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“The role of transportation to enhance
regional economic co-operation and stability”
Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 7-8 November 2005

Conference Venue:
State Complex “Kohi Vahdat”
107 Rudaki Avenue, Dushanbe

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Sunday, 6 November 2005

17.00 – 19.00 **Registration** at the conference venue State Complex “Kohi Vahdat”

Monday, 7 November 2005

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration** at the conference venue State Complex “Kohi Vahdat”

09.00 - 10.00 **Opening plenary session** (open to Press)

Moderator: H.E. Khakim Soliev, Minister of Economy and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan

Welcoming remarks by:

- **H.E. Akil Akilov**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan
- **H.E. Abdurahim Ashurov**, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Tajikistan
- **Ambassador Andrej Benedejcic**, Ambassador of Slovenia to the Russian Federation, representative of the OSCE Chairmanship
- **Mr. Frank Geerkens**, Head of the OSCE Chairmanship Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium, incoming Belgian OSCE Chairmanship 2006
- **Ambassador Alain Couanon**, Head of the OSCE Center in Dushanbe
- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 - 11.30 **Plenary Session I – The role of transport in regional economic co-operation and stability**

Moderator: H.E. Abdurahim Ashurov, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Tajikistan
Rapporteur: Ms. Bess Brown, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, OSCE Center in Dushanbe

Presentations by:

- **Mr. Frederick Starr**, Chairman of the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University: *Greater Central Asia and the future of continental trade*
- **Mr. Robert Nowak**, Economic Analysis Division, UNECE: *the impact of transport links on trade, investment and economic integration in the OSCE area and with its Mediterranean and Asian Partners for co-operation*
- **Mr. Abdugaffor Raufi**, Director of the Institute of Economics of the Academy of Science of Tajikistan: *historical precedents regarding transport in Central Asia*

Discussion

11.30 – 13.00 **Plenary Session II – Taking stock of existing co-operation initiatives in transportation: examples of effective policies and practices**

Moderator: Mr. Frank Geerkens, Head of the OSCE Chairmanship Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium, incoming Belgian OSCE Chairmanship 2006

Rapporteur: Mr. William Hanlon, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Mission to Georgia

Presentations by:

- **Mr. Poul Hansen**, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Division, UNECE: *the UNECE work in the area of transport*
- **Mr. Dirk Schuebel**, Administrator, Unit for International Relations, Directorate General for Energy and Transport, European Commission: *bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the transport sector between the European Union and the countries of the OSCE area*
- **Mr. Gumar Kassymov**, Advisor and Deputy Head, Department for Infrastructure Development, Eurasian Economic Community: *the work of EURASEC to support regional co-operation in the field of transport*

Discussion

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 - 16.00 **Panel Discussion I – Optimising transport links between Europe and Asia in support of regional economic development stability and security**

Moderator: Mr. Frederick Starr, Chairman of the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins University

Rapporteur: Mr. Danielius Pivoriunas, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Panellists:

- **Mr. Fedor Pekhterev**, Director, Institute for Technical and Economic Research and Design of Railway Transport, Moscow, Russian Federation: *the trans-Siberian Railway*
- **Mr. Karl Nehls**, TRACECA Co-ordinator for Central Asia, and **Ms. Yuliya Usatova**, Expert on International and Public Relations, Permanent Secretariat of the InterGovernmental Commission TRACECA and **Mr. Akif Mustafayev**, National Secretary in Azerbaijan, InterGovernmental Commission TRACECA
- **Ms. Irina Dushina**, Senior Adviser, Legal Department, Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation: *the North-South corridor*
- **Mr. Anthony Pearce**, Director General, Geneva/Brussels Offices, International Road Federation
- **Mr. K. Muminov**, Head of Railways Department, Ministry of Transport, Tajikistan

Discussion

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 - 18.00 **Panel Discussion II - Transport issues at the sub-regional, national and local levels: policy issues, including environmental sustainability**

Moderator: **Mr. Alexey Stukalo**, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: **Mr. Philip Reuchlin**, Economic and Environmental Affairs Assistant, OCEEA

