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FIATA sees an international scheme for transport emissions as sole option

The Multimodal Transport Institute (MTI) of FIATA is the arena where the interests of freight forwarders and logistics service providers converge and unite under the FIATA flag, a flag that is flying high this week in Los Angeles for those attending the 50th edition of the FIATA World Congress. This year some 800 delegates from 78 countries will deliberate on a complex and rich agenda.

This week-long Congress pulls together an unprecedented number of speakers for an audience at the very top level of transport related service officials from all over the world. A number of high level panels have been organised, touching upon the main concerns of the sector.

One of the key policy making structures in FIATA, the MTI, adopted a position paper on transport emissions today that for the first time catapults FIATA to the core of the political debate on sustainable logistics.

Chris Gillespie, the Chairman of the Multimodal Transport Institute, extolled the work done by his delegates at the session by stating that "FIATA Members are aware of the issue of emissions in transport. Despite the efforts made by our Members in the areas of the supply chain that are handled directly by them, there still exists a grey area of concern, where transport emissions grow, despite all the laudable efforts deployed so far to contain them. This work was done principally by our maritime delegates, but it is multimodal by its very nature, as emissions are a multimodal issue and an international one indeed. Emissions know no boundaries and do not stop for customs. This is why FIATA thinks that an international solution is necessary and it is urgent for the United Nations' agencies to lead this debate in view of solutions that can be acceptable for all."

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The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) was founded in Vienna in 1926. Today it is the largest and leading non-governmental organization in the field of transportation, representing 40'000 forwarding and logistics companies employing up to 10 million people in 150 countries. FIATA has consultative status with several United Nations bodies and is recognized by many governmental and private organizations worldwide. The Federation's main objectives are to promote and protect the interests of the freight forwarding industry, to improve the quality of freight forwarding services, to assist with vocational training and to familiarize the business world in particular and the public in general with the wide range services rendered by the industry.



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