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**Protocol of the 9th session of the Project Working Group for Transport and
Border Crossing Facilitation (PWG-TBC)**

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I. ORGANIZATION

1. The 9th session of the SPECA Project Working Group – Transport and Border Crossing Facilitation (PWG-TBC) was organized by the Ministry of Transport and Communications from 12 to 13 March 2004 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

A. Attendance

2. The session was attended by delegations from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Delegations from Afghanistan, China, Turkey and Uzbekistan participated as observers. The representatives of UNECE, UNESCAP, UNDP Kazakhstan, European Commission, Economic Cooperation Organization, EURASEC, USAID, Islamic Development Bank, Intergovernmental Council of Road Administration of CIS Countries; and Coordinating Transport Meeting of CIS Countries, as well as the private sector, also attended the session. The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

B. Opening of the Session

3. Mr. Rustem Zhumataev, Director, Department of Transit Policy and Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Transport and Communications, delivered an opening statement from H. E. Mr. Lavrinenko, First Vice-Minister of Transport and Communications of Kazakhstan and Chairman of the PWG-TBC. In his statement, the Chairman welcomed the participants. He highlighted the significance of the SPECA programme as an important mechanisms for coordination of activities in the transport area. He noted that the realization of the Action Programme on Transit Transport Cooperation for SPECA Countries and of the Almaty Programme of Action, which was adopted at the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation in Almaty in August 2003, would be incorporated in the work of the PWG-TBC.

4. Mr. Barry Cable, Director, Transport and Tourism Division, UNESCAP, delivered a message on behalf of Mr. Kim Hak-Su, Executive Secretary, UNESCAP. He noted that a number of significant events had taken place since the last session of the PWG-TBC, and two recurrent themes could be identified from the various events. The first was the need for subregional and regional approaches for addressing many of the issues in the SPECA subregion, given the cross-boundary nature of the issues, and the second was the need for more coordination between countries and organizations. In this regard, he noted that the Project Working Group was an excellent vehicle for discussion and the resolution of various problems. In order to fully realize its potential, he stated that the PWG should turn its attention to implementing the Action Programme for Transit Transport Cooperation for SPECA Countries, which provided a sound basis for follow-up to the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation, held in Almaty in August 2003.

5. Mr. Jose Capel-Ferrer, Director of the UNECE Transport Division, on behalf of Mrs. Brigita Schmognerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE, welcomed the participants and expressed his gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for hosting this meeting in Almaty and for its continuing support to the SPECA Programme. He stressed the important activities of the UNECE in the field of transport, including: transport networks and development of norms and standards that have contributed to the economic growth of its member countries and to substantive improvement of transit transport operations; transport safety and transport's environmental impact. He referred to the specific activities of the UNECE that focused on supporting Central Asian and Caucasus countries and the UNECE-UNESCAP Euro-Asian transport linkages component of the United Nations Development Account Project for Developing Interregional Transport Linkages. Recognizing the specific development needs and problems of land-locked countries and other countries with economies in transition, he stated that in accordance with the Millennium Declaration and the Almaty Programme of Action, UNECE attached great importance to this group of countries and assured participants that UNECE would make every effort to assist SPECA in achieving its objectives.

C. Election of officers

6. The meeting elected Mr. Rustem Zhumataev, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Kazakhstan, as Chairman of the session.

D. Adoption of agenda

7. The meeting adopted its agenda, attached as Annex II of the report.

I. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

A. Report of Chairpersons of the 8th session of the SPECA PWG-TBC

8. Mr. Rustem Zhumataev provided an overview of the report of the 8th session of the SPECA PWG-TBC. He apprised the meeting of the principal outcomes of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation held in Almaty on 28 and 29 August 2003, which was attended by 83 countries and 23 international, regional and subregional organizations. These included the Almaty Declaration and the Almaty Programme of Action. He noted that the Action Programme for Transit Transport Cooperation for SPECA Countries, adopted at the 8th session, was fully in line with the Almaty Programme of Action and represented an effective means of operationalizing it.

B. Report by SPECA National Coordinators on Activities at the National Level

1. Azerbaijan

9. The representative of Azerbaijan informed the meeting of the establishment of the Ministry of Transport, whose priority policies included development of transport; integration into the global economy; the harmonization of a legal regime in accordance with international standards and laws; the development of telecommunications networks; adoption of unified laws to allow the free movement of goods and people; and finding solutions to problems of landlocked countries. While the government was working actively at the national level, he noted that it was also important for Azerbaijan to participate in a regional framework as part of a Euro-Asian network. In accordance with the recommendations of the 8th session of the PWG-TBC, Azerbaijan wanted to participate actively in international transport conventions and agreements and had signed a number of agreements in this regard. Azerbaijan has already acceded in twelve UNECE conventions and agreements in the field of transport.

