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In line with achieving resilient transportation in the COVID-19 era, the Ministry of Roads and Urban Development of I.R. Iran formed a special committee at the highest authority and priority, and developed a 3-stage plan including:

a) preventive and restrictive measures against the prevalence such as:
   - Returning Iranian citizens from foreign countries by means of free flights
   - Border measurements management
   - Supply chain management

b) restrictive measures against the destructive impacts of pandemic which are categorized as below:
   - Close cooperation between Ministry of Roads and Urban Development and Ministry of Health and Medical Education in order to implementation of health protocols and prevalence management in transportation systems
   - Paradigm shift approach including load factor reduction (in all transportation modes) to maintain physical distancing

c) compensatory measures and Building Back Better chief among them:
   - Paying low interest deferral loans to transport businesses and companies with special attention to the aviation and railway sector

Despite the worthwhile efforts of all member states, Ministry of Roads and Urban Development would like to acknowledge that there is a necessary need to conduct a vast study on "Pandemic restriction through Transportation Management", focusing on travel pattern and traveler behavior based on social characteristics analysis.
Ministry of Roads and Urban Development has set the Road Safety program at the highest priority in its mission. In this regard, several programs are running in parallel. But chief among them are:

- Releasing the “Decade of Action for Road Safety document” in line with the UN program for road safety
- Executing a plan in cooperation with WHO under the title of “Speed Management Project”
- Launching the “Road Safety Lead Agency Enhancement in I.R. IRAN” funded by RSF (UN Road Safety Fund) in the shadow of ESCAP support.

My dear colleagues will explain the safety projects in detail at the “Saving lives on the Asia-Pacific roads” side event.