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UIC publishes its 2010-2011 activities report

An overview of actions conducted by the international railway association to improve the competitiveness of rail transport and boost its development across the world

(Paris, 13 July 2011) UIC, the international association representing the rail sector, has just published its 2010-2011 activities report. This document summarises all the actions conducted by the international railway organisation during the aforementioned period to meet the needs of its members and help boost rail transport on all continents.

UIC's chief task, as defined in its statutes, consists in helping its members to improve their competitiveness – particularly in international traffic –, the quality of their services, their business and environmental performance, and in helping develop a sustainable transport system.

In 2011 UIC represents 200 members (including all types of railway companies) on five continents, one million kilometres of lines in operation, over 7 million employees, 2.7 billion passenger-kilometres in passenger transport and 9 billion tonne-kilometres in freight transport.

International collaborative activities are conducted by UIC under the overall authority of the members represented in the General Assembly, and are structured around the following bodies: six UIC Regions (Africa, Asia, North America, Latin America, Europe and the Middle-East), seven Forums and Platforms for professional cooperation, two cooperative research bodies (Research Coordination Group – RCG and the International Rail Research Board – IRRB), 130 expert groups and 180 projects (including international, multiregional and regional projects).

UIC's "products" come in various forms, for example a set of 700 "UIC Leaflets", which may be either mandatory or recommendatory standards. Other products include around a hundred congresses, conferences and seminars enabling information and good practice to be shared on a number of topics of relevance to the railways, a website receiving 65,000 visits a month, numerous technical reports, position statements, statistics, a weekly newsletter sent to 2500 contacts and an international railway terminology, etc.

The *2010-2011 UIC activities report* opens with two forewords by Chairman Yoshio Ishida and Director-General Jean-Pierre Loubinoux. It then gives substantial information on the 2010 statutory meetings (General Assembly and Executive Board) held in Tokyo and Beijing, before addressing all the main areas of international railway cooperation in order. Particular focus is placed on the projects coordinated by UIC under the impetus of the Regional Assemblies, Forums and Platforms with the help of the technical and support departments. The projects, developed at the request of the members and for the benefit of the railway

community, focus, among others, on optimising the rail system (technology, operations, interoperability), research, developing passenger transport (including high speed) and freight, safety, security, the environment and sustainable development, expertise development and training, etc.

The *2010-2011 UIC activities report* also mentions the many agreements signed in 2010 and 2011 with a host of leading institutions and organisations on behalf of the international railway community.

The 120-page *2010-2011 UIC activities report*, published solely in English, can be sent by post to media representatives at their request.

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