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Operational Activities
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Note by the secretariat

**I. FACILITATION OF PARTICIPATION OF CENTRAL ASIAN AND CAUCASUS
COUNTRIES IN MEETINGS OF THE ITC AND SELECTED SUBSIDIARY
BODIES**

1. In the past years, there has been a lack of participation of delegates from the Central Asian and Caucasus countries in the work of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC), due to budgetary constraints in those countries. This absence was detrimental to the harmonization process of their respective transport legislations as well as to the integration of their transport systems into those of other UNECE member countries, and had, therefore, a negative impact on Euro-Asian transport connections.

2. To help remedy this situation, the secretariat successfully implemented from September 2004 to April 2006 a European Union (EU) funded project on facilitating the attendance of Central Asian and Caucasus countries to the meetings of ITC and selected subsidiary bodies. Altogether 56 government experts from most of the Central Asian and

Caucasus countries concerned have participated in a total of 11 meetings of the ITC and selected subsidiary bodies under this project, including the seventh and eighteenth sessions Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5).

3. Based on the positive evaluation made by the beneficiary countries of the implementation of this project, the secretariat requested the EC to consider co-financing the continuation of the Project in 2007. The Project Working Group – Transport and Border Crossing (PWG-TBC) of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA), at its 12th session in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (13–14 March 2007) decided to address the European Commission EuropeAid to consider an extension of the project in order not to disrupt the learning process of these countries.

4. Taking into account the importance of the participation of experts from Central Asian and Caucasus countries in the work of the ITC and its Subsidiary Bodies, in particular to the sessions of the WP.5, the secretariat has ensured modest funding for supporting the participation of National Focal Points of those countries to the twentieth session of the WP.5 and its informal meeting of experts on Euro-Asian transport links, to be held back-to-back with the twentieth session of the WP.5 on 12 September 2007.

II. UN DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROJECT ON CAPACITY BUILDING FOR DEVELOPING INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORT LINKAGES

5. The UNECE Transport Division, in close cooperation with the other UN Regional Commissions, continued the implementation of the UN Development Account funded project on Capacity Building on developing Interregional Transport Linkages. The objective of the Project is to assist member States of the five UN Regional Commissions in strengthening their national capacities for developing land and land-cum-sea interregional transport linkages and to promote interregional cooperation to facilitate interregional trade and tourism. The project is divided in components, which are implemented in close cooperation by the Regional Commissions concerned.

6. The completion of the Project was expected by the end of 2006. Due to the war in Lebanon (Headquarter of ESCWA) in summer 2006, several activities under the project were postponed. A request for deployment of funds for the **continuation of the project in 2007** was approved by UNHQ through the end of 2007.

A. UNECE-UNESCAP joint Project on Developing Euro-Asian Transport Links

7. Based on the results achieved by the Project in previous years, work has continued in 2006-2007 and further intensified.

8. At the **4th Expert Group Meeting**, kindly hosted by the Greek Government, in Thessaloniki, 21-24 November 2006, the National Focal Points of the participating countries adopted the final itineraries and GIS maps of the main Euro-Asian road, rail and inland water transport routes as well as the main trans-shipment points and ports. They adopted the results of the **prioritization exercise** of investment projects in the territories of 15 countries involved, under which, as many as 230 road, rail, inland water transport and maritime projects of a total value of US\$42 billion, were evaluated and prioritized. The participants made recommendations on the best use of the results and experience from the implementation of the project as well as the priority areas for the future work and agreed that the continuation for the project in a new

Phase II (2007-2010) is essential for the development of Euro-Asian transport links. They also agreed that future activities should include: monitoring of the implementation of the identified priority projects; removing non-physical obstacles to transit transport; improving the performance of border crossing; promoting the harmonization of transport legislation and administrative procedures; promoting best practices and sharing of know-how; **establishing a suitable mechanism for ensuring efficient coordination and monitoring** of activities related to the development of Euro-Asian transport links.

