Mr. Chair,
Distinguished Delegates
Ladies and Gentlemen

Thank you for giving me the floor.

We thank the secretariat for informing us about the progress in the implementation of commission resolutions 73/4 and 77/6. We also thanked the secretariat for sharing the progress of regional action programme for sustainable transport connectivity and hope that members will be extensively consulted for the next phase. We further hope that we can take transformative action to make a efficient and resilient transport connectivity against the backdrop of covid 19 pandemic.

The Government of Bangladesh recognized that to ensure sustainable production and consumption and uninterrupted supply chains we need to strengthen connectivity in our efforts to build back better after unprecedented challenges of the pandemic. We are combining our national efforts in designing a multi-modal transport system which are resilient to any future shock by developing both hard and soft infrastructure. Now we need more coordinated regional and sub-regional cooperation to harmonize all these developments. In this respect, our honorable prime minister in her address at the leader’s dialogue on 26th April of this commission session also highlighted our government’s priorities and support on ESCAP’s initiatives of the Asian Highway, Trans Asian Railway and dry ports. We are also taking other initiatives like Trilateral Highways in our sub-region. We are ardent supporter to implement the vision of an international integrated intermodal transport and logistics system for our region.

For easy movement of motor vehicles, the BBIN (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal) Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA) had signed back in 2015 and now the Protocol regarding the operation of BBIN MVA is under process. We hope very
soon it will remove non-physical barriers to international road transport in this sub-region.

Govt of bangladesh is implementing the Cross Border Road Network Improvement Project and SASEC Road Connecting Project with a view to improve international and regional transport and logistics network by rehabilitating and developing major regional connectivity road corridors in Bangladesh. By this way, it is contributing to the facilitation of trade with neighboring countries.

The Government has been implementing development projects by integrating SDG targets with the medium- and long-term plan in line with the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020. For ensuring the safety of passengers and freights and has taken initiatives to implement the “Construction of axle load station on the entry point of important highways”.

In line with the National Road Safety Strategic Action Plan, we have also implementing projects to materialize the safety standard.

To conclude, we can say that, Government of Bangladesh is very much interested to continue its effort to build back better by taking lessons from the crises through the auspices of regional cooperation.

I thank you mr chair.