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ROAD TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)

Consideration of new proposals for amendments to the AGR, Annexes I and II

Introduction by the secretariat

1. In depositary notification C.N.1189.1999.TREATIES-2, dated 27 January 2000, Contracting Parties were informed that an objection had been received from the Government of Kazakhstan concerning proposed amendments to E-roads 40, 123, 012 and 016. This objection was subsequently withdrawn by Kazakhstan in a letter by the First Vice-Minister of Transport and Communications which appears in Annex 1 to this document.
2. The present amendment proposal from Kazakhstan which appears in Annex 2 to this document provides alternative proposals regarding E-roads 40, 125 (following the new numbering adopted at the ninety-third session of the Working Party), 012 and 016 for the consideration of the Working Party and uses the modern transliteration for names of settlements as proposed by Kazakhstan.

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Annex 1

2 May 2000

Mr. Capel Ferrer
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Dear Mr. Capel Ferrer,

I am writing to you in connection with the note of 2 December 1999 to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, New York, communicating the objection of Kazakhstan to the amendment proposal to Annex 1 of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) circulated in depository notification C.N. 380. 1999 TREATIES-1 of 2 June 1999.

Further to my meeting on 20 April 2000 with Mr. Zisis Haritos, UN/ECE Regional Advisor, concerning the above subject I should like to inform you that Kazakhstan, having reconsidered its position, has now withdrawn its objections to the aforementioned amendments concerning E roads according to Annex 1 of the Agreement, including the section of the road E-40 Ust-Kamenogorsk-Leninogorsk – towards border of Kazakhstan and Russia.

Yours sincerely,

Hairat S. Karibzhanov
First Vice-Minister of Transport and Communications

NB. This text reproduces the official communication from the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Kazakhstan.

Annex 2**Kazakhstan**Main roads

(1) West-east orientation

(a) Reference roads

E 40 Extension from Kharkov to Ust-Kamenogorsk. The section Ust-Kamenogorsk – Ust-Kan should be omitted since there is no road along this route. The construction of a new road along this route would be extremely expensive and is not planned for the next 10-15 years.

New overall reference:

E 40 : Calais - ... - Kharkov - Lougansk - Volgograd - Astrakhan - Atyrau - Beineu - Kungrad - Nukus - Dasshaus - Buchara - Nawoy - Samarkand - Dihzak - Tashkent - Shymkent - Zhambyl - Bishkek - Almaty - Sary-Ozek - Taldy-Kurgan - Ucharal - Taskesken - Ayaguz - Georgiyevka - Ust-Kamenogorsk - Leninogorsk

(2) North-south orientation

(a) Reference roads

E 125 New E-road from Petropavlovsk to Torugart (China). The section Kokchetav – Atbasar – Astana, which is part of the local network should be omitted since it is not up to international or national standards.

New overall reference:

E 125 : Petropavlovsk – [Kokshetau – Atbasar] - Astana - Karagandy - Balkhash - Burylbaytal - Almaty - Bishkek - Naryn - Torugart

Branch, link and connecting roads

E 012: New E-road from Khorgos to Kegen should be replaced by the route Khorgos – Chundzha – Kokpek since the section Kegen – Chundzha is a local road and in an unsatisfactory condition.

Overall reference:

E 012 : Khorgos – Chundzha – Kokpek

E 016: New E-road from Zhaksy to Atbasar should be replaced by a new E-road from Esil – Astana, which would join two roads, the E 121 and E 123.

Overall reference:

E 016: Esil – Astana
