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Thank you, madam chair.

India recognizes the transformative role that digitalization can play, to make logistics and transportation safer, greener, more inclusive, and sustainable.

Government of India has embarked on an ambitious journey to revolutionize the country's transport infrastructure, aiming to bolster economic growth and improve quality of life.

From the development of highways, railways, and airports, to the promotion of waterways and ropeway systems, these efforts are geared towards inclusive development across the country.

This is reflected in significant milestones such as building some of world's longest roads, tunnels, and bridges across difficult terrains, enhancing all-weather connectivity to remote and far-flung areas.

National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity called PM Gati Shakti is a GIS based tool which integrates

existing and proposed infrastructure initiatives, to ensure first and last-mile connectivity. This is emerging as a powerful digital tool for implementation of SDGs through more efficient planning, execution and monitoring of projects.

India has also launched a National Logistics Policy (NLP), which aims to substantially reduce logistics costs by 2030. Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) serves as a centralized hub that connects various stakeholders in the supply chain, and provides a unified interface for seamless communication, data exchange, and collaboration.

National Payments Corporation of India has developed an interoperable nationwide digital toll payment solution.

Government of India is also investing heavily on trade-related soft and hard infrastructure for better connecting port gateways, and land ports.

India is a regional connectivity hub, and digital transformation of India's logistics and transport sector has significant impact in the region and beyond.

India remains committed to promote cross border and regional connectivity, including through forums such as BIMSTEC.

Thank you, Chair.