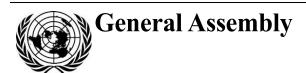
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Letter dated 5 November 2021 from the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a joint letter dated 5 November 2021 addressed to you by the representatives of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the European Union, regarding the second Global Sustainable Transport Conference and the "Beijing statement" (see annex).

I would like to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 15 and 20.

(Signed) Olof **Skoog** Ambassador





Annex to the letter dated 5 November 2021 from the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We thank you for hosting the second Global Sustainable Transport Conference. We see the work of the United Nations in this area as a tangible contribution towards achieving sustainable transportation and mobility, which responds to what the United Nations membership asked for in resolution 72/212 of 20 December 2017. That said, we regret that we cannot endorse the Beijing statement and the practices associated with its preparation and release.

The Beijing statement was not made available to States Members of the United Nations prior to its release, nor was it circulated to delegations at the Conference itself. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the text does not indicate, as would be appropriate in such circumstances, that no prior consultation with conference participants had taken place and that delegations had not approved the document. We expect high-level meetings mandated by the General Assembly and related outcome documents to be as consultative as possible with the United Nations membership and non-negotiated outcome documents to be marked as such. This was not the case with regard to the Beijing statement, and as such we cannot endorse the new mandates and initiatives contained therein.

We expect the Secretariat to apply the highest standards of procedural integrity, impartiality and independence when carrying out its functions, including when supporting host countries in delivering conferences and preparing outcome documents. Accordingly, we request that the Secretariat ensure that all official United Nations documents and records accurately reflect the non-negotiated nature of the Beijing statement and clarify its status as a non-negotiated Chair's statement when circulating it to the broader United Nations membership.

We reiterate our commitment to working at the United Nations to make progress on this important topic, including advancing the priorities set out in resolution 72/212. As we look to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, we must all do our utmost to sustain the commonly agreed norms that have kept the United Nations and the multilateral system together against the backdrop of the pandemic and that are meant to shield us against future shocks.

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