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Preparation for the 70th Anniversary of the Inland Transport Committee

Informal consultation regarding a Ministerial resolution on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee

1. In 2017, the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) will mark its seventieth year anniversary. In seven decades, the Committee and its subsidiary bodies have served their mandate and mission, initially to support the reconstruction of post-World War II Europe, and therefrom to develop inland transport on the pan-European and global levels. To celebrate this anniversary, a meeting of Ministers of Transport will be held on 21 February 2017 as part of the seventy-ninth annual session of the ITC, to be held 21-24 February 2017. The culmination of this celebration will be the adoption of a Ministerial resolution that underscores the results and impact of the work and affirms existing mandates. The adoption of the draft resolution does not entail any commitments of a financial or contributory nature.
2. A multi-stage consultation process will commence with the preparation of the Zero Draft of the Ministerial Resolution that will eventually be shared officially with governments for further consideration. Informal consultations will solicit inputs and feedback from the ITC Bureau, Chairs and vice-chairs of ITC Working Parties and Administrative Committees, and EXCOM members to inform the drafting.
3. **To ensure that EXCOM is closely engaged in this process, member States may wish to request the Secretariat to establish an informal dialogue with interested delegation to provide further information on the proposed process and solicit the views of member States.**