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Note to the Secretary General

✓ Outcome of the meeting of the High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport

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The Secretary-General's High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport held its 4th meeting in Santiago, Chile, on 30 May 2016. The meeting was co-chaired by the host Ms. Carolina Toha, Mayor of Santiago, and Mr. Martin Lundstedt, CEO of Volvo Group. The Advisory Group reviewed the draft of the "Global Sustainable Transport Outlook Report", a key output of the Advisory Group as stipulated in its ToR.

This is the first global report on sustainable transport prepared under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General. It was drafted by a team including three Sherpas and three members of the Technical Working Group, with DESA coordinating technical assistance from a variety of sources. The Advisory Group endorsed the overall directions and structure of the draft report consisting of a preface, call for action, executive summary and three analytical chapters. After extensive interactive discussion, the Advisory Group agreed on the following:

- a) The outlook report should be positioned in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs and also within the broader picture of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement, taking into account the forthcoming Habitat-III;
- b) The report should strike a balance across all transport modes, and between the priorities of developing and developed countries;
- c) Recommendations should be concise, pragmatic, action-oriented, and forward-looking, addressing the key challenges of sustainable transport such as accessibility, affordability, road safety, climate mitigation, etc.
- d) The report should reflect the cross-cutting nature of sustainable transport, its role as a dynamic enabler of sustainable development and its impact on the achievement of SDGs.

The Advisory Group also discussed the way forward. Taking into account the relevant major UN conferences such as Habitat-III and COP-22 in Marrakesh, the Advisory Group agreed to aim for launching the outlook report (final, edited, and printed version) through a launch event in New York sometime during the last week of October 2016. Members expressed their keen hope that the Secretary-General will attend the launch event so as to ensure wider dissemination of the messages of the report. The Advisory Group also expressed their interest to contribute to the Secretary-General's initiative in convening a global conference on sustainable transport, to be held in Turkmenistan.

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The Advisory Group tasked the Sherpas to revise the draft outlook report and submit the next version for review and endorsement by the end of July. The key messages and recommendations of the report, as well as the commitments of the Members to continue advancing sustainable transport will clearly be an integral part of the Secretary-General's legacy in climate action, poverty eradication and the future of sustainable development.

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WU Hongbo
3 June 2016

cc: Deputy Secretary-General



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Dear colleagues,

Please find attached a note from Mr. Wu to the Secretary-General entitled, " Outcome of the meeting of the High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport"

Thank you,
Michael



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Best regards,
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