9. These items are also addressed in an ECE-ESCAP in-house study which focuses on the following three main objectives: examine the current status of Europe-Asia transport connections; investigate land-based transport routes that may be viable alternatives to traditional maritime routes; and suggest ways by which those potential routes might be improved. The study is not dealing with the movement of people or with specific aspects of trade but focuses on the movement of goods between countries, especially on those goods that are transported in standardized twenty and forty foot containers. The study is currently being prepared and will soon be available. In order to benefit from the findings of the study and the experience gained from the implementation of the first Phase of the project, an informal meeting of WP.5 will prepare proposals on how the outcome of this work could be best used by the Working Party in its future activities.

10. Furthermore, **three capacity-building national workshops** on the facilitation of international transport along the Euro-Asian transport links were jointly organized in 2006 under the Project by UNECE and UNESCAP and kindly hosted by the Governments of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan in Baku and Tbilisi (May 2006) and in Bishkek (December 2006). The aim of these workshops was to assist the concerned countries in developing a favourable transit environment for facilitating international transport and trade along the Euro-Asian transport links, support ongoing national efforts to accede to and implement relevant UNECE agreements and conventions, as well as to foster cooperation amongst major national stakeholders involved in transit and border crossing operations. The major issues examined include: progress of the Euro-Asian transport links project; the UN legal instruments and initiatives on transport facilitation; national experience on transport facilitation-progress and challenges; establishment/strengthening national cooperation mechanisms for the facilitation of international transport and trade; and preparation of a national action plan.

11. The UNECE Transport Division in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport of Belarus, and in the framework of the Belarus Transport Week and Congress, organized **in Minsk, 30-31 May 2007, the Fourth National Workshop on “Enhancing National Capacity for the Facilitation of Interregional Transport along the Euro-Asian Transport Links”**. The workshop was kindly hosted by the Government of Belarus in Minsk, and was opened by Mr. N. Verkhovets, First Deputy Minister of Transport of Belarus. The aim of this two-day workshop was to analyse a whole range of transport related items having an impact on the transit operations, to assist Belarus in facilitating international transport and trade along Euro-Asian transport links and to support ongoing national efforts to accede to and implement relevant UNECE agreements and conventions, as well as to foster cooperation amongst major national stakeholders involved in transit and border crossing operations. The workshop was attended on the first day by 500 and the second day by 150 government officials and transport operators coming from the Ministry of Transport, Ministries of Transport, Foreign Affairs, Industry, Economy and the Interior, Customs, State Border Guard, Transport Inspection Agency, Patrol Police, Transport Associations and Companies as well as representatives of the EC, IRU, and

Businesses. The major issues examined at the workshops included: the EATL project and the main transport and trade facilitation mechanisms in use in the Euro-Asian region, the UN legal instruments and initiatives on transport facilitation; national experience on transport and trade facilitation-progress and challenges; establishment of transport and logistic systems, strengthening national cooperation mechanisms for the facilitation of international transport; and preparation of a national action plan.

12. These results and activities are a solid basis for continued cooperation among the countries involved from both Europe and Asia on the development of Euro-Asian transport links. However, **the project will soon come to an end** and with it its useful results and the momentum created, whilst much cooperation is still needed and for long time.

13. UNECE and UNESCAP prepared a **proposal for the continuation of this project in a new Phase II** to be implemented in four years. The ECE secretariat submitted this proposal to the 14th OSCE Economic Forum, held on 22-24 May 2006 in Prague, for possible funding. In the same vein, the SPECA PWG-TBC, at its 12th session in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (13-14 March 2007), decided to address the European Commission to examine an assistance of EuropeAid for the continuation of this project and consider providing the necessary co-financing, together with UNECE and UNESCAP, for carrying on with this activity in a Phase II for the period 2008-2011. At its nineteenth session the WP.5 and at its sixty-ninth session the ITC expressed support for a continuation of the project.

14. More information on the Euro-Asian Linkages Project, including reports, background documents and presentations can be obtained in the Transport Division Website, in the page on the "Euro-Asian Transport Links".

B. Other components dealt with under the Project on Developing Euro-Asian Transport Links

15. Cooperation with the other UN regional commissions has continued in 2006-2007 under the UN Development Account capacity-building project towards developing transport links connecting the ECE and ESCAP regions to the ESCWA region, and transport links connecting ECE and ESCWA to ECA region.