Panellists:

- **Mr. Aibek Akbarov**, First Deputy Governor Djalal-Abad Oblast Administration, Kyrgyzstan
- **Mr. Boimamad Alibakshov**; Head of the NGO Milal-Inter, Khorog, Badakhshon region, Tajikistan
- **Mr. Mensur Hodzic**, Senior Expert Associate, Department of Transport Infrastructure - Projects Preparation and Implementation Unit, State Ministry of Communications and Transport, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Mr. Jalil Buzrukov**, Adviser to the Chairman, State Committee on Environment and Forestry, Tajikistan
- **Mr. Kanat Baigarin**, Head of the Co-ordination Centre on Climate Change, Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Farman Safarov**. Deputy Chief, Transport Policy Department, Azerbaijan
- **Mr. M. Shokirov**, President of ABBAT Cargo Transportation, IRU member, Tajikistan

Discussion

19.00 **Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan - Chaikhana (Teahouse) Rohat**

Tuesday, 8 November 2005

09.00 - 11.00 **Plenary Session III – Addressing non-physical barriers to transport. The importance of good governance as a prerequisite for secure and efficient trade and transport**

Moderator: Mr. Robert Nowak, Economic Analysis Division, UNECE

Rapporteur: Mr. Gabriel Leonte, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OCEEA

Presentations by:

- **Mr. Motoo Konishi**, Sector Manager, Infrastructure and Energy, Europe and Central Asia, the World Bank: *The work of the World Bank in the area of Trade and Transport Facilitation in Central Asia*
- **Mr. Poul Hansen**, Economic Affairs Officer, Border Crossing Facilitation Section, Transport Division, UNECE: *The role of the TIR and other UNECE Conventions in facilitating border crossing*
- **Mr. David Narmania**, Deputy Chairman of the Board, Young Economists Association (YEA) of Georgia: *Non-physical border barriers, other obstacles and planned reforms*
- **Mr. Bahtiar Mamadjanov**, Association of Legal Entities and Private Entrepreneurs, Kyrgyzstan

Reactions by stakeholders: Governments in the region, customs authorities, SME associations, transport operators, foreign investors, etc.

Discussion

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13.00 **Panel Discussion III – transport issues in land-locked countries: how regional co-operation can reduce the cost disadvantage of being landlocked and contribute to stability**

Moderator: Ambassador Andrej Benedejcic, Ambassador of Slovenia to the Russian Federation, representative of the OSCE Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Ms. Karla Basselier, OSCE Chairmanship Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium,

- **Representative of Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg**, First Officer, Office of the UN High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States: *the Almaty Declaration and the Almaty Programme of Action*
- **Mr. Vahagn Badalyan**, Deputy Head of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Armenia
- **Mr. Khamroev Firuz Khalilovich**, Head of Department of Air Fleet under Government of Tajikistan
- **Mr. Akhmedov Sultonmurod**, Head of Motor Transport Department, Ministry of Transport, Tajikistan

Discussion

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 - 16.30 **Plenary Session IV – The role of international financial institutions and bilateral donors in supporting transport development**

Moderator: Mr. Bernard Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Mr. Shalva Pipia, National Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Mission to Georgia

Presentations by:

- **Mr. Motoo Konishi**, Sector Manager, Infrastructure and Energy, Europe and Central Asia, the World Bank: *the World Bank support for transport development in Central Asia, including a presentation of a WB report on liberalization of the aviation sector*
- **Ms. Oksana Nazmieva**, Tajikistan Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank: *the Central Asia Regional Economic Co-operation (CAREC) and other ADB activities in Central Asia*
- **Ms. Alma Issabayeva**, Operation Officer, Regional Office, Islamic Development Bank: *IDB activities in the area of transport and regional co-operation in Central Asia*
- **Mr. Fernand Pillonel**, Head of EBRD Resident Office, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Discussion

16.30 - 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 - 18.00 **Concluding Session** – The role of the OSCE in promoting enhanced transport policies for regional economic co-operation and stability and the way forward

19.00 **Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**