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Collaboration: Tech and Teams for Secure and Resilient Railways

Final Declaration of the 21st Edition of the UIC World Security Congress

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The congress delegates wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to the organisors – Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail and the International Union of Railways (UIC) Security Department – for successfully organising the 21st edition of the UIC World Security Congress in Dublin, from 3 to 5 November 2026.

They also acknowledge all the speakers and international experts who contributed to the richness of the discussions around the theme: *Collaboration: Tech and Teams for Secure and Resilient Railways*. Delegates reaffirmed that effective railway security depends on the seamless integration of human expertise, operational excellence and technological innovation.

The discussions shed light on:

- The growing contribution of emerging technologies to railway security and resilience, enhancing prevention, detection and response capabilities when coupled with human expertise
- The need for renewed strategies to address crime, violence and anti-social behaviour across railway networks, recognising the evolving modus operandi of offenders
- The essential role of railways in enabling the successful delivery of major events, underpinned by robust security arrangements and close, multi-agency cooperation
- The importance of adapting security models to local realities, recognising that confidence in rail depends on systems being both secure and perceived as such

The delegates recommend that the UIC Security Platform continue to address the key issues highlighted during the Congress, to advance the railway security agenda through

international cooperation, to drive research and innovation projects, and to develop common frameworks and standards that support secure and resilient railways across all UIC regions.

Furthermore, the delegates commend the progress achieved since the previous World Security Congress in addressing the priorities of the Rabat Declaration, notably through the work on the security of major events and through research and innovation projects developing security training for the rail sector. Nevertheless, many presentations given here in Dublin have highlighted the need for continued adaptation to evolving threats and challenges.

In this regard, the following priority directions are identified:

- Assessing emerging weapons detection technologies to help prevent acts of violence and terror attacks in the railway environment
- Strengthening the resilience of critical infrastructure against malicious acts, such as sabotage, digital threats, hybrid threats or CBRNe incidents
- Ensuring the security of vulnerable people, including passengers, front-line staff and executive staff members who are increasingly exposed to violence and aggression
- Enhancing border security and cross-border cooperation, so as to facilitate legitimate travel and combat organised crime

Working on these priorities will require close cooperation within the rail sector and beyond. The delegates therefore encourage continued collaboration between the UIC Security Platform's working groups, other UIC bodies, international partners such as RAILPOL, UITP, INTERPOL, the European Commission and the United Nations, and security associations. They call upon UIC to continue its structuring role in coordinating global initiatives and fostering cooperation across the railway security community.

Finally, the delegates wish to express their gratitude to all those whose expertise and commitment contributed to the success of the Congress. They reaffirm their determination to advance railway security together and underline the sector's ability to build secure, resilient and trusted railways, placing both technology and teams at the heart of this shared endeavour.