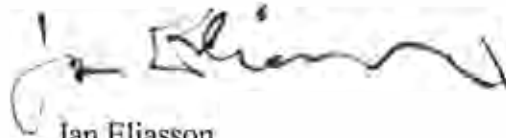


Note to Mr. Wu

High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport

1. Thank you for your Note to the Secretary-General dated 30 April 2014. On behalf of the Secretary-General, I acknowledge progress in the composition of the High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport. However, there is a need to accelerate efforts to finalise the identification of members and confirmation of their interests to join the Advisory Group.
2. With new members, I believe that we can address issues such as geographical and gender balance. This will also prevent the Board being subjected to any criticisms. Once the final composition of the Advisory Group has been presented, the Secretary-General will appoint all the members.



Jan Eliasson
16 May 2014

cc: Ms. Malcorra
Senior Appointments

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Note to the Deputy Secretary-General

High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport

Please find attached for your consideration and approval, a note to Mr. Wu (DESA) regarding the High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport. The Note from Mr. Wu to the Secretary-General refers to the decision by EOSG on 20 March 2014 authorising DESA to contact a short list of eminent persons on their availability for serving on the Advisory Group.



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Note to the Secretary-General

High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport

Following the decision by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General on 20 March 2014 authorizing DESA to contact a short list of eminent persons on their availability for serving on the Advisory Group, the Department has received the following confirmations:

1. **Mr. Olof Persson**, CEO of the Volvo Group, as Co-Chair (Sweden)
2. **Mr. Frank Appel**, CEO of Deutsche Post DHL (Germany)
3. **Mr. Morten Engelstoft**, Chief Operating Officer of Maersk Line (Denmark)
4. **Mr. Jean Pierre Loubinoux**, Director General of the International Union of Railways (France)
5. **Mr. Len Roueche**, CEO of Interferry (Canada)
6. **Mr. Alain Flausch**, Secretary-General of International Association of Public Transport Operators (UITP) (Belgium)
7. **Ms. Milica Bajic- Brkovic**, President of the International Society of Urban and Regional Planners (Serbia)
8. **Mr. Victor Kiryanov**, Deputy Minister of Interior of the Russian Federation (Russia)
9. **Ms. Carolina Toha**, Mayor of Santiago (Chile)
10. **Mr. Patrick Ho**, Secretary-General of China Energy Fund Committee (Hong Kong, China).

The President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Mr. Takehiko Nakao expressed support for the Advisory Group but is not available. ADB proposed Mr. Bindu Lohani, Vice President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, to represent it on the Advisory Group.

The President of the Ford Foundation welcomed the initiative of establishing the Advisory Group and nominated Dr. Xavier de Souza Briggs, a distinguished, award-winning professor of urban planning at MIT, concurrently serving as Ford Foundation's Vice President for Economic Opportunity and Assets, to serve on the Advisory Group.

Still yet to confirm their availability are the following:

1. **Ms. Aminata Touré**, Prime Minister of Senegal, as Co-Chair
2. **Mr. E.E. Mangindaan**, Minister of Transport, (Indonesia)
3. **Ms. Fumiko Hayashi**, Mayor of Yokohama (Japan)
4. **Ms. Maty Mint Hamady**, Mayor of Nouakchott (Mauritania)
5. **Ms. Tanya Sanchez-Muller**, Secretary of Environment, Mexico City (Mexico)
6. **Mr. Essa Abdul Rahman Al-Dossari**, CEO of the Public Transport Authority, Dubai (UAE)
7. **Mr. Cyrus P Mistry**, Chairman of Tata (India)

The Department is working with stakeholders both inside and outside the UN system and with the Permanent Missions in New York with a view to getting a definitive answer in the coming week regarding the above yet-to-confirm list.

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One aspect in need of clarification is the over-representation from Europe. This is due to the fact that the larger associations of transport providers are headquartered in Europe. However, it is to be noted that the individuals concerned represent the associations of the transport providers rather than the countries hosting the associations.

The more challenging task is to identify women leaders in the transport sector to sit on the Advisory Group. The Department will continue its efforts in this direction.

In the meantime, the Department would like to recommend that the Secretary-General send appointment letters to the confirmed list of eminent persons. The actual announcement of the establishment of the High-level Advisory Group could be made upon the confirmations of the Co-Chair from Senegal and additional female members of the Advisory Group.

Thank you.



Wu Hongbo
30 April 2014

cc: Deputy Secretary-General
Robert Orr