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MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MITIGATING CONGESTION

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SESSION 1: CONGESTION: A GLOBAL CHALLENGE (1hr)

Moderator: Mr. Petar MOUTAFCHIEV, Minister of Transport (Bulgaria).

Guest speaker: Mr. Ron WIDDOWS, Chief Executive Officer, APL.

- **The extent of and outlook for congestion** in inland, maritime and air transport.
- **The impacts of congestion:** social and economic impacts and environmental imperatives.

SESSION 2: POLICY RESPONSES TO CONGESTION

A: Better system management (1hr15)

Moderator: Mr. Flemming HANSEN, Minister of Transport and Energy (Denmark).

- **Enhancing traffic management** (new technologies, dynamic traffic management, traffic incident management).
- **Improving intermodal interfaces.**
- **Facilitating trade** (borders, administrative obstacles, corridor development).

B: Pricing (1hr15)

Moderator: Mr. Stephen LADYMAN, Minister of State for Transport (United Kingdom).

- **Managing capacity through pricing:** finding the right scheme and price.
- **Implementing pricing,** good practice, scaling up to national level, system costs and standardisation, impacts, use of revenues, marketing to users.

C: Adding capacity (1hr15)

Moderator: Mr. Igor LEVITIN, Minister of Transport (Russia).

Guest speaker: Mr. Enrique DÍAZ-RATO, Chief Executive Officer, CINTRA-FERROVIAL-BAA.

- **Prioritising investments to manage congestion** (inter-modal aspects, corridors, gateways).
- **Delivering projects:**
 - **Sustainability of traditional approaches and viability of alternative financing models.**
 - **The role of public-private partnerships.**
 - **Environmental and equity constraints.**

FINAL SESSION (1hr15) KEY MESSAGES

Moderator: Mr. Camiel EURLINGS, Minister of Transport, Public Works and Water Management (Netherlands).

Key Messages on Mitigating Congestion, including:

- **Developing a strategic, sector-wide approach to congestion: how gateways and corridors can contribute.**
- **Implementing a mix of policies to reduce congestion.**
- **Public and political acceptability: « marketing » measures to reduce congestion and preparing public opinion.**
- **Evolving role of government / limits to the role of government.**