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“Promoting good governance at border crossings, improving the security of land transportation and facilitating international transport by road and rail in the OSCE region”

FIRST PREPARATORY CONFERENCE

ASTANA, 12-13 October 2009

Venue: Rixos President Hotel Astana
Kunayeva Street 7 – Astana, Kazakhstan

AGENDA

Monday, 12 October 2009

08:00 - 10:00 Registration (conference venue)

10.00 - 10.30 **Opening session** (Open to Press)

Welcoming remarks by:

- **Mr. Konstantin Zhigalov**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, incoming Chairmanship of the OSCE
- **Mr. Azat Bekturov**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- **Mr. Evangelos Denaxas**, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic (Greece) to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Representative of the Greek 2009 OSCE Chairmanship
- **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE Secretariat

10.30 – 11.30 **Session I – Ways to improve the legal and regulatory basis for international road transport**

Selected topics:

- Challenges related to the ratification and implementation of international legal instruments
- Harmonization of national legislation with international standards at regional and bilateral levels

Moderator: Mr. Azat Bekturov, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Rapporteur: Mr. Dmitry Balakin, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Murat Mussatayev**, Deputy Secretary General, Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC)
- **Ms. Sophie Fouvez**, Regional Adviser, Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Discussion

11.30 – 12.00 Tea/Coffee break (Press Conference, Hall D)

12.00 – 13.00 **Session II – Developing new policies aimed at streamlining and simplifying customs and border regulations and procedures**

Selected topics:

- Examples of how international legal instruments and conventions can be translated successfully into national policies
- Recent and planned legislative and institutional reforms aimed at improved border management

Moderator: Mr. Ten Igor Viktorovich, Deputy Chairman of the Customs Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Rapporteur: Ms. Caroline Milow, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Project Co-ordinator's Office in Tashkent

Speakers:

- **Mr. Kuban Kulmatov**, First Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic
- **Mr. Sergei Fedorov**, Head of Division, Department of Customs Control, State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus
- **Mr. Iqboljon Fayzylloev**, Senior Specialist, Ministry of Transport and Communication, Republic of Tajikistan

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 15.30 **Session III – Road transport facilitation measures to enhance economic development and stability in Central Asia**

Selected topics:

- Overcoming existing gaps in current policies and practices at national, bilateral and regional levels
- Improving cross-border trade and transport flows, including between border regions and communities

Moderator: Mr. Hong Wang, Principal CAREC Coordinator, Central and West Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Rapporteur: Mr. Joomart Ormonbekov, Senior Programme Assistant, Economic and Environmental Programme, OSCE Centre in Bishkek

Speakers:

- **Mr. Murat Bekmagambetov**, President, Scientific Research Institute of Transport and Communications, Republic of Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Oleg Samukhin**, Transport Economist, USAID Regional Trade Liberalization and Customs (RTL) project

Discussion

15.30 – 15.45 Tea/Coffee break

15.45 – 16.45 **Session IV – Working further on meeting the practical needs of landlocked developing countries**

Selected topics:

- Improvement of transit transportation agreements and policies
- How to make better use of the TIR Carnet and other customs transit regimes
- Establishment of a system of multimodal transport and logistical centres as key elements of international transport corridors

Moderator: Ms. Sophie Fouvez, Regional Adviser, Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Rapporteur: Mr. Viet-Luan Nguyen, Counsellor, Permanent Representation of France to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Mohammad Mirzaei Kahagh**, Director, Transport and Communications Department, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Secretariat
- **Mr. Tengfei Wang**, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

- **Mr. Tom Kennedy**, Team Leader of European Commission - funded Logistics Centre Project in Central Asia

Discussion

16.45 – 17.00 Tea/Coffee break

17.00 – 18.00 **Session V – Practical measures to facilitate border crossing for international road transport**

Selected topics:

- Recent developments and examples of good practice in border agency co-operation and co-ordination
- Introduction of one-stop border posts, Single Windows and other simplification and automation measures and further goods clearance
- Facilitating the exchange of information, including with the private sector, through improved record and document flow systems based on international standards

