CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Regional Conference for Logistics Services Providers took place in Da Nang, Viet Nam on 13 July 2023. 67 participants from national logistics associations, FIATA and the secretariat participated in the Conference. The Conference was held back-to-back with the FIATA Regional Asia-Pacific Field Meeting and the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA) Mid-Year Meeting, with logistical support provided by the host, Vietnam Logistics Association.

2. The Conference recognized the importance of active participation of national associations as a way to promote dialogue and share knowledge on issues and developments pertaining to transport and logistics sector and supported the continuation of such platform for discussion.

3. The Conference acknowledged in increasing climate change risks which causes increasing disruptive weather patterns and intensifying disastrous phenomena. As such, the Conference recognized the importance to adopt measures to strengthen the sustainability and resilience of the transport and logistics sector as risks mitigation mechanism. Within this context, the Conference was informed of various initiatives, responsive and mitigation measures, undertaken by respective countries in the ESCAP region, notably Indonesia and Nepal to ensure logistics and supply chain continuity in face of disruptions.

4. The Conference noted the gender imbalance, notably pertaining to employment within the transport and logistics sector, and strongly encouraged stakeholders to implement necessary initiatives to support gender mainstreaming and social inclusive development in the sector.

5. The Conference welcomed the progress in the use of modern technologies, including through the application of information and communication technology (ICT) and supported digitalization as way forward to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of logistics services.

6. The Conference also stressed the importance of trainings and requested the secretariat to continue support the human resource development within the transport and logistics sector through organizing capacity building workshops / seminars, including under the prevue of the “training-of-trainers” (TOT) program, as well as to continue organizing this Conference as a platform for technical exchanges. In addition, the Conference also
requested the secretariat to continue developing knowledge products in topics relevant to the logistics sector as a mean of technical knowledge sharing.

7. The conclusions and recommendations were agreed on 13 July 2023 in Da Nang, Viet Nam.