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Agenda Item: XI

## **Automotive Dialogue Convenor's Report – Endorsed**

Purpose: Information  
Submitted by: AD Convenor



**First Committee on Trade and Investment  
Meeting  
3-4 March 2021**

## AUTO DIALOGUE CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT TO CTI 1 2021

### **1. How does the Forum's work contribute to CTI's Objectives of:**

*Please provide a brief list of the forum's work under each sub-heading. Please refer to Appendix A for further detail on CTI's objectives.*

#### **a. Support for the Multilateral Trading System**

The AD has addressed many impediments to various market access barriers that hinder the long-term goal of free and open trade. Using workshops and its workplan the AD has encouraged economic and technical cooperation that contributes to trade liberalization and facilitation.

#### **b. Regional Economic Integration, including taking forward the Putrajaya Vision 2040 and contributing to the development of the Implementation Plan in 2021**

The Putrajaya Vision 2040 will be reflected in the Auto Dialogue's continued focus on market access including free trade agreements, tax structure and regimes, non-tariff measures; trade and business facilitation; harmonization of standards and regulations; new technologies; and economic and technical cooperation related to the automotive industry in the Asia-Pacific region.

#### **c. Trade Facilitation and Connectivity**

APEC Advanced Vehicle Technologies Technical Engagement Program goal is to reduce regulatory divergence and avoid adoption of unique (e.g., economy-specific) new technology standards or regulations which allows for the easier trade in these energy saving, life-saving technologies.

#### **d. Inclusion**

The AD has been very successful in developing effective mechanisms for APEC economies to cooperate in addressing and reducing barriers to growth in the auto sector in the APEC region.

### **2. Forum Main Objectives/Deliverables expected for 2021**

*Please provide a brief list of the forum's 2021 objectives and expected outcomes/deliverables.*

The AD will begin work on APEC Advanced Vehicle Technologies Technical Engagement Program which is the latest in a series of important administration efforts to reduce regulatory and standards divergence. The APEC Advanced Vehicle Technologies Technical Engagement Program furthers the earlier workstream and identifies economies that will receive multi-year, in-depth technical and policy assistance on issues found in a gap analysis based on an initial stock taking exercise.

### **3. Planned private sector engagement in 2021**

*Please provide a list of planned private sector engagement in 2021*

The private sector is an integral and active member of every Auto Dialogue meeting, program and workshop.

### **4. Planned cross-fora collaboration in 2021**

*Please provide a list of planned cross-fora collaboration in 2021*

There will be Cross-fora collaboration with the Transportation Working Group and the Energy Working Group on the APEC Advanced Vehicle Technologies Technical Engagement Program.

**5. Main outcomes from most recent plenary meeting**

*Please provide in list format*

The AD endorsed the AV Guiding Principles.

**6. Was quorum<sup>1</sup> reached at the most recent plenary meeting?**

*Please advise how many economies participated in the most recent plenary meeting.*

Yes. A total number of 14 economies attended the meeting: Canada; China; Hong Kong, China; Japan; the Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; Peru, the Philippines; Russia; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; the United States; and Viet Nam. SIAM attended the meeting as Official Guest to the Automotive Dialogue.

**7. What is your Forum doing to maintain/increase its relevance to APEC member economies and increase participation from its members?**

*Please provide a brief list of planned efforts to increase participation from members*

This year we are planning to discuss: Trade Policies after Covid and Economic and Trade Policies that Strengthen Recovery. Two topics that will be useful to all economies.

**8. Decision points needed from CTI**

- Seek CTI's endorsement of the Auto Dialogue Convenor's Report.

*Please add any additional decision points needed from CTI*

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<sup>1</sup> Quorum requires 14 economies or more. Quorum is measured by member economies (not including private sector) participating. Remote participation is counted.