16. At **two Expert Group Meetings**, jointly organized with the other regional commissions in 2005 in Amman, Jordan, and Rabat, Morocco, Government representatives from the participating countries have identified the main road, rail and road/rail/sea routes connecting Europe and Middle East with Africa and main Mediterranean and African ports of international importance. They also agreed on the activities to be undertaken under the project, including the elaboration of a number of studies on technical and economic assessments; traffic flows; and identification of investment projects and non-physical obstacles along the selected routes and measure to remove them. Some of these studies have been finalized, whilst others are underway. Furthermore, a number of capacity building workshops and advisory missions have been implemented. Cooperation is also under way with the other UN regional commissions in addressing physical and non-physical obstacles to the development of interregional trade and tourism, as well as to social and territorial cohesion, economic development and sustainability.

17. An important **seminar on the economic assessment of international transport linkages and on transport facilitation** was organized by the four Regional Commissions (ESCWA, ECE, ESCAP, ECA) in Cairo, Egypt, 26-28 June 2007. The seminar had been convened (i) to

strengthen national capacities in assessing the economic feasibility of alternative inter-regional transport linkages; and (ii) to reinforce national capacities in introducing transport facilitation practices in general, and in simplifying border crossing procedures along the priority inter-regional transport linkages, in particular. Bearing these goals in mind, the seminar (i) reviewed progress in international and regional transport networks and discussed the development of inter-regional transport linkages, (ii) considered the most economically viable linkages among ECA, ECE, ESCAP and ESCWA, (iii) studied the regional GIS maps and the GIS maps that are being produced for the Project, (iv) examined the current status and developments of border crossing procedures and formalities and other transport facilitation issues and (v) reviewed the remaining Project activities.

18. More meetings and capacity-building activities are scheduled under the project, including a visit of African port experts to Barcelona Port as well as a workshop on the developments of ports infrastructure and management, which will be jointly organized by UNECE and ECA in the second half of 2007.

19. Further information on these project components, including reports, background documents and presentations can be obtained by visiting the ECA and ESCWA Websites.

III. TRANS-EUROPEAN NORTH-SOUTH MOTORWAY (TEM) AND TRANS-EUROPEAN RAILWAY (TER) PROJECTS

20. The UNECE, as the Executing Agency of the TEM and TER Projects, continued to provide technical and administrative backstopping to the Projects, including for the elaboration of the TEM and TER Master Plans and its follow up activities.

A. TEM and TER Master Plans

21. The TEM and TER Projects work in 2006 focused on monitoring the implementation of the Master Plan. Implementation **monitoring mechanisms** were set up by the TEM and TER Projects and the first progress report on the implementation of the priority projects of the TEM and TER Master Plan in 2006 has been elaborated with positive results. A special analysis was carried out to establish priorities of the TEM Master Plan backbone network. For this purpose, two basic criteria were used which comprise the Master Plan projects' assessment results and their position (in the backbone network). The application of these criteria to all projects of the Master Plan in all 21 participating countries produced the following results: 173 projects out of the total of 319 (i.e. 54.2%) were considered to be of priority, while the remaining 146 projects (45.8%) were not ranked as priority projects. The outcome of the analysis was submitted for examination to the 46th session of the TEM Steering Committee which considered these results to be satisfactory and the selection criteria used as pertinent.

22. Furthermore, a **comparison** of the Master Plan Backbone Networks with those included in the EU TEN-T, the report of the High Level Group on the extension of the major trans-European transport axes to the neighbouring countries and regions, and in the accession treaties of the 10 new EU member states was carried out by the TEM and TER Projects, with positive results. Further comparisons of the Master Plan Backbone Networks with AGR, AGC and OSJD networks are being carried out by the two projects.

23. On the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and the UNECE on 6 February 2003, the IRU agreed to co-fund part of the TEM Master Plan follow-up on the “Analysis of the Financial Securitisation of the TEM Master Plan Project Aimed at Ensuring their Financing”. The respective Agreement was signed in June 2007. The work has already started and will be finalized within eight months.

24. Future follow up work include revision of the TEM and TER Master Plan which is planned to start in 2008.

B. Other activities under the TEM and TER Projects

25. Parallel to the Master Plans work, the development of the TEM and TER Projects was successfully continued during the reporting period.

