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OF THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON PROSPECTS FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF TRANS-ASIAN AND EURASIAN
TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION THROUGH
CENTRAL ASIA UNTIL THE YEAR 2015

Dushanbe, 23 and 24 October 2007

The Permanent Council,

In accordance with Ministerial Council Decision No. 11/06 (MC.DEC/11/06) decides to hold on 23 and 24 October 2007 in Dushanbe the OSCE Conference on Prospects for the Development of Trans-Asian and Eurasian Transit Transportation through Central Asia until the Year 2015,

Approves the agenda and organizational modalities of the Conference, as contained in the annex.

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I. Agenda and timetable

Tuesday, 23 October 2007

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| 9.30–10.30 a.m. | Introductory session: Welcoming remarks |
| 10.30–11.30 a.m. | Working session I: The Almaty Programme of Action (APA) and the 2008 mid-term review

This session will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">— 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 mid-term review. |
| 11.30 a.m.–12 noon | Coffee break |
| 12 noon–1 p.m. | 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">— 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.
- 1–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2.30–3.30 p.m. Working session II (continued)
- 3.30–4 p.m. Coffee break
- 4–6 p.m. 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 can international financial institutions contribute to this endeavour?
 - Responding to the identified gaps and needs;
 - The role of the OSCE.
- 6.30 p.m. Reception hosted by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan

Wednesday, 24 October 2007

- 9.30–11.30 a.m. 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.
11.30 a.m.–12 noon	Coffee break
12 noon–1 p.m.	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.
1–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30–3.30 p.m.	Panel discussion III (continued)
3.30–4 p.m.	Coffee break
4–5 p.m.	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 co-operation in trans-Asian and Eurasian transit transportation to be continued into 2008 and beyond; — The role of the OSCE; — Presentation of conclusions and recommendations of the conference by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities. Closing remarks

II. Organizational modalities

Representatives of OSCE participating States, OSCE institutions and field presences, representatives of international organizations and representatives of the business community, non-governmental organizations and the academic community will participate in the

Conference. The Partners for Co-operation and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation are invited to attend the Conference.

The Conference should stimulate a free-flowing discussion out of which recommendations to the OSCE and its participating States should emerge.

Rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the sessions of the conference in English and Russian.

Press will have access to the opening and closing plenary only.

A comprehensive report on the Conference will be distributed by the Secretariat no later than six weeks after the Conference.