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*Railway security: between everyday journeys and major events challenges*

## Final Declaration

Paris, 4 December 2024

The congress delegates wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to the organizers – **the French Railways (SNCF)** and the International Union of Railways (**UIC Security Department**) – for successfully organizing the 19th edition of the World Security Congress in Paris, from 2 to 4 December 2024.

The broad theme of the congress “**Railway security: between everyday journeys and major events challenges**” ensured rich discussions which will further help UIC Members to improve and implement solutions and policies for a better security of railway transport. Further, the high-level panel dedicated to the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games and the lessons shared by SNCF on this success story will be helpful to all UIC Members involved in the preparation of future large-scale events.

The congress delegates appreciate the effort made this year on the various topics mentioned in the Final Declaration from the previous World Security Congress. Since the Jaipur Declaration, there has been significant effort made against threats like terrorism and violent crime, cyber-attacks, thefts (e.g. metal theft), cross-border organized crime, as well as notable initiatives to improve the level of awareness of railway employees and railway passengers.

However, many presentations given at the congress have shown that threats are always evolving and that the work to improve security is never over – it cannot be over! The congress delegates recommend that the UIC Security Platform continues to work on these relevant topics, continues to foster international cooperation, and continues the developments in all UIC regions.



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In this regard, three priority directions are identified:

A first major topic is **security of vulnerable people**, more specifically security of the most fragile passengers as well as security of the front-line staff who are often the target of aggression and assaults. This topic has natural ties with the feeling of security and with security by design which may also require future exploration.

A second important topic is **border security**. This is to facilitate the border crossing process by train for regular passengers, to help law-enforcement authorities disrupt irregular migration by train and cross-border organized criminal networks, and to help neighboring railway stakeholders manage cross-border crises and achieve better resilience.

Finally, more cooperation, more exchanges, more research advancements, and more good practices are always welcome on **low-probability-high-impact threats such as CBRNE incidents** and on **staff training**.

Working on these topics will require more **transverse work** between the UIC working groups. Synergies and joint activities may emerge between the five working groups of the Security Platform but also between them and groups of other UIC platforms and forums.

Likewise, the congress delegates appreciate common activities between the UIC Security Platform and bodies like RAILPOL, INTERPOL and EU DG HOME. These will be key steps towards a tighter cooperation between the railway sector and the law enforcement authorities, thus reinforcing the global “security continuum” and further strengthening rail security.