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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF COMPANIES
WITH CONCESSIONS FOR
MOTORWAY, BRIDGE AND TUNNEL TOLLS (ASECAP)
AND THE
UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
(UNECE)**

Memorandum of Understanding
on co-operation between the
European Association of Companies with Concessions for Motorway,
Bridge and Tunnel Tolls (ASECAP) and the United Nations
Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

I. PREAMBLE

The UNECE, as an Executing Agency of the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project (hereafter called TEM), and the European Association of Companies with Concessions for Motorway, Bridge and Tunnel Tolls (hereafter called ASECAP)

- Acting with the common objective of European road transport integration and development,
- Desiring to promote the European road and motorway infrastructure,
- Desiring to offer to the European Road user an integrated quality road service at a fair cost,
- With the view to increasing their efficiency,
- Having regard to the decision of the 37th session of the TEM Steering Committee held on 5 – 7 June 2002 at Geneva

have agreed on the following Memorandum of Understanding, aimed at establishment of closer co-operation in the fields described below, subject to applicable internal rules and regulations of both Organisations, the UNECE and ASECAP.

II. FIELDS OF CO-OPERATION

1. Efficient usage and development of the motorway network in Central and Eastern Europe as a part of a multi-modal pan-European Transport Strategy and identification of investment needs and priorities to meet the future traffic demand efficiently and cost-effectively;
2. Supporting and maintaining the free choice of transport modes, based on their economic efficiency and operability;
3. Introduction of a multi-modal transport planning, meeting the demands of the European motorway users and aiming at creating a balanced and interoperable European road transport network;
4. Analysis and examination of all parameters of an integrated motorway service, proposing in a co-ordinated way the needed measures answering to their specific concepts;

5. Creating the necessary structures for the operation, management and development of the motorway infrastructure as the leading force in structuring an efficient and sustainable multi-modal transport reality;
6. Increase and investigation of additional financial resources needed for motorway construction and maintenance, taking into account the economic benefits of such infrastructure investments and the socio-economic added value from the road transport;
7. Development and establishment of relations with private sector in order to achieve effective application of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) concept in designing, building, operating and maintaining the European motorway infrastructure;
8. Harmonization of levels of motorway user charges and promotion of the use of modern interoperable EFC technologies and methods for their collection;
9. Introduction of the new interoperable Electronic Fee Collection (EFC) – Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) technologies, taking specifically into consideration the needs of areas with high traffic volumes;
10. Promotion of modern harmonized and integrated methods and technologies of road data collection, processing, exchange and related reference systems on motorways forming the Trans-European Road Networks (TERN), European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) and TEM Network.

III. WAYS OF CO-OPERATION

- joint organization and co-financing of workshops, seminars and training courses for transfer of know-how and technologies; specific importance will be given to the participation of ASECAP and/or its members in areas of common interest concerning the elaboration of a functioning TEM Master Plan;
- co-operation with other international organizations, institutions and bodies active in the fields of co-operation listed above;
- exchange and consultation on the annual and long-term plans and programmes of work of the ASECAP and TEM;
- annual mutual exchange of calendars of important meetings and activities of both sides related to the above fields of co-operation with a view of mutual participation in these meetings whenever possible;
- the TEM and ASECAP will inform each other about the studies and/or activities they would be undertaking or they would commission on subjects related to the above fields of co-operation;
- exchange of data of mutual interest related to the motorway transport and infrastructure, co-operation in updating the respective databases in order to enhance their uniformity and compatibility and co-operation with other institutions dealing with motorway data collection, processing and usage;

IV. CLOSING CLAUSES

The co-operation in the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding reflects the desire of both parties for joint actions in the fields described, but at the same time does not contain or imply any legal or financial obligations or responsibilities deriving from the execution or absence of execution of all or part of the actions foreseen by the present Memorandum for whatever reason.

This Memorandum is concluded without a time limit. It may be terminated by either party on 60 days' written notice to the other party.

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Memorandum in the English language in two copies at _____ this _____ day of _____

Jose Luis Feito
President

European Association of Companies with
Concessions for Motorway, Bridge and
Tunnel Tolls (ASECAP)

Brigita Schmögnerová
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United Nations Economic Commission for
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