



**UN General Assembly resolution
A/C.2/78/L.27/Rev.1 of 14 November 2023**
UN Decade on Sustainable Transport

Explanation and analysis

Key elements



What is a UN General Assembly resolution?

- Core vehicle of the UN legislative process on a wide range of issues, including transport.
- Resolutions can mandate the UN System - UN entities, the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, etc. - to execute specific actions.
- Resolutions can encourage / invite actions from UN Member States and other stakeholders.



Why is this resolution important for the global transport community?

- **Proclaims UN Decade of Sustainable Transport beginning in 2026.**
 - It calls upon **UNDESA, in collaboration with the UN regional economic commissions, to prepare an implementation plan** in consultation with Member States and other relevant stakeholders.
 - **SLOCAT is explicitly mentioned** in the resolution.
- **Paves the way towards the third United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference.**
 - Encourages Member States to indicate interest in hosting it.
 - Turkmenistan hosted the first Conference in **2016** and China the second one in **2021**.
- **Welcomes the proposal of Turkmenistan to host the World Sustainable Transport Day on 26 November 2024.**



Who led this resolution?

- Dominican Republic, Fiji, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Nicaragua, Qatar, Suriname, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. They share interest in increasing international and national connectivity, along with high-quality sustainable and safe transport infrastructure.
- This is part of Turkmenistan's long-track record of tabling transport resolutions. In 2023 they also tabled resolution [A/RES/77/286](#), which declared World Sustainable Transport Day. Read SLOCAT's [analysis](#) and [statement](#) on this other resolution.
- The Permanent Missions of Turkmenistan and China to the UN in New York facilitate the informal Group of UN Member States Friends of Sustainable Transport.



Actions by the SLOCAT secretariat - What's next?

Done

- **November 2023:** SLOCAT secretariat and partners participated at **UN Sustainable Transport Expert Meeting, convened by UNDESA and UNECE**. To inform the forthcoming UN background paper for the UN High-Level Meeting on Sustainable Transport to be hosted by the President of the UN General Assembly in 2024 (as per UN Resolution A/RES/77/286).
- **December 2023:** SLOCAT submitted raw inputs in support of UNDESA's preparations towards the UN High-Level Meeting. SLOCAT secretariat convened a small group of experts who attended the meeting to prepare raw inputs within UNDESA's timeline.

Ongoing

- **Sustained liaison with UNDESA, Turkmenistan** and the office of **President of the General Assembly**.
- **Consultations with SLOCAT partners** to further elaborate on the ideas submitted (From March 2024).
- **Mapping and maximising connections with SLOCAT's ongoing work** (e.g., advocacy with the New York-based Group of UN Member States Friends of Sustainable Transport, **Call** to double the share of energy efficient and fossil-free forms of land transport; **Vision** for land transport transformations, **SLOCAT Global Status Report** on Transport, Climate and Sustainability, etc.)

Approach

- **UN High-Level event:** Informing the agenda and background paper, advocating for a multi-annual sequence, and carving out space for SLOCAT Partners as and if relevant.
- **UN Decade: Galvanising** the global transport community - **Thought leadership** to champion transport as an enabler of prosperity and livelihoods; comprehensive, coherent and context-adapted approaches; and strengthened UN support to worldwide transformations towards sustainable, low-carbon transport.
- Preserving **SLOCAT's NGO nature** (not at the service of UN Member States).
- Opening up the **space for SLOCAT Partners and the global transport community**.
- Supporting **consensus-building and action alliances** among stakeholders.

Details on context setting paragraphs in the resolution

- Recalls **global sustainability summits and declarations**; reaffirms the 2030 Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and recalls **transport resolutions, UN Global Transport Conferences and UN efforts on transport**.
- **Transport and transit corridors**: Notes the importance of **cooperation** in promoting **infrastructure connectivity and sustainable transport**, and **regional and interregional economic integration**. International transport corridors should be developed with the users' safety and protection and the **competitive advantages of each transport mode in mind**.
- **Countries in special situations**: Recognises and stresses the importance of addressing the particular vulnerability of **landlocked countries**, especially LMICs, and of enhancing **inter-island connectivity** and **linking SIDS to regional markets and global supply chains**. Filling the huge infrastructure financing gap will require public and private financing as well as technologies, know-how and operational efficiencies, and an enabling domestic environment.
- **Multimodal transport**: Notes that emphasis should be placed on **low-emission, energy-efficient, quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient modes of transport**; and the importance of **cooperation in integrated, intermodal transport system** with quality and resilient infrastructure minimising energy, land and resources consumption and emissions.
- **Social aspects**: Notes the importance of providing **access** by **integrating transport and mobility plans into overall urban and territorial plans** and **promoting a wide range of transport and mobility options**.

Details on mandates in the resolution (text excerpts)

- (Excerpt from resolution): “Recognising the need for **continued cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and existing partnerships** on sustainable transport issues, such as the Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport, the Sustainable Mobility for All partnership, the **Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SLOCAT)** and the Group of Friends of Sustainable Transport.”
- Proclaims the **UN Decade of Sustainable Transport** for the 10-year period **beginning on 1 January 2026**, and **calls upon UNDESA, in collaboration with the UN regional economic commissions, to prepare an implementation plan for the Decade in consultation with Member States and other relevant stakeholders.**
- Invites the UN Secretary-General to **consider convening the third UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference.**
- Encourages Member States to **indicate their interest in hosting the next UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference.**
- Welcomes the **proposal of Turkmenistan to host the World Sustainable Transport Day on 26 November 2024.**

Other provisions

- Commits to enhancing the role of sustainable transport and mobility in jobs creation, mobility and efficiency of logistics chains.
- Calls upon Member States to maintain the continued functioning and strengthening of the transport system and infrastructure, recognising the importance of an enabling domestic environment and adequate domestic financing.
- Encourages transport policies and programmes to take into account the needs of women and girls, persons with disabilities, older persons and those in vulnerable situations.
- Emphasises the contribution of low-emission and energy-efficient modes of transport to climate change mitigation and adaptation and the achievement of the SDGs, as well as the importance of long-term strategies and multi-stakeholder partnerships in delivering sustainable modes of transport.

Cont. details on mandates in the resolution (text excerpts)

- Calls for promotion of regional and interregional economic integration and cooperation, by improving the planning of transportation infrastructure mobility and logistics.
- Recognises the importance of cooperation in establishing safe and sustainable transport networks, supported by inclusive and sustainable industrialisation.
- Underlines the importance of international cooperation between relevant modes of transport and transport-related industries to mitigate the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Suggests the use of electronic unified transport documents based on the digital transmission of relevant data to enhance the resilience of transport and logistics chains.
- Emphasises the needed support for the institutional capacity of developing countries to ensure consistent application of internationally agreed standards and an efficient multimodal transport system.
- Invites all States to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to the UN conventions and agreements on transport and transit facilitation.
- Reaffirms the importance of a worldwide effort to address and raise awareness of road safety for developing sustainable multimodal transport systems, encourages Member States to improve road safety. Calls upon all relevant stakeholders to continue the activities of the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030 and the road safety-related targets in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Encourages States to maximise synergies in transport corridors and infrastructure development by taking into account relevant international standards and the harmonisation of rules and technological standards.
- Invites the organisations of the UN system and other stakeholders to coordinate and collaborate in mobilising financial and technical assistance to developing countries for strengthening the links between all modes of transport to achieve the SDGs.



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