



**Joint OSCE/UNECE/EurAsEC seminar on the
International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods**

17 (afternoon) - 18 October 2006

**Conference Venue:
World Trade Centre
Moscow, Krasnopresnenskaya nab., 12, Entrance Nr. 7
Room Angara, 3rd floor, Tel: (+7 495) 258-12-12**

AGENDA

DAY 1

Tuesday, 17 October 2006

13h30	Registration and Lunch
15h00	<p>Opening of the Seminar, welcome addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Remarks – Mr. Alexey Stukalo, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities • Opening Statements – H.E. Vincent Mertens, Ambassador of Belgium to the Russian Federation, Belgian OSCE Chairmanship; Mr. Poul Hansen, Economic Affairs Officer, Border Crossing Facilitation Section, UNECE Transport Division; Mr. Vladimir Nekrassov, Head, Department of Customs and Border Issues, Secretariat of the Integration Committee of EurAsEC
15h30	<p>Trade and transport facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Mr. Robert Nowak, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division
16h00	Coffee break
16h30	<p>Integrated Border Management and the Harmonization Convention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to UNECE legal instruments and the Harmonization Convention, including annexes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Mr. Poul Hansen, Economic Affairs Officer, Border Crossing Facilitation Section, UNECE Transport Division ▶ Mr. Gareth Lewis, Technical Officer, World Customs Organization
17h15	Discussion
18h00	Closure of Day 1

DAY 2

Wednesday, 18 October 2006

9h30	<p>Country reports on implementation of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of transport issues in the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) countries<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Mr. Robert Nowak, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division• Country reports<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ EurAsEC member states and observers
10h15	<p>Experience of the transport industry concerning integrated border management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Mr. Igor Runov, Permanent Delegate to the CIS, International Road Transport Union
10h45	<p>Coffee break</p>
11h15	<p>National cooperation measures in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General introduction, best practices vis-à-vis reality, state-of-the-art procedures<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Mr. Mats Wicktor, Director, Customs Future Centre, Swedish Customs
12h00	<p>Experience of authorities in cooperation measures at national level in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues and challenges<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Representative of the Russian Customs (tbc)
12h30	<p>Lunch break</p>
14h00	<p>Cross-border cooperation measures in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General introduction, best practices vis-à-vis reality, state-of-the-art procedures incl. joint border stations<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Mr. Jerzy Adam Szczawinski, Deputy Director, Customs Chamber in Bialystok

14h45	<p>Experience of authorities in cross-border cooperation measures in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues and challenges <p>▶ Mr. Shahin Baghirov, Head of Department, State Customs Committee, Customs Control Organization of Azerbaijan</p>
15h15	Discussion
15h45	Coffee break
16h15	<p>Future aspects of Integrated Border Management (IBM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete issues and scope for improvement in short and long term <p>▶ Mr. Poul Hansen, Economic Affairs Officer, Border Crossing Facilitation Section, UNECE Transport Division</p> <p>▶ Mr. Robert Nowak, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division</p> <p>▶ Representative of World Customs Organization (tbc)</p>
16h45	<p>Concluding session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up <p>▶ Concluding remarks by representatives of OSCE, UNECE and EurAsEC</p>
17h30	End of seminar