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**INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FORUM
LEIPZIG, 28-30 MAY 2008**

Dear Professor Garnaut,

The International Transport Forum was established by Ministers of Transport to provide an opportunity for Ministers and key high-level actors to discuss the upcoming strategic and policy challenges of the sector and foster deeper understanding of the essential role played by transport in economies and societies. Institutionally affiliated with the OECD in Paris, the Forum is a global inter-governmental organisation which presently brings together 51 members from industrialized countries.

The first full meeting of International Transport Forum will take place in Leipzig, Germany on 28-30 May, 2008. Participation in this event is upon invitation only; the Ministry of Transport of your country has proposed that you be invited to participate in the Forum.

In this capacity, and on behalf of the Ministers of Transport, I am very pleased to invite you to the 2008 Forum, where Transport Ministers, top executives from industry, researchers and other experts will come together to discuss ways in which the global transport community can address the challenges of access to energy for transport and climate change. A set of Key Messages reflecting the most important points of the debate will be prepared and discussed by participants, with wide dissemination and broad media coverage during and after the event.

Given the Forum's topic for this year and your experience in this field, your point of view on this critical topic for the future of the transport sector strikes us as particularly relevant to the objectives of the Forum. Moreover, there will be numerous opportunities – both informal and more organised – to interact with the top governmental and non-governmental participants at the Forum.

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We are pleased to report that the Federal Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel will participate on the main political day of the Forum. Thomas Enders, CEO of Airbus, and Thierry Morin, CEO of Valeo among others have also confirmed their participation as distinguished speakers from Industry at the Forum.

Please find attached a preliminary programme for the event. We would also encourage you to have a look at our web site for regular developments on what promises to be the annual meeting for the most key strategic issues in the transport sector <http://www.internationaltransportforum.org>.

We hope that you will be able to accept this invitation on behalf of the Ministry of Transport of your country. Kindly let Emmanuelle Tiger emmanuelle.tiger@oecd.org know if we will have the honour of your participation in the Forum. Information on registration procedures will then be provided to you.

As you will kindly note in the draft programme, an exhibition will be held based on the Forum theme and as part of the Forum activities, offering industry, researchers, and expert organizations the opportunity to exhibit technological advances, hold demonstrations, present research, and display information on policy initiatives. In this respect, please indicate if you would like more information on the exhibition. Contact details for more information are available in the brochure and on the web site.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to be a part of this important event. I and my staff are at your disposal to discuss any aspects of the Forum and your participation.

For now, could I thank you very much in advance for your consideration. We look forward to your confirmation and to meeting you in Leipzig next May.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Short". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jack Short