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Conference on prospects for the development of trans-Asian and Eurasian transit transportation through Central Asia until the year 2015

Dushanbe, 23-24 October 2007
State Complex "Kohi Vahdat"
107 Rudaki Avenue, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

AGENDA

Tuesday, 23 October

08.30 - 09.30 Registration of participants

09.30 - 10.30 Introductory Session

Welcoming remarks by:

- **H.E. Khamrokhon Zarifi**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan
- **H.E. Abdurahim Ashur**, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Tajikistan
- **Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg**, Senior Programme Officer, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ambassador Vladimir Pryakhin**, Head of OSCE Centre in Dushanbe
- **Mr. Antonio Ramos Membrive**, Representative of the Spanish OSCE Chairmanship

10.30 - 11.30 Working Session I: The Almaty Programme of Action (APA) and the 2008 midterm review

This Session will focus on:

- The provisions of the Almaty Programme of Action (APA) Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries
- Indicators to measure the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (APA)
- The planned 2008 midterm review

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Gabriel Leonte, Economic and Environmental Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg**, Senior Programme Officer, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- **H.E. Khudoyor Khudoyorov**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communication, Republic of Tajikistan
- **H.E. Zhenis Kasymbek**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communication, Republic of Kazakhstan also on behalf of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (UNSPECA) Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing
- **Discussion**

11.30 - 12.00 **Coffee break**

12.00 - 13.00 **Working Session II: Presentations by Government representatives on their transit transport, border and customs policies – progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action – identification of gaps and priorities**

This Session will focus on:

- Co-ordinated statements (one per country) with regard to the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (APA) 2003-2007
- Assessment of current Government policies and identifying needs and plans for future action

Moderator: Ambassador Vladimir Pryakhin, Head of OSCE Centre in Dushanbe

Rapporteur: Ms. Brigitte Waignein, Second Secretary, Permanent Delegation of Belgium to the OSCE

Speakers:

- High-Level Government Representatives from the region (landlocked developing as well as transit countries, including OSCE Asian Partners)
- **Discussion**

13.00 - 14.30 **Lunch break**

14.30 - 15.30 **Working Session II – continued**

15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.00 - 18.00 **Panel Discussion I: Responding to the Identified Gaps and Challenges regarding Transport Infrastructure Development and Maintenance**

This Session will focus on:

- Challenges identified by International Organizations in the region with regard to the development of transport corridors and infrastructure
- Improving multi-modal transit transport infrastructure systems and facilitating cross-border trade requires financing and investment, how an International Financial Institutions contribute to this endeavour?
- Responding to the identified gaps and needs
- The Role of the OSCE

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Armands Pupols, Policy Support Officer, Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Rustan Jenalinov**, Secretary General, IGC TRACECA
- **Mr. Jaromir Cekota**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division also on behalf of the Transport and Tourism Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
- **Mr. Serik Primbetov**, Deputy Secretary General, Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC)
- **Mr. Nazarali Ashurzod**, Deputy Head of Tajik Railways, Division of the Ministry of Transport and Communication of the Republic of Tajikistan
- **Mr. Sodik Haiov**, the World Bank, Country Office Tajikistan
- **Mr. Sergey Sharapov**, Deputy Director, Research Institute for Railroad Design and Technical and Economic Survey, Russian Railways
- **Mr. Matthieu Le Blan**, Country Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- **Discussion**

18.30 - Reception hosted by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan - Rohat Restaurant

Wednesday, 24 October

09.30 - 11.30 Panel Discussion II: Trade, Transit Transport and Border Crossing Facilitation

This Session will focus on:

- Challenges identified by International Organizations with regard to the facilitation of trade, transit transport and border crossing facilitation in the region
- Promotion of Integrated Border Management, harmonization of customs procedures, trade facilitation measures to be put in place
- Responding to the identified gaps and needs
- The role of the OSCE

Moderator: Mr. Henry Bolton, Senior Border Issues Adviser, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) Borders Unit

Rapporteur: Mr. Roel Janssens, Economic and Environmental Adviser, Office of the Coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Robert Nowak**, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Transport Division
- **Ms. Kristal Alley**, Policy Adviser Europe and Eurasia, US Chamber of Commerce
- **Mr. Thierry Piraux**, Senior Technical Officer, World Customs Organization (WCO)
- **Mr. Hisham Maarouf**, Senior Project Officer, Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
- **Ms. Elena Anfimova**, Communication Officer, International Road Transport Union
- **Mr. Poul Hansen**, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Mr. Bahriddin Azamatov**, Regional Cooperation Officer, Tajikistan Residence Office, Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC), Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- **Mr. Kh. Makhmudov**, Deputy Head of the Criminal Investigation Department, Drug Control Agency of the Republic of Tajikistan
- **Discussion**

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 - 13.00 Panel Discussion III: Public-Private Partnerships in addressing the problems of OSCE landlocked developing countries

This Session will focus on:

- Potential for Public-Private Partnership in the area of trade, transit and transport facilitation

Moderator: Mr. Gumar Kassymov, Adviser, Deputy Head of Department for Market-oriented Infrastructure Development, Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC)

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

Speakers:

- **Mr. Igor Rounov**, International Road Transport Union (IRU) Permanent Delegate to the CIS
- **Mr. Konstantin Glukhenkiy**, Customs Expert, UNECE Transport Division
- **Mr. George Pertaia**, Customs Expert, American Chamber of Commerce, Tbilisi, Georgia
- **Mr. Stefan Ebner**, Deputy Director, Transport Division, Austrian Chamber of Commerce / Eurochambres
- **Mr. Odil Sangov**, First Deputy Chairman, Tajik Chamber of Commerce and **Mr. Nadjit Ashfar**, Head of KN IbaraCom Office in Tajikistan
- **Discussion**

13.00 - 14.30 **Lunch break**

14.30 - 15.30 **Panel Discussion III: continuation**

15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.00 - 17.00 **Closing Session: Conclusions and Recommendations**

This Session will focus on:

- The prospects for developing trans-Asian and Eurasian transit transportation through Central Asia until the year 2015
- Identifying ways and means to further improve the current situation in OSCE landlocked developing countries and their transit neighbours
- Potential for improved cooperation in trans-Asian and Eurasian transit transportation to be continued into 2008 and beyond
- The role of the OSCE

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Bess Brown, Economic Officer, OSCE Centre Dushanbe

- Presentation of Conclusions and Recommendations of the Conference by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Closing remarks by:

- **H.E. Abdurahim Ashur**, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Tajikistan
- **Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg**, Senior Programme Officer, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

17.00 - 18.00 **Press Conference**

18.00 - Reception hosted by the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe - Vastan Restaurant