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FOR TRANSPORT AND BORDER CROSSING
FACILITATION
(PWG-TBC)**

AND

**PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON TRANSIT TRANSPORT
COOPERATION**

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REPORT

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

The Republic of Azerbaijan became a member of SPECA during the Regional Advisory Committee meeting held in Bishkek on 28-29 November 2002. At that time H.E. Mr. M. Mamedguliev, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan Republic noted the decision of the 7th session of the SPECA PWG-TBC held in Almaty, 25-27 November 2002, agreed that PWG-TBC sessions could be held regularly in different SPECA countries and offered to host the 8th Session of the PWG-TBC in March 2003 in Baku. In this regard and further noting that the PWG-TBC programme of work for 2003-2004, included item 4: “Preparing a SPECA join position for the UN-International Ministerial Meeting on Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation to be held in Almaty in August 2003”, it was proposed that the 8th session of PWG-TBC should include this topic as a major agenda item.

B. Organization of the Meeting

The 8th Session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing and Preparatory Meeting for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation was held in Baku, 27-29 March 2003. The Meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport of the Azerbaijan Republic. It was jointly organized by the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Kazakhstan as the lead country for the SPECA Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport of Azerbaijan.

C. Election of Officers

The Meeting elected H. E. Mr. K. Djakupov, First Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications, Kazakhstan and Mr. Musa Panakhov, Deputy Head of Azerbaijan State Railway Administration as cochairman and Mr. Barry Cable, Director of Transport and Tourism Division, UNESCAP as rapporteur.

D. Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting adopted the agenda of the Meeting.

E. Attendance

The Meeting was attended by participants from five SPECA member countries namely: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. SPECA neighbouring countries China, Georgia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and Turkey as well as Italy, Japan and France also attended the Meeting as observers. Representatives of UNESCAP, UNECE, UNDP, IGC-TRACECA secretariat, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Permanent Secretariat and the World Bank also attended the Meeting.

F. Opening of the Meeting

1. Opening Statement from H. E. Mr. Zia Mamedov

In his opening address H E Mr. Zia Mamedov expressed his pleasure in hosting the Meeting and mentioned that Azerbaijan being one of the key transport junctions in Eurasia region is seriously interested in establishment and functioning of the shortest transport corridors in this region.

He emphasized the important role of international cooperation in the country economy, including participation of Azerbaijan Republic in the regional transport projects within the frameworks of SPECA, TRACECA, BSEC, ECO and others organizations. He mentioned that the membership of SPECA is highly appreciated by the Government of Azerbaijan, and Azerbaijan is determined to actively facilitate the realization of purposes and tasks of this Programme. The Government of Azerbaijan attaches great importance to transport aspects in within SPECA activities and believes that many issues would be solved more effectively by joint regional efforts rather than on a national level. Hence, it would be more expedient to consider the opportunity for creating a mechanism for developing investment projects and acting in the periods between the Working Group Meetings to facilitate transport development in the regional countries (Central Asia and Caucasus) and norms and standards elaborated by the regional commissions of UNESCAP and UNECE.

2. Opening Statement from H. E. Mr. K. Djakupov

H. E. Mr. K. Djakupov, First Vice-Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Chairman of the PWG-TBC, thanked the Government of Azerbaijan for the suggestion to conduct the PWG-TBC Meeting and congratulated Azerbaijan on becoming a full SPECA member. He expressed his appreciation to the UNESAP, UNECE for their full support and assistance in realization of SPECA programme.

Noting the importance of effective transport cooperation development and transit of all interested parties he welcomed the participation in the PWG 8th session of the representatives from Iran, Georgia, Italy, China, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Russian Federation, France, Japan as observers. He noted the great potential of SPECA and emphasized, that the Program is becoming a real mechanism for coordination of transport activity and elaboration of a coordinated position on transport cooperation in Central Asia and Caucasus.

Finally, he informed that the UN-International Ministerial Meeting on Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation will be held in Almaty in August 2003 and extended invitation to the Ministerial Meeting.

