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Final declaration

The Participants (about 100 participants from 25 countries) wish to express their gratitude to the organizers – the Finnish Transport Agency (FTA) and the International Union of Railways (UIC) – for successfully organizing the 12th edition of the World Security Congress held in Helsinki from 23 to 25 November 2016 on the broad theme of "Security of Stations".

They appreciate the results of the 2016 Global Additional Security Programme which was presented during the Congress. The Programme has been commissioned by the UIC General Assembly in December 2015 - being a point of next General Assembly agenda for the endorsement.

 It contains:

Training and communication

- o Creation of a toolbox, at the disposal of UIC members, based on main existing trainings contents, in order to enable them for organizing their own training policy in the most efficient way
- o Organisation of new training programs, gathering external experts when needed, on new or emerging security topics
- o Organization of an annual Security Awareness Day for developing awareness and culture of security

- Crisis management
  - Publication of a guide of reference helping for elaboration the adapted contingency plans
- Interoperability and exchange of information
  - Creation of an UIC International Railway Solution (IRS) for exchanging the needed information on a common format with all relevant structures.

Apart this general programme, they consider that "security of stations", broad theme of the Congress, remains a crucial topic and it needs to be addressed by UIC in a common work between the Security Platform and the Stations Managers Global Group in order to define a win-win model with the main guidelines for a station's security policy which could be presented during the UIC conference "Next-Station" planned in Madrid in October 2017:

A **common project group** has to be set up soon for that reason, the first deliverables to be included to a Station's Security Handbook.

Various aspects like:

- integration of security issues in designing the stations
- social, legal and ethical framework
- human factors aspects
- intermodality risks and opportunities
- specificities of airport rail stations
- management of crowded places
- ……

should be part of this handbook

The participants of the Congress thank warmly all the speakers for the quality of their presentations which will be a useful and interesting basis for the future common work to follow up the Congress.

They take note of the organization of the next, the 13th UIC Global Security Congress, to be planned in Germany at the end of 2017.

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