



Chairmanship: Kazakhstan

**PART I OF THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

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

Opening session (open to the press)

1. Date: Monday, 1 February 2010

Opened: 9.40 a.m.
Closed: 10.20 a.m.
2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov (Kazakhstan)
3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 1: *Opening session*
 - (a) Mr. K. Abdrakhmanov, Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship (EEF.DEL/13/10)
 - (b) Mr. M. Perrin de Brichambaut, Secretary General of the OSCE (EEF.GAL/2/10)
 - (c) Mr. G. Svilanovic, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (CoEEA) (EEF.GAL/3/10)
 - (d) *Discussion:* Spain-European Union (EEF.DEL/18/10), United States of America, Belarus (EEF.DEL/12/10), Russian Federation, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine)
4. Next meeting:

Monday, 1 February 2010, at 10.20 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

Plenary session I

1. Date: Monday, 1 February 2010

Opened: 10.20 a.m.
Closed: 11.20 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Bekturov (Kazakhstan) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 2: *The need to increase efficiency of international road transport in the context of the global economic downturn*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*
 - Mr. J. Short, International Transport Forum
 - Mr. U. De Pretto, International Road Transport Union (EEF.NGO/1/10)
 - Mr. M. Adamantiadis, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) (EEF.IO/5/10)
(b) *Discussion:* None

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 1 February 2010, at 11.30 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

Plenary session II

1. Date: Monday, 1 February 2010

Opened: 11.45 a.m.

Suspended: 1 p.m.

Resumed: 3.10 p.m.

Closed: 4.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Ten (Kazakhstan) (Moderator)
Mr. M. Schmitz (World Customs Organization) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 3: *Good governance in customs and at border crossings as an essential tool for transport and trade facilitation, and enhancing security*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*

- Mr. O. Gebes, Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges, Turkey
- Mr. E. Huntzinger, OSCE Office in Tajikistan (EEF.FR/2/10)
- Mr. R. Nowak, UNECE
- Ms. M. Kurthsidze, Ministry of Finance, Georgia (EEF.DEL/2/10/Rev.1)
- Mr. J. Verheyen, Porthus NV, Belgium (EEF.NGO/2/10)
- Mr. J. Trumble, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) (EEF.FR/1/10)

(b) *Discussion:* United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Kazakhstan, Moderator (Kazakhstan), Lithuania, Association of Customs Brokers of Kazakhstan, United States of America, Tajikistan, European Union (European Commission), Moderator (World Customs Organization)

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 1 February 2010, at 5 p.m., in the Neuer Saal

Plenary session III

1. Date: Monday, 1 February 2010

Opened: 5.10 p.m.
Closed: 6.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Sychov (Belarus) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 4: *Facilitating international transport in the OSCE area through more effective regional co-operation*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*
 - Mr. A. Blagodatskikh, Federal Customs Service, Russian Federation
 - Mr. M. Bekmagambetov, Scientific Research Institute for Transport and Communications, Kazakhstan (EEF.DEL/3/10)
 - Mr. V. Saranciuc, Ministry of Transport and Road Infrastructure, Moldova
(b) *Discussion:* UNCTAD, Eurasian Economic Community (EURASEC), Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, National Economic Chamber of Kazakhstan, Belarus, Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 2 February 2010, at 9.30 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

Plenary session IV

1. Date: Tuesday, 2 February 2010

Opened: 9.35 a.m.
Closed: 11.05 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Keltchewsky (OSCE Centre in Astana) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 5: *Providing access to sea ports for landlocked countries*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*
 - Mr. V. Naudužas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania (EEF.DEL/4/10/Rev.2)
 - Ms. K. Lannan, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (EEF.IO/1/10)
 - Mr. A. Barmenkulov, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Kazakhstan (EEF.DEL/7/10)
(b) *Discussion:* Moderator, Lithuania, Armenia, European Union (European Commission), Azerbaijan, Denmark, Netherlands, United States of America, Finland, Switzerland, International Road Transport Union

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 2 February 2010, at 11.30 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

Plenary session V

1. Date: Tuesday, 2 February 2010

Opened: 11.35 a.m.
Closed: 1.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador H. Salber (CPC) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 6: *Improving security and efficiency of transport connections in Central Asia and with Afghanistan*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*
 - Mr. M. Shinwari, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Afghanistan
 - Mr. I. Rounov, International Road Transport Union (EEF.NGO/3/10) (EEF.NGO/3/10/Add.1)
 - Mr. B. Alibakhshev, Milal-Inter, Tajikistan (EEF.DEL/5/10)
(b) *Discussion:* UNCTAD, Russian Federation (EEF.DEL/17/10), Union of International Road Carriers of Kazakhstan, National Economic Chamber of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, United States of America, Mr. M. Shinwari (keynote speaker), Mr. I. Rounov (keynote speaker), Mr. B. Alibakhshev (keynote speaker), Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 2 February 2010, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal

Plenary session VI

1. Date: Tuesday, 2 February 2010

Opened: 3.10 p.m.

Closed: 4.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Tomczyk (Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II Project)
(Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 7: *Facilitation and security of cross-border transport – making the case for a balanced approach*

Moderator (EEF.DEL/16/10)

(a) *Keynote addresses:*

– Mr. M. Schmitz, World Customs Organization (EEF.IO/2/10)

– Mr. E. Stewart, Advisor to the United States Chamber of Commerce (EEF.DEL/6/10) (EEF.DEL/6/10/Add.1)

– Mr. K. Ottersen, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (EEF.IO/3/10)

(b) *Discussion:* European Union (European Commission), Mr. E. Stewart (keynote speaker), UNCTAD, Association of Customs Brokers of Kazakhstan (EEF.NGO/7/10)

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 2 February 2010, at 4.30 p.m., in the Neuer Saal

Concluding debate and closing statements

1. Date: Tuesday, 2 February 2010

Opened: 4.45 p.m.

Closed: 5.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. G. Svilanovic (CoEEA) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 8: *Concluding debate and closing statements*

Moderator

(a) *Closing statements:*

– Mr. J. Tomczyk, Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II Project

– Mr. V. Naudužas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania
(EEF.DEL/14/10)

– Mr. A. Bekturov, Ministry of Transport and Communications,
Kazakhstan

(b) *Concluding discussion:* Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (EEF.DEL/15/10), UNCTAD, Japan (Partner for Co-operation) (EEF.DEL/19/10), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation)

4. Next meeting:

24 to 26 May 2010, in Prague

Chairmanship: Kazakhstan