3. Statement from Mr. Kim Hak Su, Executive Secretary of UNESCAP

Mr. Barry Cable, Director of Transport and Tourism Division delivered a statement from Mr. Kim Hak Su, Under Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of UNESCAP.

In his statement, the Executive Secretary, expressed UNESCAP's pleasure in participating in this Meeting and his gratitude to the Government of Azerbaijan for hosting this Meeting as new member of SPECA. He also expressed his appreciation to H. E. Mr. Djakupov, First Deputy Minister of Transport and Communication, Kazakhstan for his support and commitment in the organization of this session in Baku and for his personal participation as representative of the lead country of SPECA PWG-TBC.

He outlined some of the UNESCAP programme designed to contribute to the work of SPECA since it was first established. He mentioned in particular the work on the Asian Highway, Trans Asian Railway under the ALTID project in which SPECA member countries

are participating. He also stated that in preparation for the Global Ministerial Meeting for Landlocked and Transit Countries UNESCAP had implemented a project on transit transport looking at four case studies including Central Asia for which a seminar had been held in Almaty earlier this month. The outcomes of the four studies and subregional seminars will be considered along with a draft regional position paper by UNESCAP Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries on 22 and 23 April 2003 in Bangkok prior to consideration at the Global Conference in Kazakhstan. In closing he wished the meeting all success in deliberations.

4. Statement from Ms. Brigita Schmögnerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE

Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis, Regional Advisor on Transport of UNECE delivered a statement from Ms. Brigita Schmögnerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE.

In her statement, the Executive Secretary welcomed the participants and expressed her gratitude to the Government of Azerbaijan, its Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport, for hosting this Meeting in Baku. She congratulated Azerbaijan for becoming a new member of SPECA noting that this had further strengthened the programme and enhanced its regional dimensions and effectiveness. She also expressed her gratitude to the Government of Kazakhstan and its First Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications for the work and commitment in leading the programme and chairing the SPECA PWG-TBC.

Ms. Schmögnerova underlined the strategic importance of the Euro-Asian transport links, in which SPECA countries are an integral part. She also introduced some specific activities undertaken by UNECE on capacity building for the development of interregional transport linkages and the facilitation of the participation of Central Asian and Caucasus countries in the meetings of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee. She stressed that UNECE, recognizing the special development needs and problems of landlocked countries and other countries with economies in transition, called for in the Millennium Declaration, attached great importance to this group of countries and assured that UNECE will spare no efforts in assisting SPECA in achieving its objectives.

II. PROCEEDINGS

A. Report of the Chairman of 7th session SPECA PWG-TBC

PWG-TBC Chairman H. E. Mr. Djakupov informed the participants on interaction with the national delegations during preparation for the meeting. It was noted that the updated list of SPECA investment projects of regional level is to be presented for the consideration of SPECA International Economic Conference in Tajikistan to be held in Dushanbe on 2-4 April 2003.

PWG-TBC Chairman also mentioned that the SPECA Program is being implemented in accordance with the recommendations of UN General Assembly. All SPECA member countries are transit landlocked countries. Pointing out the importance and urgency of the forthcoming International Ministerial Conference of landlocked and transit developing countries and donor countries and international financial and development institutions on transit transport cooperation to be held in Almaty on 28-29 August 2003. PWG-TBC Chairman urged all meeting participants to be constructive in order to elaborate regional platform of Central Asia and Caucasus countries.

Addressing the meeting as PWG-TBC National Coordinator from Kazakhstan Mr. Djakupov informed the participants about the being implemented by Kazakhstan to establish effective transport network complying with the modern international requirements. He noted

that Kazakhstan attaches primary importance to issues of the establishment of sustainable and flexible transport policy in order to maximal use of transit potential of the republic.

Kazakhstan recognizing the important role of broadening transnational transit traffic of international and regional organizations of UN system, EC, TRACECA, ECO and other organizations assisting transport infrastructure development and facilitation of border crossing, confirmed the necessity to coordinate PWG-TBC activities with the programs and projects being implemented in the region.