Moderator: Mr. Azat Bekturov, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Rapporteur: Mr. Yaroslav Yurtsaba, National Project Manager, Economic Projects, Office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Mr. Vytenis Alisauskas**, Deputy Director, Customs Information System Centre, Lithuanian Customs
- **Mr. Oncu Tekes**, EU Expert, Office of the Undersecretary of Customs, Turkey
- **Mr. Nurlan Omarov**, Deputy Chairman, Department of Customs Control Procedures, Customs Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Discussion

19.00 Reception hosted by the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the “Saltanat Sarayi” Reception Palace

Tuesday, 13 October 2009

09.30 – 10.30 **Session VI – Introduction of new technologies and know-how to increase efficiency of border-crossing points**

Selected topics:

- Implementation of a uniform system of electronic customs declarations by way of adopting Single Windows
- Development of systems of monitoring of vehicles
- How to harmonize cargo transportation and border crossing technologies between neighboring countries

Moderator: Mr. Ten Igor Viktorovich, Deputy Chairman of the Customs Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Rapporteur: Ms. Veronika Schoehl, First Secretary, Permanent Representation of Belgium to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Mario Apostolov**, Regional Adviser, Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- **Mr. Wicktor Mats**, Director Change Management and Effective Trade, Head Office of Swedish Customs

Discussion

10.30 – 10.45 Tea/Coffee break

10.45 – 11.45 **Session VII – Strengthening public-private partnerships in the area of international road transport and border crossings of goods**

Selected topics:

- The role of the private sector in the modernization of border crossing points
- Making full use of the WCO Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Concept: striking a balance between facilitation and risk management
- Development of appropriate consultation mechanisms to improve legislation and harmonize procedures

Moderator: Mr. Vytautas Nauduzas, Ambassador at Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania

Rapporteur: Ms. Sinead Harvey, Attaché, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Wicktor Mats**, Director, Change Management and Effective Trade, Swedish Customs Head Office
- **Ms. Sinem Şenkaya**, Foreign Affairs Expert, Association of Customs and Tourism Enterprises (GTI), Turkey

Discussion

11.45 – 12.00 Tea/Coffee break

12.00 – 13.00 **Session VIII – Measures to improve integrity and transparency in customs and border services**

Selected topics:

- The use of international regulatory frameworks such as the UN Convention against Corruption and the WCO Revised Arusha Declaration
- International best practices of how to improve anti-corruption work in border agencies, among others through the development of a Code of Conduct based on the WCO model
- Creating simple, transparent and predictable procedures as a way to eliminate opportunities for corruption

Moderator: Ambassador Alexandre Keltchewsky, Head, OSCE Centre in Astana

Rapporteur: Ms. Zarina Ligay, Senior Programme Assistant, OSCE Centre in Astana

Speakers:

- **Mr. Roel Janssens**, Economic and Environmental Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), OSCE Secretariat
- **Mr. Vytenis Alisauskas**, Deputy Director, Customs Information System Centre, Lithuanian Customs

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 15.30 **Session IX – Using best practices and modern methods to combat trafficking in weapons, drugs and human beings at border-crossing points**

Selected topics:

- Risk management approaches and methodologies
- Making more effective use of equipment and human resources among others through strengthening the interaction between law enforcement agencies active at border check-points

- Responding to concrete challenges at borders in Central Asia, including with Afghanistan

Moderator: Mr. Jonathan Trumble, Customs Adviser, Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) OS Borders Team, OSCE Secretariat

Rapporteur: Mr. Emmanuel Huntzinger, Economic Officer, Economic and Environmental Department, OSCE Office in Tajikistan

Speakers:

- **Mr. Hardy Roehling**, Chief Technical Advisor for Kazakhstan, EU Border Management Programme for Central Asia (BOMCA) / Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP)
- **Mr. Ross Ferguson Ballantyne**, International Adviser, Counter Narcotics Advisory Team, Ministry of Counter Narcotics, Afghanistan

Discussion

15.30 – 15.45 Tea/Coffee break

15.45 – 16.30 **Closing Session**

Concluding remarks by:

- **Mr. Konstantin Zhigalov**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, incoming Chairmanship of the OSCE
- **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE Secretariat

Discussion