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STATEMENT

by Rovshen Annaberdiyev, Charge d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations at the briefing on the Global Sustainable Transport Conference

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Good afternoon Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for joining us for the discussion today.

On behalf of Ambassador Aksoltan Ataeva, Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations, I would like to express my gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs for his support in organizing this briefing.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As it was mentioned by Mr. Wu Hongbo, further to General Assembly resolution 70/197 of 22 December 2015, the Secretary-General will convene a Global Sustainable Transport Conference from **26 – 27 November 2016** in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

The Government of Turkmenistan is highly pleased to host this first-ever Global Conference.

The very fact of the convening of this Conference marks a momentous event designed to give an impetus to the commencement of meaningful multilateral communication with respect to the transportation problems and raising cooperation in this sphere to a qualitatively new level and transition to the adoption of concrete decisions.

Importantly, the Conference will analyze situation in all modes of transport, including rail, road, air and sea, and its contribution to the global sustainable development in all regions and parts of the world.

Business will play an important role in this Conference and there will be a Private Sector Forum on the second day of the Conference in accordance with the recommendations of the ECOSOC Partnerships Forum, which emphasized the role of cross-sectoral partnerships in implementation of Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the UN for the next fifteen years.

Dear Colleagues,

Allow me to mention the following key elements in hosting this Conference:

First - Funding

The Government of Turkmenistan will support travel of representatives of UN Member States to the Global Sustainable Transport Conference. Such support will be provided on a first come, first served basis, subject to the availability of funding, for up to **TWO** Government-designated officials from each country, with priority given to the least developed countries, as well as developing countries. Member States wishing to express their interest to receive travel support are required to send an official communication to the National Organizing Committee, at **ashgabat2016st.funding@gmail.com** (copy to **mfatm@online.tm**) before **4 November 2016**.

Second - Accommodation

Booking of the accommodations for all participants for the duration of the Conference will be done by the **Diplomatic protocol department** of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan. The Host country shall book hotels for participants as per requests received in advance. Requests should be sent to: **ashgabat2016st.hotels@gmail.com**.

The Host country will cover the accommodation costs from **24 to 29 November 2016** for **ONE** high-level official and up to **TWO** delegates from each Member State. Extra charges will be covered by the guests themselves.

Third - Transportation

Special shuttle services will be offered by the Government of Turkmenistan to all delegations between airport and hotels and hotel areas and the Conference Venue, as well as between the offsite events venues from **20 November to 2 December 2016**. There will be local protocol officials on the

ground to facilitate and coordinate transportation at the airport, hotels and the Conference venue.

Fourth - Visa

All participants of the conference holding any type of passport need to obtain visas. They will be granted gratis visas at the consular sections of the Embassies of Turkmenistan abroad upon submission of the Letter of invitation (LOI) issued by the State Migration Service of Turkmenistan or upon arrival at the airport presenting the LOI, given that:

- First - participants have a valid return ticket
and
- Second - participant's passport remains valid six (6) months from the intended departure date from Turkmenistan.

For the issuance of Visa to Turkmenistan, delegates should fill the application form, provide a valid passport copy and send the Note Verbale to the Embassy of Turkmenistan with all the details about the delegation, departure/arrival dates, valid passport copies. We are strongly suggest to send the request for Visa at the earliest possible time.

The application for Visa to Turkmenistan can be found on the consular section of the website of the Embassies of Turkmenistan abroad.

When applying for a visa, members of an official delegation must present a copy of the letter of their Government (or international organization) addressed to the United Nations designating them as part of the delegation, as well as the confirmation of the UN of their pre-registration at the conference. Holders of a United Nations laissez-passer also need to obtain a visa to enter Turkmenistan.

All of this information you can find in the information note, that we provided today. You can also find all the necessary materials and information at the following website:

- **sustainabledevelopment.un.org**
and
- **globaltransportconference.gov.tm.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of Ambassador Aksoltan Ataeva, Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations it is my pleasure to invite all of you, your Government and all interested parties to visit our wonderful country and take an active part in the Global Sustainable Transport Conference in Ashgabat in November this year and to make a contribution to develop the Sustainable Transport in achieving the SDG's.

I would like to mention that the staff of our mission are pleased to assist with any inquiries regarding your delegation's participation at the Conference.

I thank you for your attention.