B. Reports by SPECA national coordinators

1. Azerbaijan

Mr. Musa Panakhov, Deputy Head of Azerbaijan State Railway Administration noted the substantive efforts that Azerbaijan had been making to support transport integration processes that had enhanced the economy of Azerbaijan and other countries in the region as witnessed by the growth of foreign trade and transit traffic. Thus, the transit traffic increased since 1996 by 2.3 times. He outlined the necessity to solve issues of transit transport, for example by establishing information database for proper and effective organization of goods traffic, their timely delivery to destinations and to establish general communication system within the SPECA subregion. He invited Central Asian countries to join the fiber-optic Baku-Beyuk-Kyasik communication line which will be commissioned in May. He mentioned that Azerbaijan is participating in activities of international transport organizations and joining important conventions and agreements.

Mr. Panakhov further noted the main priorities in the transport strategy of Azerbaijan which included that the establishment of an effective transport system and development of infrastructure, initiating more perspective transport projects, and improving legislation and facilitation of customs procedures.

2. Kyrgyzstan

The delegate of Kyrgyzstan mentioned that his country is giving high priority to the development of transit transport. He mentioned the signing of an agreement among China, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan for development of road connections and plans for rail connections between the three countries.

C. Statements of observer countries

1. Georgia

The delegate of Georgia mentioned that some of the activities are similar to TRACECA and Georgia is looking forward to implementing activities supporting work programme of SPECA.

2. Islamic republic of iran

The delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran mentioned that transit transport is important need for Central Asian and Caucasus countries and the Islamic Republic of Iran is providing access to sea ports to promote transit transport. He mentioned that India, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation had signed an agreement for development of North South Transport Corridor and other member countries are favourably considering joining the agreement.

3. Russian Federation

The delegate of the Russian Federation gave brief account of transport development in the Russian Federation including activities to improve international transit transport to address some problems faced in this area. He underscored the readiness of the Russian Federation to work with neighbouring countries to improve the effectiveness of international transport and transit services.

D. Recent development of TRACECA programme

The National Coordinator of Azerbaijan, TRACECA noted that the TRACECA routes provide shortest Euro-Asian linkages and to promote efficiency the multilateral agreement involving road, rail, sea, custom and document facilitation was signed among member countries. He also mentioned that Baku provided the lowest port charges compared other ports of the Caspian Sea. He mentioned that the TRACECA strategy to 2008 is awaiting approval of governments of member countries.

E. Statement from BSEC representative

The Executive Manager on Transport Issues of the Permanent Secretariat of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) provided details of some of the initiatives presently being undertaken that were similar to that of SPECA and that were designed to promote subregional and bilateral cooperation. The BSEC Working Group on Transport is implementing a five-year plan of action. He mentioned the creation of a Project Development Fund in order to support and promote projects of high importance and he noted that BSEC would be pleased to strengthen the cooperation with SPECA and other international organizations.

F. Reports of international organizations on the activities at the subregional/regional level

1. UNECE

Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis, Regional Advisor on Transport of UNECE provided information on ECE transport activities of interest to the SPECA region. He presented a latest version of the list of 55 Agreements and Conventions in the field of transport that have been prepared under the auspices of UNECE. He also gave an outline of UNECE work and development for each sector of the inland transport. He gave further information on the actions foreseen in the ECE/ESCAP component of UN Regional commissions interregional transport linkages project focusing on Euro-Asian transport links, on the UNECE project for facilitation of participations of Central Asian and Caucasus countries in the meetings of UNECE Inland Transport committee and on the new approach for the UNECE Trust Fund for Assistance to countries with economies in transition (TFACT), based on specific projects. He finally encouraged Central Asian and Caucasus Countries to make project proposals for cofinancing workshops, seminars and concerted actions related to technical assistance through UNECE TFACT and invited SPECA PWG-TBC to express its support to the UNECE pilot project on facilitation of participation of its member countries in the UNECE-ITC meetings.

2. UNESCAP

Mr. Barry Cable, Director of the Transport and Tourism Division of UNESCAP briefly outlined UNESCAP's activities in support of the SPECA PWG-TBC. He recalled the Regional Action Programme approved as part of the Seoul Declaration made at the Ministerial Conference on Infrastructure held in November 2001. He briefly outlined major

UNESCAP activities in the SPECA region, which included among others the programme on the Asian Highway, Trans Asian railway and preparations for the International Ministerial conference on Transit Transport Cooperation.

