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AUTHORISATION TO COMMIT EXPENDITURE AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY PERIOD 2009 AND TO COLLECT THE CORRESPONDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER INCOME FOR THE PART II PROGRAMME: THE OECD PART OF THE JOINT ITF-OECD TRANSPORT RESEARCH CENTRE (JTRC)

(Note by the Secretary-General)
1. At the Joint ITF-OECD Transport Research Centre (JTRC) Committee meeting on 24 September 2008, JTRC delegates approved the OECD part of the proposed Programme of Work and Budget for 2009. When presented with this PWB, the Budget Committee did not approve it but asked for it to be adjusted to Zero Nominal Growth. Further consultation is thus required with JTRC delegates.

2. As stated in the Financial Regulations of the Organisation (article 8 §4), if it has not been possible to approve the Budget before the first day of the financial period, the Council may authorise the Secretary-General to commit expenditure and to make payments in respect of each quarterly period not exceeding one-fourth of the appropriations under each Title and Chapter in the Budget for the preceding financial period, and to collect the corresponding contributions and other income.

3. The Council, in its Decision of 17 December 2007, with regard to the Budget of the OECD part of Joint ITF- OECD Transport Research Centre in 2008 [C/M(2007)17, Item 234 d), ii); C(2007)134/REV1], approved the appropriations and contributions by participants regarding the OECD part of the Joint ITF-OECD Transport Research Centre entered in Title I, Part II of the Budget (Chapter 36) of an amount 1 073 700 EUR.

4. The structure of the Titles and Chapters will be modified as of 1 January 2009 as a result of the budget reform. As of this date, budgets will be accepted at the Output Group and Fund level.

5. In the light of the preceding, and having regard to Articles 5 a) and 20 of the OECD Convention of 14 December 1960, and to the Financial Regulations of the Organisation, in particular Regulation 8 §4, the Secretary-General invites the Council to adopt the following draft conclusions:

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   a) noted document C(2008)213;

   b) authorises a total appropriation of EUR 268 425 in favour of the Secretary-General to meet the expenditure of 1 January 2009 to 31 March 2009 for the budget of the Part II Programme the ITF- OECD Transport Research Centre (Part II, Fund 36). This appropriation corresponds to one fourth of the 2008 appropriations;

   c) the Secretary-General is authorised to collect the contributions corresponding to the period from the 1 January to 31 March 2009 of the financial year 2009 on the basis of one fourth of the contributions called up in 2008.