



Intervention on Agenda Item 3b

Environmentally Sustainable Transport System and Service.

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The Committee may wish to share updates and selected highlights with regard to national, bilateral and multilateral policies and initiatives related to environmentally sustainable transport systems and services, consider policy directions, actions and activities described in the document and provide further guidance to the secretariat on the ongoing and planned activities in support of environmentally sustainable transport infrastructure, systems and services. The Committee may also wish to provide feedback on the way forward for the establishment of a regional cooperation mechanism to promote low carbon transport and to support the Asia-Pacific initiative on electric mobility, which would help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector.

Mr. Chairman,

Excellencies and;

Distinguished Delegates

I thank the secretariat for the presentation and summary for this particular session for **Environmentally Sustainable Transport System and Service.**

We also thank ESCAP for the invitation to attend the Regional Meeting on Just Transition to Low Carbon Mobility earlier this year. This has enabled

the commencement of groundwork for the Accelerating the Transition to Electric Mobility that Fiji is currently working on with UNESCAP.

Mr Chairman

To reiterate from yesterday's statement, Greening our Transport has become paramount with ensuring a balance in efficiency in services to all Fijian. Through Fiji's Climate Change Act, we are working towards the development and implementation of a detailed Transport Decarbonisation Implementation Strategy.

Mr Chairman

For Fiji's Maritime Transport Sector, we are working in collaboration with regional bodies on initiatives and feasibility studies on Decarbonisation of Domestic Shipping with activities ranging from retrofitting of government vessels to Pacific Blue Shipping Partnership (PBSP) to Renewable Clean Energy; Blue Shipping and Technology Needs Assessment.

Mr Chairman

As alluded to yesterday, before a large-scale roll-out of electric cars, Fiji is now working on a project called the Electric Shuttle Service Pilot Project that will demonstrate the viability of operating electric shuttle buses in the local environment. In order to fulfill future demand, lessen dependence on expensive fuel imports, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and show Fiji's climate leadership on the international arena, it will present an opportunity to acquire new technical skills in Electric Vehicles (EVs).

Mr Chairman

Fiji's Land Transport Sector in collaboration with regional bodies include Government Fleet Decarbonisation, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

Investment Plan and the Low Emissions Climate Resilient Development-Vehicle Emissions Standard.

More regional cooperation can help Fiji accomplish specific initiatives that will boost the effectiveness of the country's transportation system.

Fiji supports the establishment of a regional cooperation mechanism to promote low carbon transport and support the Asia-Pacific initiative on electric mobility and we will benefit significantly from consultations and activities of knowledge transfer and data sharing in the Asia-Pacific region.

Thank you, Mr Chairman