Mr. Cable noted the successful convening of the Subregional Seminar on Intergovernmental Agreement on Asian Highway on 26 March 2003 and mentioned that an intergovernmental meeting to adopt the agreement is scheduled for 17-18 November 2003 in Bangkok and signing ceremony could be held at the time of UNESCAP Commission session in 2004 in Shanghai.

3. UNDP Kazakhstan

Ms. A. Idrissiova, SPECA/Silk Road Project manager, UNDP Kazakhstan outlined the UNDP Kazakhstan's activities to provide assistance to the Government of Kazakhstan in implementing APECA program, in particular providing technical support to SPECA PWG-TBC. She further informed about activities and achievements of the UNDP Silk Road Area Development Program Phase I (UNDP SRADP) with regard to regional economic cooperation of the participating countries addressing the cooperation between Central Asia and China. UNDP SRADP established mechanism interagency cooperation within and among the participating countries.

4. World Bank

Mr. Michel Zarnowiecki, Senior Regional Coordinator of the World Bank made a presentation on the experience in monitoring performance indicators on road transport border crossings. He explained the findings of a project based on the evaluation of 30 pilot border crossing sites during peak and off peak hours. He mentioned that the study also established definitions of inspection, irregularities and delays. The established criteria and benchmarks, proved to be a good example for the measurement of the border crossing performance that may be used also in the SPECA region.

G. Elaboration of SPECA joint position for the International Ministerial Meeting of the Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries on Transit Transport Cooperation

While introducing the agenda item "Elaboration of SPECA joint position for the Ministerial Meeting of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries on Transit Transport Cooperation, to be held in Almaty, August 2003, H.E. Mr. K. Djakupov reiterated the importance of reaching a common understanding among the SPECA countries on relevant transit transport issues, which could be brought before the Ministerial Meeting.

After the introduction a presentation by Mr. M. Lentsch, Chief, Transport Infrastructure Section, UNESCAP, outlined actions to consider for transit transport cooperation for countries in the SPECA region. He explained that these actions have been elaborated on the basis of recommendations made during various workshops, seminars and meetings including the UNDP/UNESCAP workshop on transit and transport, June 2002 in Astana, the 7th Session of PWG-TBC, November 2002 in Almaty, and the Subregional Seminar on Transit Transport Issues of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries, March 2003 in Almaty.

He noted that the subregional seminar held in Almaty in March 2003 had discussed and endorsed eight areas for the framework for recommendations to be included in the regional platform for transit transport cooperation, under the following eight headings:

1. Policy related actions

2. Improved coordination within and between countries
3. Trade and transport facilitation
4. Competition in transport services
5. Better monitoring
6. Enhancing transit infrastructure
7. Application of Information and Communications Technology
8. Capacity building and human resource development

The participants of the PWG-TBC discussed the proposed actions and additional actions were proposed and considered in detail as the basis for transit transport cooperation in the SPECA and Caucasus subregion.

H. Other matters

The Meeting noted that the 9th Session of PWG-TBC is tentatively scheduled October/November 2003 to be held in Almaty on invitation by the lead country Kazakhstan.

III. MAJOR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

After active and constructive deliberation the Meeting adopted the action programme as included in annex III to this report.

The Meeting further recommended updating the list of accession status to international agreements and conventions of the SPECA member countries, which is included as annex IV to this report.

The 8th session of the SPECA PWG-TBC was held in the spirit of cordial and friendly relation among its member countries and the Meeting expressed its appreciation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport of the Azerbaijan Republic for hosting this meeting and the excellent arrangements and hospitality extended to the participants. The Meeting also congratulated the Government of Kazakhstan, lead country for the SPECA PWG-TBC for the excellent support in the organization of the Meeting. The Meeting also expressed its appreciation to the UNESCAP, UNECE, and other intergovernmental agencies for their support in organizing this meeting.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

This report of the 8th Session of SPECA PWG-TBC was adopted on 29 March 2003, at Baku.

