

**RMTO Comments on IRU Proposed Solution on ROAD TRANSPORT INDUSTRY CALL FOR ACTION
“DRIVING THE RECOVERY”**

Road Maintenance and Transportation Organization (Ministry of Roads and Urban Development _ I.R. Iran) (to be referred to as RMTO, hereinafter) presents its compliments to the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and with respect to proposed letter to the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) on the above-said subject, dated May 4, 2020 No. AD/GE 1048037/UDP, kindly shared upon following the ECO letter dated May 10, 2020 No. TC/2020/260 (to be referred to as the letter, hereinafter), expresses its gratitude to the IRU for their initiative on submitting the content, as well as to ECO and other multilateral organizations engaged in the scope of international transport for their further support and kindly takes the opportunity to comment as the following in respect with successive clauses:

1. Economic events covered by the global pandemic status of the Covid-19, hopefully based on accurate findings and statistical calculations.
2. Short-term financial and non-fiscal plans, stressing that monetary policy-making in the Islamic Republic of Iran relies on the Central Bank regardless of transport sector interfering in planning adoption at all. However, RMTO reiterates readiness to be involved in due matters upon request.
3. As per third part concerning the specific intermediate measures, considering certain cases in RMTO policies, efforts made to achieve some look further away (i.e. optimal H2 and BEV fuels), despite less involvement of RMTO in charge of fuel affairs. Also, CNG, LPG and LNG fuel vehicles are currently running nationwide.
4. Given the rapid growth of the Covid-19, effective demand requires that global trade to be accelerated and that medical equipment, most of which based on high-tech and multi-component devices, would be procured to prevent due supply chain breakage.
5. Reducing customs tariffs in respect to required and vital products and ease of access to the above consignment to avoid imposing any restrictions on essential products during the Covid-19 outbreak.
6. Facilities creation for trade of fundamental cargo including revival of green routes, acceptance of particular visas, facilitation of business permits and flexible regulations, elimination of export barriers and any other obstacles or restrictions leading to inactivity in due period.
7. Postponing changes in regulations on public procurement and any possible changes in the establishment of government agencies, implementation of priorities related to the essential coherence of the supply chain, investment intensives, supporting overseas and domestic trade to revive the process in the time tables of tax payments and customs duties and taxes, keeping alive the flow of transactions through documentary credits to prevent the disintegration of the work environment, temporary cancellation of legal bans on commercial enterprises and discounts on precautionary requirements for commercial assets.

RMTO avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IRU the assurance of its highest consideration.