26. On 4 July 2006, the Ambassador of Slovenia signed the TEM Trust Fund Cooperation Agreement. Signing of the Agreements by Azerbaijan is expected to follow. The accession of Armenia and Azerbaijan to TEM and TER and of Slovenia to TEM will bring the total number of **countries participating in these Projects to 16 and 18, respectively.**

27. In December 2006 the agreement of the UNECE with the Hungarian Government for hosting the TER Project Central Office in Budapest, reached its end. The Government of Slovakia kindly offered to host the TER Project Central Office in Bratislava from January 2007 to December 2011 thus ensuring the smooth continuation and further development of the TER Project. On 15 May 2007 the new TER Project Central Office was inaugurated in Bratislava in the presence of the Executive Secretary of the UNECE, Mr. Marek Belka. On this occasion he recalled that in 1992 a number of Central, Eastern and South-eastern European countries established the Trans-European Railway (TER) Project as an intergovernmental cooperation framework to develop their rail networks in a coordinated manner. Since that time the TER Project has been instrumental in such coordinated development and has contributed to the improvement of management and operation of railways in the region as well as to their integration in the European rail system.

28. The Projects continued in 2006–2007 their long-standing activities in assisting transfer of know-how and sharing best practices among their members in various fields of interest. The TEM and TER meetings and events are listed in the annex.

IV. ACTIVITIES UNDER REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

A. Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)

29. The UNECE secretariat, together with ESCAP, continued supporting the SPECA Transport Infrastructure and Border Crossing Facilitation Project Working Group (PWG-TBC), established in 1998 within the framework of the SPECA Tashkent Declaration. It contributed to the preparation of work programmes and action plans, the organization of meetings and workshops, to drafting proposals and documents for the Group, to capacity building, to knowledge and experience sharing between European and Central Asian countries, and to promoting transport cooperation among SPECA countries, as well as between them and other UNECE member countries.

30. The 12th session of SPECA PWG-TBC was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, (13-14 March 2007) and kindly hosted by the Government of Tajikistan. It was co-chaired by Mr. Azat Bekturov, Vice-Minister of Transport and Communications of Kazakhstan, and Mr. Khudoyer Khudoyerov, Deputy Minister of Transport of Tajikistan. In its major conclusions and recommendations the Working Group (i) approved new project proposals of common interest to SPECA countries; (ii) requested technical assistance for SPECA member countries; (iii) requested SPECA member countries to accede to and implement the major UNECE Agreements and Conventions in the field of transport; (iv) recommended 5 measures to improve the implementation of the TIR and Harmonization Conventions in the SPECA region, incl. regular training on TIR procedures for Customs officials with the assistance of the TIR Executive Board and TIR Secretariat; (v) expressed gratitude to the EU for the financial support of the UNECE Pilot Project for the facilitation of participation of Central Asian and Caucasus countries in the meetings of the UNECE ITC, and stressing the importance of this project for SPECA countries decided to submit a request to the EU to consider co-funding its continuation; (vi) requested the UNECE and UNESCAP to search extra-budgetary financing for Phase II of the Euro-Asian Transport Linkages Project and decided to support the UNECE request to the EU to consider funding Phase II; (vii) encouraged the transport sector of each SPECA country to participate in the UNECE/WHO Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP).

31. More information on discussions, reports and respective documents from SPECA WG-TBC work can be obtained through the ECE Website under the SPECA heading.

B. Other Regional and Sub-Regional initiatives

32. The activities of the Transport Division were concentrated on providing advisory services to strengthen the capacity of countries with economies in transition to implement UNECE legal instruments on transport, facilitate international transport in the UNECE region and promote intercountry cooperation towards the development of pan-European transport networks and Euro-Asian transport links. Altogether some **60 advisory missions** and capacity building activities were carried out in more than 30 countries in 2006-2007.