Action Programme for Transit Transport Cooperation for SPECA countries

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1	<p><u>Политические меры</u> <u>На страновом уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Принять/усилить национальную стратегию и интегрированную национальную политику сотрудничества в области транзитных перевозок, учитывающую также региональные интересы • Усовершенствовать национальное транспортное законодательство с учетом обязательств, принятых по международным, многосторонним и двусторонним соглашениям, а также обеспечения равных возможностей въезда и транзита для перевозчиков • Усовершенствовать правовой режим в области мультимодальных перевозок и соответственно принять соответствующее законодательство по взаимодействию правительственных органов и грузоперевозчиков • Создать/укрепить национальные комитеты/комиссии по развитию торговли и транспорта, состоящие из всех соответствующих правительственных органов и представителей частного сектора отраслей транспорта и торговли • Гармонизировать соответствующие законодательства для поощрения развития торговли и транспорта и облегчить процесс вступления стран региона во Всемирную Торговую Организацию (ВТО) <p><u>На субрегиональном / региональном уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Разработать руководство, которое помогло бы правительствам учесть в транспортном законодательстве своих стран обязательства, принятые ими по двусторонним и многосторонним договорам • Гармонизировать двусторонние и многосторонние соглашения посредством сотрудничества на 	<p><u>Policy related actions</u> <u>Country level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt / strengthen national strategy and national integrated policy for transit transport cooperation also taking into account regional interests • Improve national transport legislation to reflect international, multilateral and bilateral commitments and to provide equal opportunity for transport operators for entry and transit • Improve legal regime for multi modal transport operation, and therefore adopt legislation on relationship between governmental agencies and transport operators • Establish / strengthen national trade and transport facilitation committees/commissions, which include all relevant governments agencies and private sector bodies of transport and trade • Harmonize relevant legislation for promoting trade and transport development and facilitate accession process of the countries of the region to the World Trade Organization (WTO) <p><u>Subregional/regional level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop guidelines to assist governments on ways to integrate relevant bilateral and multilateral commitments into national transport legislation • Harmonize bilateral and multilateral agreements through cooperation at level of subregional organizations to improve conditions for transit transport cooperation

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	уровне субрегиональных организаций в целях усовершенствования условий транзитно-транспортного сотрудничества	
2	<p><u>Повышение уровня согласованности действий внутри государств и между ними</u></p> <p><u>На страновом уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Проводить регулярные совещания национальных комитетов/комитетов по развитию торговли и транспорта для координации и мониторинга проведения политики в соответствии с национальной стратегией по транзитно-транспортному сотрудничеству • Принять/усовершенствовать законодательство, предоставляющее возможности частному сектору (ассоциации, советы и др.) вносить свой вклад в формулирование нормативной базы в области транзитного транспорта • Сосредоточить внимание на национальные экономические потребности для развития потенциала транзитных перевозок на межправительственном уровне, т.е. ЕЭК ООН, ЭСКАТО ООН, ЮНКТАД, ОЭС, МПК-ТРАСЕКА, СНГ, ОЧЭС и др. <p><u>На субрегиональном/региональном уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Проводить на двустороннем и субрегиональном уровнях регулярные координационные совещания национальных комитетов/комиссий по развитию торговли и транспорта для координации и мониторинга выполнения программ сотрудничества в области транзитных перевозок (СПЕКА, ОЭС, МПК-ТРАСЕКА) • Обеспечить, что вопросы, связанные с усовершенствованием сотрудничества в области транзитных перевозок и устранение транспортных барьеров выносятся на рассмотрение на межправительственных совещаниях высоко уровня 	<p><u>Improved coordination within and between countries</u></p> <p><u>Country level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene regular meetings of the national trade and transport facilitation committee/commissions to coordinate and monitor implementation of policies inline with the national strategy for transit transport cooperation • Adopt/improve legislation which provides opportunities for the private sector (associations, councils etc.) to contribute to the formulation of transit transport regulations • Direct attention to national economic needs for development of transit transport capacities at intergovernmental level i.e. UNECE, UNESCAP, UNCTAD, ECO, IGC-TRACECA, CIS, BSEC etc. <p><u>Subregional/regional level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene regular coordination meetings of national trade and transport facilitation committees/commissions at bilateral and subregional level to coordinate and monitor implementation of the action programme for transit transport cooperation (SPECA, ECO, IGC-TRACECA) • Ensure that issues related to improvement of transit transport cooperation and removal of transport barriers are continuously addressed at high level intergovernmental meetings

