Statement of India

Agenda 5 (f): Transport

Thank you Madam Chair,

The role of transport connectivity in empowering people, and ensuring inclusiveness is significant in the Asia-Pacific region. Government of India is prioritizing sustainable urban transportation systems, for inclusive growth and better quality of life for the city dwellers. From the development of highways, railways, and airports, to the promotion of waterways and ropeway systems, these efforts are geared towards enhancing all-weather connectivity to remote and far-flung areas.

The National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity known as PM Gati Shakti, a GIS-based tool to integrate existing and proposed infrastructure initiatives, is being implemented to ensure first and last-mile connectivity. More than 1600 data layers have been integrated as on date, resulting in efficient planning of over 8,900 km of roads and 27000 km of railway lines in India.

India has also launched a National Logistics Policy (NLP), which aims to substantially reduce logistics costs by 2030. Its implementation is driven by the Comprehensive Logistics Action Plan (CLAP), focusing on areas such as digital logistics systems, asset

standardization, human resource development, state engagement, and EXIM logistics.

The expanding road infrastructure has led to the need for intelligent transportation systems, such as toll management systems and advanced traffic management systems. The National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC)- FASTag has made possible digital collection of tolls nationwide.

Madam Chair,

India has made substantial progress in developing urban metro systems with projects expanding across cities and innovations like driverless trains and under-river tunnels, the metro network is not just reshaping travel, but also contributing to sustainable urban development. India now has a metro network covering over 1,000 km across 23 cities, making India home to the third-largest metro network in the world. A Water Metro Project has been launched in the city of Kochi to ensure seamless connectivity with 10 islands around the city through electric hybrid boats.

Regional connectivity, and development of sustainable transport and logistics systems for inclusive growth, remain priorities for India.

Thank you, Chair.