

Paris, 29 April 2010

For the attention of the Chairpersons of PIARC Technical Committees

**SUBJECT: XXIVth World Road Congress - Special Sessions**

Dear Colleagues,

Further to my letter dated 8 April 2010, which contained the topics of Special Sessions approved by the Executive Committee for the Mexico Congress, please find enclosed a table which summarises the topic of each session.

I am writing to you as part of preparations for the Special Sessions which the General Secretariat is undertaking under the supervision of the Strategic Planning Commission and the Executive Committee.

As you will note from the attached table, it is necessary to clearly define the scope of the Special Sessions to avoid any duplication with the work of the Technical Committees and ensure overall consistency between the Technical Committee sessions, the Strategic Directions sessions and the Special Sessions. It is also important to ensure that the three groups of sessions complement each other.

In this respect, I seek your feedback on the following:

- the special sessions to which your Technical Committee is proposing to contribute;
- the relationship between the Special Sessions and the sessions being held by your Technical Committee, keeping in mind the objectives mentioned previously. For example, there could be a topic which your Technical Committee will not address in its own Technical Committee session but which could be addressed by the Committee in one of the special sessions. As another example, the two sessions may address the same issue but from different perspectives, such as one from a political or national perspective and the other from a technical viewpoint. I welcome your suggestions;
- International Organisations that could be invited to contribute to a special session. I emphasise that the purpose of the special sessions is to encourage contributions from other stakeholders. Where possible, please indicate whether there is a particular topic to which an organisation could contribute; and
- the name of one of your Committee members who could work with the Secretariat to further progress the program of the Special Sessions.

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In order to benefit the meetings being held between your Strategic Theme Coordinator and yourselves in June/July, it would be appreciated if **you could respond to this letter by 26 May 2010.**

Thank you again for your cooperation and I look forward to your reply. Kindly copy your reply to your Strategic Theme Coordinator and the Technical Advisor of your Strategic Theme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Corté', is written over a large, stylized, hand-drawn signature mark that resembles a triangle or a stylized 'C'.

Jean-François Corté  
Secretary General

Encl: Table of Special Sessions for the Mexico Congress

Cc: A.M. Leclerc, J. Barton, Strategic Theme Coordinators, Secretaries of Technical Committees and Technical Advisors