



8th UIC World Security Congress
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Bratislava, Slovakia

Concluding statement

Participants in the 8th UIC World Security Congress, organised by the International Union of Railways in collaboration with Slovakian Railways ZSSK, ZSR and ZSSK Cargo, commend this event which has once more helped to advance debate and decisions in the area of security, with particular regard to the congress' central theme of human factors, following the 2011 congress held in Rome, which focused on security technologies.

They take into account the new leadership of the security platform, henceforth chaired (for the next two years) by Mr Lubomir Hradisky, Head of ZSSK International Department, Slovakia and vice-chaired by Mr Pradeep Mehta, Director General of the Indian Railway Protection Force. This leadership confirms the global mission of this platform, which was decided in spring 2008.

They warmly thank the out-going chairman Mr Moha Khaddour (ONCF Morocco) for the efforts he undertook in the area of railway security while he served as vice-chairman alongside Mr Tadeusz Kaczmarek (PKP/PLK Poland) during the reorganisation of the platform, and then as chairman from 2010 to 2012.

They confirm the important role of "human factors" in security policies adopted by rail companies, which is the theme of this Bratislava Congress and the main subject area of one of the permanent working groups of the UIC security platform.

They would like this topic to be published – just like other key topics that have been tackled by the security division and platform – in the shape of a leaflet for example, so as to maintain the results of the shared debate and decisions, and to enable UIC members to use shared information in the most appropriate manner.



They ask the UIC security platform and division to continue investing in the various research projects – European or other – to represent the interests of the railway sector and to continue to pave the way for effective future solutions to meet this issue of growing importance, from minor everyday criminal acts and misconduct which affect public feelings of security and insecurity, to the most serious terrorist threats. As such, they wish for new risks such as cyber crime and CBRN risks (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) to be considered, in order to determine the responsibility of the various national and international authorities and that of the railway sector in partnership with the these authorities.

With regard to 2013, the participants ask the security division and platform to strengthen and deepen cooperation with other groups and bodies able to respond to railway security issues, and to continue to focus on the needs of railway activities:

- Passengers and in particular high speed systems and the major stations
- Freight and in particular the security of international corridors and specific features of the carriage of dangerous goods
- Railway systems and vulnerabilities associated with the extent of infrastructure and the ongoing implementation of new transmission technologies

They have noted the prospect of:

- Firstly holding a railway security event in India thanks to the involvement of the Railway Protection Force and Indian Railways
- Secondly holding the 2013 UIC Security Congress in France in collaboration with SNCF

and give the UIC security division and platform the mandate to oversee the organisation of these events with the partners involved.

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