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World auto production reached 80.1 million in 2011

Geneva, March 7th, 2012: Patrick Blain, President of OICA announced today that the 2011 world auto production reached 80.1 million (all types). This level is a record one and is up by more than 3% compared to 2010.

After a dramatic fall in 2009 to 61.8 million units due to the 2008 crisis, the world auto production has recovered its growth rate. Asia is now the first continent reaching 40.6 million units in 2011, followed by Europe at 21.1 and the Americas at 17.8.

- Europe 27: Europe is back with a growth to 17.7M but still under the figures prior to 2008.
- Other European countries, Russia and Turkey: after the terrible fall of 2009, the figure of 3.4M is higher than before the crisis.
- NAFTA : a positive come back with 13.5M but still 2M under the figures prior to the crisis.
- South America : a growth to 4.3M, with regular growth since 2003.
- Japan: a decrease from 2010 to 8.4M mainly due to the earth quake and tsunami. Japan is still under the levels prior to the crisis (In addition, the role of the yen exchange rate cannot be underestimated).
- South Korea: a growth to 4.7M the figure is well above the last record of 2007.
- China: after the high speed growth of 2009 and 2010, China is slowing a little with 18.4M but remains as the first country for auto production.
- India, other Asian countries and Africa: a significant growth to 9.7M mainly thanks to in India and South East Asian countries such as Thailand or Indonesia (where heavy rains last year have slowed production).

OICA forecasts for 2012 the same 3% growth of world auto production. Some countries may slow down production, but new plants will start production this year (in Russia, Morocco, Brazil,...).

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