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**Members of the Executive Committee
Members of the Strategic Planning Commission
Chairs of the Technical Committees
Presidents of PIARC National Committees**

**Subject: Call for proposals to Special Sessions
24th World Road Congress (Mexico, 2011)**

Dear Colleagues,

The Executive Committee has approved the Congress Handbook of the 24th World Road Congress (Mexico Congress), the topic of the Ministers' session and that of the Strategic Direction sessions. These topics are listed in Annex A.

As indicated in the Congress Handbook, in addition to these sessions and those organized by the Technical Committees the programme also comprises of:

- Three one-hour plenary sessions for key-note lectures delivered by world known experts on topical questions,
- Thirteen half-day special sessions.

The Special Sessions of the World Road Congress serve to consolidate PIARC's relationships with international and regional related organizations active in the field of road and road transport. These sessions should address topical issues which are different from those dealt with by Technical Committees and Strategic Direction Sessions. These sessions are prepared by the PIARC General Secretariat.

For your information, you will find in Annex B the title of the Special Sessions for the Paris Congress of 2007.

The Congress Handbook defines that the Special Sessions are to be approved by the Executive Committee, based on proposals from the Strategic Planning Commission, after a call for proposals made among members of the Executive Committee and the Strategic Planning Commission, the Chairs of the Technical Committees and the Presidents of the PIARC National Committees.

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We kindly ask for your proposals for these Special Sessions. Please return the table appended to this letter to the PIARC General Secretariat, **no later than 31st December 2009** with the following indications for each proposal:

- the topic proposed for the session, described in a few lines,
- suggestions of international or regional organizations PIARC should cooperate with for the session.

The Chairpersons of the Technical Committees are to involve the members of their committee in making the proposals.

These proposals will be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Commission, then the Executive Committee at their meeting in Quebec, early February 2010.

There will not be additional sessions for the congress in Mexico.

We thank you for your collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Corté', is written over a large, stylized, abstract graphic element consisting of several intersecting lines.

Jean-François Corté
Secretary General

Annexes :

- A. Topics of the Ministers' session and of the Strategic Direction sessions for the Mexico Congress.
- B. Topics of the Special sessions of the Paris congress, 2007

Reply form

*C.C.: Secretaries of the Technical Committees and of the PIARC National Committees
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Annex A

**24th World Road Congress (Mexico, 2011)
Topics of the Ministers' session and of the Strategic Direction sessions**

Ministers' session

Sustainable mobility within social policy

Strategic Direction sessions

- ST A - Mitigating the impact of the road system on climate change
- ST B - Delivering efficient and effective customer-oriented services
- ST C - A strategic approach for safety: putting knowledge into practice
- ST D - Managing road assets in the context of sustainable development and climate change adaptation

Annex B

**23rd World Road Congress (Paris, 2007)
Topics of the special sessions**

1. Evolution of road administrations
2. Governance and integrity
3. Responding to Human Resources Challenges in the Road Sector
4. Evaluation of public policies in the road sector
5. Financing road investments through long-term contracts
6. Urban intermodality
7. Road safety issues and policies in developing countries
8. Managing congestion
9. Mobility for vulnerable users
10. Combined freight transport modes
11. Providing for the operation of very heavy vehicles on roads
12. Road management issues in developing countries
13. Vulnerability of road systems to climate changes
14. Disaster mitigation: road authorities preparation and response to emergencies
15. Management of safety in road tunnels
16. New ideas and new concepts to face the challenges of sustainable development
17. Evolution of demand and supply of research and public support of innovation

Historical symposium - A historical review of road and road transport in the 20th century in order to understand the issues of the 21st century