33. The Transport Division contributed, inter alia, through active participation and submission of papers, to a number of international activities and fora, towards the development of European Transport infrastructure, as well as of Euro-Asian Transport Links and the accession and implementation of UN transport legal instruments in transport, including the following: the High-Level Meeting on the 150 years jubilee of the First International Commission for the Navigation of the Danube (Budapest, Hungary, July 2006); the sixth International Conference "TRANSEURASIA", (Astana, Kazakhstan, September 2006); the Economic and Environmental Sub-Committees of the OSCE Permanent Council (Vienna, Austria, July 2006 and October 2006); and the OSCE/UN-OHRLLS expert workshop on the specific problems of landlocked countries regarding transit and transport (Vienna, December 2006); 15th OSCE Economic Forum (Vienna, Austria, 22-23 January 2007 and Prague, Czech Republic 21-23 May 2007); Sixth Preparatory Meeting for the International Conference on Railway Border Crossing (Warsaw, Poland, 6-8 March 2007); OSCE Roundtable on Road Safety, (Astana, Kazakhstan, 11 May 2007); OSCE conference on good governance in customs (Tbilisi, Georgia 14-15 May 2007); IRU conference on Euro-Asian Road Links and OSCE Roundtable on Public-Private Partnerships in Landlocked Countries (Batumi and Poti, Georgia 17-18 May 2007);

OSCE Political Public-Private Partnership of State Entities, Civil Society and Business Community in Combating Terrorism (Vienna, Austria 31 May–1 June 2007); International Railway Research Board (Moscow, Russian Federation, 19–20 June 2007); and the Regional Conference on Promoting Good Governance in Customs in Central Asia (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 25–26 July 2007).

V. COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

A. Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

34. The Transport Division continued cooperation with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in accordance with the MoU between the UNECE-OSCE, signed in 2004.

35. Following the OSCE decision to place transport as the central theme for the OSCE Economic and Environmental Dimension in 2006, UNECE-OSCE cooperation on transport has strengthened. The UNECE contributed substantially to the **14th OSCE Economic Forum**, with a comprehensive report on implementation of the OSCE commitments in transport. This led to raising political awareness of the importance of UNECE legal instruments on transport and to the joint organization of **two seminars** on the ECE Harmonization Convention with OSCE financial support. One, held in cooperation also with EurAsec, took place in Moscow on 17-18 October 2006, and another was held in Belgrade on 14-15 December 2006. In the course of 2007, two preparatory meetings were held in Batumi and Poti, Georgia (30 May–1 June 2007) in order to lay the ground for a conference on the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action to be held in October 2007 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

36. **Proposals for financial support** for implementation of the TEM and TER Master Plan and for the continuation of the Euro-Asian transport links project in a new phase II were also submitted to the OSCE. In its **Decision No. 11/06-5** December 2006 on Future Transport Dialogue in the OSCE, the OSCE Council of Ministers encouraged OSCE participating States to make use of the existing internationally recognized legal instruments and to enhance cooperation with the UNECE, in particular in providing support for the implementation of relevant conventions, the TEM and TER Master Plan, and the Euro-Asian transport links project Phase II.

B. Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC)

37. The Transport Division continued cooperation with the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC) in accordance with the cooperative agreement between the UNECE-BSEC, signed in 2001.

38. The Transport Division provided support to the BSEC member countries in their endeavour to harmonize their national transport legislations and contributed through the UNECE agreements and the TEM and TER Master Plan to a coordinated development of transport infrastructure in the BSEC region. Furthermore, in close cooperation with the BSEC Transport Working Group and the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat, a large number of data on major Black Sea and Mediterranean ports of Euro-Asian importance have been collected and processed in 2006-2007, which served as an input to the further development of the Euro-Asian transport links project.

39. A **Meeting of the Ministers of Transport** of the BSEC Member States and the BSEC Transport Working Group, organized by the Russian Government, took place in Sochi, Russian Federation (25-27 September 2006). Mr. Igor Levetin, Minister of Transport of Russia, chaired the Ministerial Meeting. The participants reviewed the most recent transport developments in the region and endorsed a number of documents prepared by the Working Group, including the MoU on the development of the Motorways of the Sea and the MoU on the coordinated development of the Black Sea Ring Highway. In their **joint Declaration** on the cooperation in the field of transport in the BSEC region, the Ministers of BSEC Member States acknowledged the importance of the UNECE work in promoting the development of transport corridors and reiterated their request for active participation of the BSEC Member States in the follow-up activities of the TEM and TER Master Plan and the joint UNECE-UNESCAP project in developing Euro-Asian transport links.

