors of THE PEP (ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/8-EUR/09/5088363/8, para. 46).

In accordance with that decision, topics for discussion are to be in line with the four priority goals adopted by the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (January 2009, Amsterdam), with the Symposium addressing one goal per year of the Amsterdam Declaration over the period 2010–2013. This will allow the Committee to contribute to the assessment of progress made towards attaining the Amsterdam Goals, leading up to the Fourth High-level Meeting in 2014.

THE PEP 2011 Symposium will consist of a panel discussion with speakers to share experience and raise awareness about the issues encompassed by Goal 2 of the Amsterdam Declaration: "To manage sustainable mobility and promote a more efficient transport system".

Member States, civil society and other stakeholders will be encouraged to participate actively in the Symposium by intervening from the floor, engaging in debate and proposing recommendations. A separate programme for the thematic session will be made available in advance of the meeting.