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**Sustainable development**

**Zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia**

**Letter dated 3 May 2024 from the Permanent Representative of  
Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the summary document of the side event entitled “High-level dialogue on transport and energy connectivity for increasing development financing: the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport 2026–2035 – Ashgabat Platform for Energy Connectivity” (see annex), which was held on the margins of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, on 23 April 2024, at Headquarters.

I would be very grateful if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 16, 17, 18 and 64.

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Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 3 May 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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**Summary document of the side event entitled “High-level dialogue on transport and energy connectivity for increasing development financing: the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport 2026–2035 – Ashgabat Platform for Energy Connectivity”**

A High-Level Dialogue on Transport and Energy Connectivity for Increasing Development Financing was held on April 23, 2024, at the United Nations headquarters in New York. The event aimed to discuss the connections between expanding transport and energy infrastructure, and attracting development financing for landlocked developing countries.

*Key discussion areas*

Aligned with the United Nations General Assembly resolutions [78/148](#) and [78/149](#), the dialogue focused on strengthening innovative transport and energy infrastructure to unlock economic potential and attract financing for sustainable development. Participants assessed progress made on implementing relevant UN documents and decisions, with a focus on improving the lives of people in landlocked developing countries. This assessment identified key areas for diversification and transformation through science and innovation.

The importance of joint efforts within the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport for the 10-year period beginning on 1 January 2026 was emphasized. This includes broad consultations with the United Nations Member States, UN entities, and other stakeholders.

*Importance of Sustainable Infrastructure*

Participants highlighted the importance of sustainable transport systems for regional connectivity, universal access to affordable energy, and economic development. Investment in infrastructure was discussed, with a focus on public-private partnerships, joint financing mechanisms, and resource concentration from energy, transport, and financial sectors.

The dialogue acknowledged the need for creating favorable conditions for accessing new technologies to develop modern infrastructure.

*Recommendations and outcomes*

Valuable recommendations from the dialogue contributed to the preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs). Participants aimed to contribute to a more goal-oriented LLDCs agenda by proposing solutions for increased investment in critical infrastructure, developing new tools, and promoting multilateral partnerships.

The focus is on establishing sustainable and interconnected energy and transport systems, and undertaking mutually beneficial investment and innovation projects.

*Conclusion*

The High-Level Dialogue aligned with current global initiatives, demonstrating commitment to achieving SDGs through collaboration and knowledge exchange. This event served as a significant precursor to the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, providing a platform for progress assessment, proposal development, and shaping the development agenda for landlocked countries. By promoting systemic cooperation and innovation, the dialogue aims to pave the way for a more interconnected and prosperous future built on sustainable transport and energy infrastructure.

The participants expressed appreciation to the Government of Turkmenistan for organizing this high-level dialogue.

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