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Dear Mr. Kuningas,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Inland Transport Committee's Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) will hold its seventy-eighth session 13-15 November 2024 in Geneva at the Palais des Nations. During the session a High-Level Workshop on "**Improving the performance of the rail sector**" will be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva from 3 p.m. on 13 November 2024.

The main objective of this Workshop is to discuss how the challenges facing the rail sector in relation to performance management and improvement, including how performance itself is managed, as well as the costs associated with this. Discussions will focus on challenging the status quo and sharing of good practices within member States and at the multinational level.

In order to make this important event a success, I am pleased to invite you to **nominate a speaker for the Workshop**. To provide the audience sufficient time for discussion but also to ensure intervention by as many countries/organizations as possible, I would like to request that the intervention of your representative be limited to 10 minutes. I encourage you to include in the presentation thought-provoking ideas and specific recommendations to stimulate a lively exchange and to contribute to a list of key actions for the future.

I would appreciate receiving your reply at your earliest convenience, but no later than **11 October 2024**. Upon confirmation, the nominated speaker will be contacted by one of my colleagues to discuss the details regarding the program of the Workshop.

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Registration information for the session is available at the bottom of the first page of the agenda (attached) and available at: <https://unece.org/transport/events/sc2-working-party-rail-transport-78th-session>.

The meeting will be only in-person in Geneva. If you have any questions regarding this workshop or the wider Working Party session, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Francesco Dionori, Chief of Section and Secretary to the Working Party (tel.: +41 22 917 4709, e-mail: [francesco.dionori@un.org](mailto:francesco.dionori@un.org)).

I look forward to welcoming you and your experts at our Working Party session.

Sincerely,



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