2. Kazakhstan

10. The representative of Kazakhstan noted that facilitation of border crossing procedures and development of international transport required cooperation of all countries on specific corridors as well as coordination at the national level between all concerned ministries and organizations. He observed that non-freight costs of international traffic by road were more than 40% and by rail were 20% of total “transport” costs. This, combined with the poor condition of some roads, was having an impact on transit traffic through Kazakhstan. Many of these problems were being addressed in the implementation of the National Transport Policy Conception for the period to 2008 and the Transit Transport Potential Development Programme (2004-2006). He described the elements of these initiatives including increasing the transportation, processing and transit capacity of Druzhba. He outlined initiatives to increase capacity of the TRACECA route and the North-South Corridor which Kazakhstan joined in October 2003. He noted that four meetings of an Interministerial Commission (IC) on facilitation of the procedures of border crossing and development have been held, the principal function of the IC being to address issues related to border and internal check points.

3. Kyrgyzstan

11. The representative of Kyrgyzstan reported on the activities of Kyrgyzstan and highlighted its priorities with regard to SPECA. He informed the meeting that to facilitate transit transport, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan had revised an old agreement and elaborated a new agreement on transit facilitation, which had been ratified by his government. He also informed the meeting of activities relating to links with China, noting that the route between Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Xianjiang Province of China gave Kyrgyzstan the opportunity to trade with bordering countries. He also informed the meeting that Kyrgyzstan had joined six international transport agreements and was currently preparing the documentation for joining three more international agreements. Together with Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan was working on improving transit routes and eliminating physical and non-physical barriers. Finally, he expressed Kyrgyzstan’s support for the Almaty Action Programme and reported that the Government had ordered all related agencies to actively implement this action plan.

C. Reports by Observer Countries

1. Afghanistan

12. The representative of Afghanistan gave a broad description of the conditions of transport in Afghanistan. He informed the meeting of the need to rehabilitate the roads, but stated that they were still passable. At the same time, he noted the need to build maintenance

centres for better flows between west and east. He noted that while state protocols had been established with neighbouring countries they were not currently effective, but that these problems would be resolved in the near future. He also noted that the public transport sector had begun to be rehabilitated with the assistance of other countries, particularly in expanding passenger vehicle fleets. He noted that there was a lack of information on cargo flows at each border point, and that there were some problems which were being addressed. Finally, he informed the meeting of a number of activities relating to rehabilitation of the road network.

2. China

13. The representative of China noted that it was the first time that his Government was participating in the SPECA PWG-TBC with representation from Capital. He stated that as a neighbouring country, China attached increasing importance to cooperation with Central Asia. In this regard, it was taking a number of substantial measures to cooperate on transit issues with Central Asian countries, both at the bilateral and multilateral levels including through the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. He expressed China's willingness to cooperate with Central Asian countries at various international forums, including the SPECA programme, and would consider how his government could contribute to the programme. He noted that much of the discussion focused on infrastructure, and therefore a key element was financing and investment. He requested SPECA to establish a channel of communication with his government to keep it informed.

3. Turkey

14. The representative of Turkey stated that her country supported the economic development of Central Asian countries and the SPECA programme. As was emphasized by the Turkish delegation at the 1st Expert Group Meeting on Developing Euro-Asian Transport Linkages (9-11 March 2004), transport was the key to economic development, and in this regard she noted the significance of the current session. She noted that through her participation in the meeting, she had received useful information from the presentations by countries.

D. Reports by International Organizations on activities at the subregional/regional level

1. UNECE

15. Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis, Regional Advisor on Transport, UNECE, provided information on UNECE transport activities of interest to the SPECA region. He presented an

outline of UNECE's work and development for each sector of the Inland Transport Committee, including: transport infrastructure; road transport; road safety; safety in rail transport; intermodal transport and logistics; border crossing facilitation; subregional cooperation. He gave information on the UNECE project to support the facilitation of countries in UNECE meetings and on the new approach for the UNECE Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries with Economies in Transition (TFACT), to finance specific projects. He encouraged Central Asian and Caucasus countries to make project proposals for co-financing workshops, seminars and concerted actions related to technical assistance through UNECE TFACT. An updated table on accession status of SPECA countries to international agreements and conventions indicated in the protocol of the 2nd session of the PWG-TBC prepared by UNECE was made available to participants and is attached as Annex 4.

