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As the International Transport Workers' Federation, we represent 20 million workers in 150 countries, and we believe that rebuilding after Covid-19 must involve a just transition to a zero-carbon transport sector.

We need a globally co-ordinated green industrial policy that mobilises high investment and full unionised employment. This requires an economy wide approach, including investment in renewable electricity and alternative fuels. We need governments to play a leading role here, and to anchor the zero-carbon transport sector with publicly owned infrastructure and services.

A just transition for workers is an essential element of the process. Workers must have their livelihoods protected, and not be made to pay for the transition. We need a greater role for workers in decision making at all levels of our companies and industries, and much fairer opportunities for women workers, young workers, and workers of colour.

It is also important that we strengthen the workers voice in multi-lateral institutions. The ITF is building a strong partnership with C40 cities, such as the programme to introduce zero emissions buses by 2025. It's also important that the revised Nationally Determined Contributions for COP26 include concrete details on a just transition for transport. Although international aviation and maritime were not included in the Paris Agreement, we need to make sure there is a robust framework for the transition to zero carbon in these sectors.

We appreciate that Covid-19 has presented significant challenges to the sustainable transport agenda. It has also shown the importance of dialogue with trade unions in order to find solutions to these challenges.