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Dear colleagues!

Let me welcome the participants and guests of the ElectroTrans 2018 exhibition.

UITP has **1,400 member companies** giving access to over **18,000 contacts** from **96 countries**. Our members are public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, research institutes and the public transport supply and service industry. For 130 years, UITP has consistently defended the interests of public transport as an important tool for the development of urban mobility for cities prosperity.

Electric urban transport is the core of future mobility. Urban transport must be eco-friendly, safe and quiet. I am glad to note that new tram and subway lines are built in many cities of Europe, Asia, America, MENA region. Electric buses are successfully tested and thousands are already in operation.

30 years ago the cities of the Eurasian region were among the leaders in the use of electric transport. However, recent decades tram and trolleybus systems gave way for small-capacity bus transport and private car.

It is my pleasure to see that in recent years Moscow Government is paying increased attention to eco-friendly types of urban transport. Metro, tram and trolleybus fleets are being renewed, and the purchase of an innovative form of transport – electric buses - is being prepared. Hope that the experience of the Russian capital will be used by other Eurasian and world cities.

ElectroTrans is the only one specialized exhibition in the Eurasian region dedicated to urban electric transport products and technologies. The exhibition has established itself as an effective platform for dialogue between industry experts, authorities and decision-makers.

UITP supports ElectroTrans exhibition. I wish its participants fruitful business contacts and successful projects in the field of electric transport development!

Sincerely

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