2. UNESCAP

16. Mr. Barry Cable informed the meeting of the various activities UNESCAP was undertaking in support of the SPECA PWG-TBC. The formalization process of the Asian Highway network had been completed with the adoption of the Intergovernmental Agreement of the Asian Highway Network by 32 countries in November 2003. He noted that a signing ceremony would take place on 26 April 2004, during the 60th session of ESCAP in Shanghai, China, and invited all SPECA countries to participate. He also informed the meeting of the successful run of the first demonstration run of a container-block train along the Trans-Asian Railway Northern Corridor between Tianjin Port and Ulaanbaatar in November 2003, and that thanks to the coverage of this event in both Chinese and Mongolian media, this run had already generated interest from the private sector. Several further runs were being planned for this year, including a run from Lianyungang, China to Almaty. He then informed the meeting of the outcome of the 1st Expert Group Meeting on Developing Euro-Asian Transport Linkages, held from 9 – 11 March 2004, which was part of a major project on Euro-Asian Transport linkages involving all SPECA countries. Finally, he described UNESCAP's role in the regional preparatory process for the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation, and reaffirmed UNESCAP's commitment to assisting all landlocked and transit developing countries in general, and the SPECA countries in particular, to follow-up on the Almaty Programme of Action and the Action Programme on Transit Transport Cooperation for SPECA Countries.

3. United Nations Development Programme, Silk Road Area Development Programme (SRADP)

17. Mrs. A. Idrissova, Project Manager from the UNDP Office in Kazakhstan, on behalf of the UNDP Silk Road Area Development Programme (UNDP SRADP) made a presentation. It was noted that Phase I of UNDP SRADP was completed and that a coordination mechanisms and system of information interaction were established between member countries. Conditions were now created for direct dialogue among all parties concerned. The participants were informed of the proposal for continuation of the UNDP SRADP Phase II. It was pointed out that this program opened additional opportunities for cooperation of SPECA member countries with China in the context of integration of the Silk Road region in the economic cooperation between Europe and Asia.

4. European Commission

18. The representative from the European Commission noted that it had several programmes in the region, including the TACIS Programme and TRACECA. She reported on the various technical assistance activities it was providing at the national level in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, including: supporting the development of a national transit transport policy in Kazakhstan in 2002; the development of a national transport policy, establishment of an association of freight forwarders association, and establishment of a bus association and training centre in Kyrgyzstan; pilot runs of bus corridors; and legal and regulatory assistance. She reported that with the expansion of the EU membership the European Commission was evaluating its programmes and reconsidering its transport policy. For example, with the joining of new members to TRACECA the scope of the programme would be enlarged. She noted that the SPECA PWG-TBC meetings provided important opportunities to learn what other organizations were doing and see where they could be most effective.

5. EURASEC

19. The representative of EURASEC noted that transport was a priority area for her organization. She informed the meeting of the Transport Union Agreement. She also described a study of barriers to transport in member countries of EURASEC and that a report had been sent to respective governments. She noted that some of the barriers identified fell under the purview of both the Ministries of Transport and other ministries, and that therefore

they were sometimes difficult to address. She expressed her organization's willingness to continue to cooperate on this issue within the framework of SPECA.

6. USAID

20. The representative of USAID informed the meetings of the various activities being undertaken under the Trade and Development Investment Project, which was working to assist Small and Medium Enterprises in Central Asia in the areas of trade and transportation. He noted that the lack of information on trade was a serious constraint, and informed the meeting that USAID was developing trade guides for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. He also informed the meeting of various activities to support the development of trade services and customs codes to help establish the legislative framework relating to the World Trade Organization and the Revised Kyoto Convention. Within the area of transport, he informed the meeting of a number of activities in support of transport facilitation, including a major study on current constraints in the utilization of the TIR system in the subregion and training activities.

