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Government, employer and worker experts came together at the ILO in Geneva from 12 – 16 October to discuss priority safety and health issues in passenger and freight road transport.

Among the main conclusions of the meeting, the Employers particularly welcomed the tripartite agreement on the need for mandatory medical certification of workers in the sector, as well as screening for alcohol and drugs use, the need for governments to invest in the development and improvements of infrastructure (roads, rest areas, etc.) and for renovation of vehicle fleets.

In response to the increasing use of mobile applications to connect end users with drivers offering transport services, particularly taxis, the meeting also adopted a resolution calling on governments to establish a regulatory environment that put all the actors on an equal footing and facilitated the formalisation of transport service providers operating in the informal sector.

It is worth noting that the Worker experts were unsuccessful in their efforts to impose responsibility on businesses for transportation across their
whole supply chain. Moreover, the Employers achieved the recognition by the Workers and Governments that training time should not automatically be deducted from hours of work and that financing training should not systematically be the sole responsibility of employers.

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