40. In February 2007, Mr. Leonidas Chysanthopoulos, the Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS), and Mr. Koziy, Executive Manager of BSEC PERMIS, visited the UNECE. At a meeting with the Transport Division they discussed ways and means for the continuation and further strengthening of BSEC-UNECE cooperation

41. The meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport, (Belgrade, Serbia 12–13 March 2007) focused in its deliberations on the implementation of the resolutions, decisions and recommendations of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the follow-up of the declarations and joint statements adopted by the Ministers of Transport. In this connection the importance of the UNECE legal instruments on transport and their impact on the facilitation of international traffic flows was highlighted.

42. The close cooperation in the field of transport between UNECE and BSEC was also underscored by the UNECE Executive Secretary, Mr. Marek Belka, on the occasion of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (Istanbul, Turkey 25 June 2007). In this connection, he also referred to the TEM and TER Master Plan, the establishment of a framework for the development of Euro-Asian links as well as the regulatory instruments, all of which contribute to an improvement of transport in the BSEC region.

VI. FUND-RAISING FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN TRANSPORT

43. During the reporting period, the UNECE Transport Division continued and further intensified its fund-raising efforts for financing the implementation of projects, advisory missions, workshops and seminars in the countries concerned.

44. Considering the importance of the task, the particular need for extra budgetary support to such activities and the existing experience, the ITC at its sixty-fifth session, 18-20 February 2003, approved a new approach for the TFACT based on specific projects, encouraged the member countries to make voluntary contributions to TFACT and requested member countries with economies in transition to make project proposals for co-funding through TFACT.

45. So far, **extra budgetary funding** had been ensured for the elaboration of the TEM Master Plan (co-funded by additional funding provided by the TEM member countries through the TEM Trust Fund and IRU funds). Extra-budgetary funds were also raised for the facilitation of participation of Central Asian and Caucasus countries to the meetings of the ITC and selected

subsidiary bodies (co-funded by EU, in 2004-2006). Funds were also ensured in 2006 from OSCE, for the development of a first pilot project on strengthening the implementation of UNECE international transport conventions, and in 2007 from IRU, for co-funding part of the TEM Master Plan follow-up work.

46. Furthermore, the UN Development Account funded project on capacity building in developing interregional land and land-cum-sea transport links, provided good opportunities to the Transport Division to implement capacity building activities in the beneficiary countries, by organizing Expert Group meetings, workshops, provision of advisory services and preparation of country reports.

47. The Transport Division is now focusing its efforts on ensuring extra budgetary funding for the implementation of a number of **specific projects**, including the following:

(a) continuation of the joint UNECE-UNESCAP project on developing Euro-Asian transport links in a new Phase - II to be implemented over the period 2007-2010;

(b) continuation of the project on facilitation of participation of Central Asian and Caucasus countries at the meetings of the ITC and selected subsidiary bodies, after 2007;

(c) facilitation of implementation of the TEM and TER Master Plan, in 2008–2011;

(d) continuation of activities on strengthening the implementation of UNECE international transport conventions; and

(e) review of the TEM and TER master Plan in 2008.

Annex

TEM/TER MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS ORGANIZED DURING THE
REPORTING PERIOD

First joint TER and Europlatforms Meeting on the follow up activities of the TER Master Plan, Budapest, Hungary, 4 July 2006

Second Meeting of TER Group of Experts on the implementation of TER Master Plan, Budapest, Hungary, 4-6 September 2006

TEM Workshop on Master Plan Development and Establishment of Priorities on its Backbone Network, Budapest, Hungary, 9-10 November 2006

Joint session of the UNECE Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) and the TER Project in the framework of the sixtieth session of the SC.2, Geneva, Switzerland, 15 and 17 November 2006

Twenty-third session of the TER Steering Committee, Geneva, Switzerland, 16 November 2006

Forty-sixth session of the TEM Steering Committee, Geneva, Switzerland, 4-6 December 2006

TEM/HEEP 2007 Area V Annual Meeting, Budapest, Hungary, 23-24 April 2007

TEMSTAT Data Collection and Mapping Meeting, Antalya, Turkey, 3-4 May 2007

Inauguration of the new TER Project Central Office, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, 15 May 2007

Forty-seventh session of the TEM Steering Committee, Krakow, 13-15 June 2007.