7. Islamic Development Bank

21. The representative of IDB noted that while many international conventions such as the TIR convention were in place, the difficulty was to implement them. He stressed the importance of assisting countries to develop their capabilities in the accession to and implementation of these conventions. He also stressed the importance of estimating current and projected commodity flows for the analysis of transport needs, and noted the work which was being done by various UN agencies in this regard. In connection with the mobilization of resources, two sources were the multilateral development institutions and the private sector. He noted that the current emphasis was on mobilizing the private sector to invest in ports, railways, roads, pipelines and so on, and informed the meeting of his recent work on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT). He stressed that IFIs had resources but noted that they lacked the information for the development of projects and that countries should also develop capacity to be able to formulate "bankable" projects. He suggested that the report of meetings should be oriented in such a way as to meet the requirements of the Ministries of Finance and IFIs, and also that the countries would benefit from having more information with which to develop their proposals. He informed the meeting that he would try to incorporate some of the issues raised in the meeting in the scope of the technical assistance project currently under implementation and being financed by IDB. He also noted the work being done by UNECE

and UNESCAP on issues related to facilitation and expressed the need to cooperate further, especially to avoid overlap of efforts between the various agencies.

E. Future follow-up of the Action Programme and review of draft agenda for the 10th session of the SPECA PWG-TBC

22. The meeting considered a number of actions in the Action Programme for Transit Transport Cooperation for SPECA Countries that would help focus resources on specific priority issues. These included: establish/strengthen national trade and transport facilitation committees/commissions, which include all relevant government agencies and private sector bodies of transport and trade; accession to and implementation of important international conventions and agreements in the field of transport including those recommended by UNECE and listed in UNESCAP resolution 48/11, and the revised Kyoto Customs Convention (1999); establish a mechanisms for continuous monitoring of international freight transportation at the border crossing points and for transit movements; improve road transport communication with China through bilateral and multilateral agreements/conventions; and monitoring border crossing problems.

23. Following discussions it was agreed that National Coordinators would initiate action in these areas and report on activities at the national level. Activities could include: submitting Terms of Reference for national trade and transport facilitation committees; documenting difficulties encountered in acceding to and implementing conventions; developing a first draft of the time/cost against distance diagramme; and providing an inventory and elaborating border crossing and transit problems and best practices.

24. Following discussion on the above and taking into account other considerations, the meeting agreed that these issues could form the core of future work and therefore be included in the draft agenda for the 10th session as shown in Annex III.

F. Other business

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of International Road Transport of Goods in the Framework of SPECA

25. The meeting considered the official signing by Ministers of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Facilitation of International Road Transport of Goods in the Framework

of SPECA for which it was proposed that Kazakhstan act as a depository. A number of options were discussed: signing at the next session of the SPECA PWG-TBC; signing at the Fifth International Conference TRANSEUURASIA 2004 to be held in June in Astana; organizing a separate meeting; or circulating the MOU to countries for signature. It was proposed that the signing take place at the TRANSEURASIA Conference.

26. Following discussions, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, Kazakhstan, was requested to send correspondence to its counterparts in other SPECA countries to finalize arrangements.

2. Report by countries on progress towards the signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network

27. The delegations from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan indicated that they were ready to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network at the 60th session of the SECAP Commission, 26 April 2004 in Shanghai. The delegations from Kazakhstan and Turkey indicated that they were in the process of preparing the relevant documents.

28. Mr. Jose Capel-Ferrer pointed out that in accordance with the provisions of the AGR, countries that are Contracting Parties to both the AGR and AH would still have the obligation to sign-post the E-roads with the E-roads signs. He also conveyed to the participants the views of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee that when the technical standards of the AGR and AH overlapping sections diverge, the more stringent standards should be applied.

3. Development of an international motor insurance card system for Central Asia

29. Mr. Jose Capel-Ferrer informed the participants on the international motor insurance card system developed in Europe, named "Green Card". He stressed that the European countries as early as in 1949 recognized the need for such a system and that European insurers, under the legal instruments of the UNECE SC.1, established the Green Card System in the early 1950s. Since then, the system has offered an international motor insurance that could compensate for damages or injuries caused by "foreign visiting motorists". He provided examples of its use in Europe and mentioned the difficulties for the extension of the system in Central Asia, as well as the existing options for bridging this gap, among which, the creation of a similar motor insurance system for the countries in the region. He noted, however, that

the Green Card operators would be pleased to provide further assistance in reviewing this issue.

4. Date and venue of the 10th session of the SPECA PWG-TBC

30. It was decided to hold the 10th session of the SPECA PWG-TBC at Almaty in October 2004 if there were no other proposals.

III. MAJOR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

31. Following extensive and constructive deliberations the Meeting of the 9th session of the PWG-TBC came to the following conclusions and recommendations.

32. The future work of the PWG-TBC should focus on the implementation of the Action Programme for Transit Transport Cooperation for SPECA countries as an important contribution to the Almaty Programme of Action. In this regard, the meeting agreed to initiate the follow-up actions outlined in Chapter II.D. above.

