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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Council
Subject:	AOB for the meeting of the <u>Transport</u> , Telecommunication and Energy Council on 4 December 2025 Forthcoming High Level Dialogue in the ITF Common Interest Group 4 Ukraine (CIG4U) as well as the establishment of an Ukraine Transport Support Fund (UTSF) under this initiative (Stockholm, 17 February 2026) - Information from Sweden

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In light of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, members of the International Transport Forum (ITF) (Sweden, Canada, Lithuania and Ukraine) have taken an initiative to help facilitate reconstruction of transport infrastructure in Ukraine. As a result of this initiative, the Common Interest Group for Transport in Ukraine (CIG4U) was established in Kiev in 2023. CIG4U is a like-minded assembly of states within ITF supporting Ukraine's needs for restoration and development of their transport system.

CIG4U is now exploring the possibility of establishing a dedicated funding mechanism (Ukraine Transport Support Fund, UTSF) to support Ukraine's immediate civilian transport needs through bilateral grants for small and medium-sized projects. Co-chairs and ITF Secretariat signed a joint declaration to form the basis of the framework for the UTSF yesterday on the 3rd of December in Brussels.

All CIG4U like-minded states will in due time receive an invitation to a High Level Dialogue in Stockholm on the transport needs for Ukraine on the 17th of February 2026. At the High-Level Dialogue all like-minded states will be invited to co-sign the declaration mentioned above. During this meeting co-chairs are planning on officially launching the UTSF and initiate a pilot project. Sweden hopes that as many member states as possible will be able to participate in the meeting in Stockholm, to show that we will stand by Ukraine for as long as it takes.

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