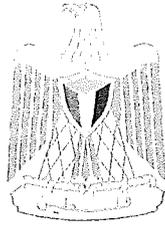


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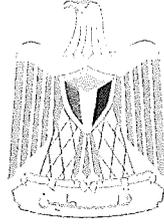
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**Distinguished Audience**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I Convey to you the greetings of Palestine State president, Mr., Mahmoud Abbas, as well as the government and the Palestinian people to President Ghibangle Berdy Mohamedov, head of state of Turkmenistan, and the government and people of Turkmenistan, and extend my sincere thanks and gratitude for this republic to come for the warm reception and hospitality, which reflects the unlimited originality and generosity and support for people who are seeking glory.

In the same trend, we do our special thanks to Mr. ~~Banker Moun~~ representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations for the care of this international organization in holding such meetings and international conferences for the regional and international transport sector promotion and development to multi-model and sustainable transport which contributes to the leadership and guidance for driving socio- economic wheel for world nations.



**Ladies and Gentlemen**

The Palestinian transport sector declined due to Israeli occupation, barriers, obstacles and collective punishment which reflected badly on our daily land transport movement.

The absence of air, maritime and rail transport in Palestine especially after the Israeli fighters destructed Yasser Arafat International Airport, as well as the destruction of site project of the seaport in Gaza city, fifteen years ago, caused downsizing and limitation of transport sector to land transport movement within Palestine borders line as well as hundreds of militant chick points along the internal road network and preventing trans border operations for passenger and freight movement to and from neighboring countries .

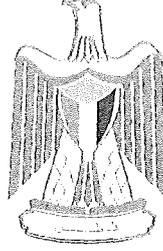
This constraints reduced the efficiency of our transport system up to 10 % from the whole combined transport in Palestine negatively reflected on our GDP and household income.

Recognizing the important role of environmentally sound, safe, efficient ,reliable and affordable transport and transit corridors for the efficient movement of goods and people in supporting sustainable economic growth, improving the social welfare of people and enhancing international cooperation and trade among countries in which is absent and missed in our country , in the same time highlighting the role of international roads and railways, intermodal logistics centers and dry ports, global logistics and supply chains, the integration of transport modes, appropriate technologies and the maintenance and upgrading of infrastructure in promoting seamless international transit transport from and to Palestine , meanwhile all efforts exerted from our side in this field failed to convince the Israeli side to raise the siege and facilitate Palestinians free movement.

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Gentlemen.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

The importance of addressing the special needs of landlocked developing countries, inter alia, by establishing and promoting efficient transit transport systems that link them to international markets, and in this regard underlining the importance of partnerships between landlocked and transit developing countries and their development partners at the national, bilateral, Sub regional, regional and global levels.

All efforts of the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, other international organizations, in particular the World Bank, the regional development banks, the World Customs Organization, the World Trade Organization, the International Road Transport Union, the International Union of Railways, regional economic integration organizations and other relevant regional and sub regional organizations, within their respective mandates, to develop and operationalise international transport and transit corridor which led to sustainable and efficient transport system reflects positively by reducing unemployment and increasing national income and social welfare for all nation. Also efforts should be tackled to promote regional economic integration and cooperation, by improving cross-border transportation infrastructure to enhance regional connectivity and facilitate regional trade and investment.

In the same moment, we should recall all Member States and international and regional organizations to further encourage ,enhanced networking and periodic consultation among related stakeholders involved in the development and operation of international transport and transit corridors and this could be achieved by mobilizing, as appropriate, additional financial Resources for the development of transport infrastructure and services, including through the promotion of public-private partnerships, so as to achieve inclusive and sustainable development.



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In this conference we are seeking with utmost hope the United Nations system organizations, related international financing institutions, multilateral and bilateral donors, the private sector and international organizations to further coordinate their efforts and collaborate in mobilizing financial and technical assistance to our countries and drive pressure on the Israeli side of caving in to the side of right and international justice to allow Palestinians establishing their own transport efficient system and transit corridors in accordance with the principles of sustainability and inclusiveness.

In conclusion, I reiterate my thanks to your efforts that have been made and are being made for the success of the activities of this conference, wishing the goals could be achieved successfully and reflect positively on our nations.

**THANKING YOU ALL**