33. The meeting expressed concern with the level of registration fees for TIR and costs of vehicles that were TIR compliant as well as implementation of the TIR convention. Requests were made to include consideration of practical implementation problems of the TIR system within the SPECA PWG-TBC programme. A number of agencies apprised the meeting of activities they were undertaking in this are, including a UNECE/UNESCAP/IRU seminar in the autumn of 2004.

34. While formulating proposals or finalizing a specific SPECA corridor or route, due consideration will be given to reflect the current and future transport flows in terms of commodity composition by volume and intermodal distribution of such transport flows.

35. To help address specific issues related to border crossings, it was agreed that time would be set aside at future SPECA PWG-TBC meetings for bilateral discussion between members.

36. On behalf of H.E. Mr. Lavrinenko and the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Kazakhstan, Mr. Rustem Zhumataev invited all participants to take part in the Fifth

International Conference TRANSEURASIA, to be held on 17-18 June 2004 in Astana, Kazakhstan, noting that it would contribute to cooperation in transit transport development.

37. The participants expressed their gratitude to the host country for the excellent arrangements of the session. The participants also recognized the contribution of UNDP Kazakhstan in the organization of the session, and also thanked UNECE and UNESCAP.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

38. The meeting adopted the report on 13 March 2004 at Almaty.

Annex I.

List of participants

**9th session of the PWG on Transport and border crossing facilitation in the framework of UN
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Annex II

**9th Session
of the SPECA Project Working Group ON Transport
and Border Crossing Facilitation (PWG-TBC)
12 – 13 March 2004 Almaty, Kazakhstan**

AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Report of the 8th Session of the PWG-TBC
4. Review of transit transport issues of Central Asia and the Caucasus region, with reference to the Programme of Work 2003-2004, the Action Programme for Transit Transport Cooperation for SPECA Countries and the Almaty Programme of Action
 - a. Reports by SPECA National Coordinators on activities at the national level
 - b. Reports by Observer Countries
 - c. Reports by International Organizations on activities at the subregional/ regional level
5. Future follow-up of the Action Programme and review of draft agenda for the 10th session of the SPECA PWG-TBC
6. Other business
7. Adoption of the Protocol

Annex III.

**10th Session
of the SPECA Project Working Group ON Transport
and Border Crossing Facilitation (PWG-TBC)**

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Report of the 9th Session of the PWG-TBC
4. Review of transit transport issues of Central Asia and the Caucasus region, with reference to the Programme of Work 2003-2004, the Action Programme for Transit Transport Cooperation for SPECA Countries, and the Almaty Programme of Action
 - a. Reports by SPECA National Coordinators on activities at the national level
 - i. Establishment and strengthening of facilitation committees
 - ii. Accession to and implementation of international conventions
 - iii. Road/rail transport to China
 - iv. Application of ESCAP methodology to evaluate transit transport
 - v. Inventory of border crossing problems and best practices
 - b. Reports by Observer Countries
 - c. Reports by International Organizations on activities at the subregional/ regional level
5. Draft Programme of Work 2005-2006
6. Review of draft agenda for the 11th session of the SPECA PWG-TBC
7. Other business
8. Adoption of the Protocol



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**Accession Status to International Agreements and Conventions, indicated in the Protocol
of the second session of the PWG-Transport and Border Crossing**

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№ п/п	International Agreements and Conventions	ECE Reference	Azerbaijan	Republic of Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
1	Convention on Road Traffic (08/11/1968)*	8		X		X	X	X
2	Convention on Road Signs and Signals (08/11/1968)*	10		X		X	X	X
3	Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (19/05/1956)*	24		X	X	X	X	X
4	Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles (18/05/1956)*	41	X		X			X
5	Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets (14/11/1975)*	39	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (21/10/1982)*	48	X		X			X
7	Customs Convention on Containers (02/12/1972)*	46						X
8	European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Traffic (01/05/1971)	11						
9	European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (01/05/1971)	12						
10	European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Traffic (AETR) (01/07/1970)	20	X	X			X	X
11	Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (04/06/1954)	37						
12	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) (30/09/1957)	50	X	X				
13	Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) (01/09/1970)	54	X	X				X
14	European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) (15/11/1975)	2	X	X				
15	European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) (31/05/1985)	3		C				
16	European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) (01/02/1991)	4		X				

Comments:

* - Conventions, recommended by UN ESCAP Resolution 48/11

X - Final sign, ratification, joining

C – on the stage of the Governmental procedures