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3	<p><u>Содействие развитию торговли и транспорта</u> <u>На страновом уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Рассмотреть возможность присоединения к важным международным конвенциям, включая те, которые рекомендованы ЕЭК ООН и перечислены в Резолюции ЭСКАТО ООН 48/11, а также к Киотской таможенной конвенции в измененной редакции 1999 года • Рассмотреть возможность выполнения рекомендаций проектов ТРАСЕКА «Гармонизация процедур пересечения границ» и «Единая политика транзитных сборов и тарифов» • Создать механизм для постоянного мониторинга международных грузовых перевозок в пунктах пересечения границ и в процессе транзита • Внедрение упрощенных и ускоренных таможенных процедур и процедур пересечения границ для заслуживающих доверие грузоперевозчиков и торговых компаний <p><u>На субрегиональном /региональном уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • На региональном уровне координировать выполнение рекомендаций проектов ТРАСЕКА «Гармонизация процедур пересечения границ» и «Единая политика транзитных сборов и тарифов» (МПК-ТРАСЕКА, СПЕКА) • Проведение анализа на регулярной основе по развитию торговли и транспортных перевозок на субрегиональном уровне для выявления существующих торговых барьеров на пути торговли и транспорта • Активное участие экспертов стран-участниц СПЕКА в работе Комитета ЕЭК ООН по внутреннему транспорту и его вспомогательных органов, а также других международных форумов, которые способствовали интеграции транспортной системы региона СПЕКА в аналогичные 	<p><u>Trade and transport facilitation</u> <u>Country level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider accession to important international conventions including those recommended by UNECE and listed in UNESCAP resolution 48/11, and the revised Kyoto Customs Convention (1999) • Consider implementation of recommendations of the TRACECA projects “Harmonization of Border Crossing Procedures” and “Unified Policy on Transit Fees and Tariffs” • Establish a mechanism for continuous monitoring of international freight transportation at the border crossing points and for transit movements • Introduction of simplified and accelerated customs and border crossing procedure for trustworthy transport operators and trading companies <p><u>Subregional/regional level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate at regional level implementation of recommendations of the TRACECA projects “Harmonization of Border Crossing Procedures” and “Unified Policy on Transit Fees and Tariffs” (IGC-TRACECA, SPECA) • Regular analysis of trade development and transport movement at subregional level to identify existing trade barriers for trade and transport • Active participation of SPECA countries experts in the works of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies as well as other international fora that will assist the integration of the SPECA region transport systems in that of other subregions as well as harmonization with existing international standards, norms, agreements and conventions • Provide support to the SPECA countries to facilitate their participation in the work of UNECE in the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

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	<p>структуры других субрегионов, а также гармонизация с существующими международными стандартами, нормами, соглашениями и конвенциями</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Оказать поддержку странам-участницам СПЕКА с целью облегчения их участия в работе Комитета ЕЭК ООН по внутреннему транспорту и его вспомогательных органов 	
4,	<p><u>Конкуренция в сфере транспортных услуг</u> <u>На страновом уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Совершенствовать автомобильные перевозки с Китаем на основе двусторонних и многосторонних соглашений/сотрудничества • Продолжить проведение реформ, направленных на демонаполизацию и приватизацию транспортного сектора • Пересмотреть тарифную политику с целью освобождения транспортных операций от тарифов и сборов, не связанных с транспортными услугами и перевозкой грузов, и поощрения развития деятельности частного сектора • Стимулировать развитие частного сектора в сфере транспортных услуг, включая автотранспортные перевозки, грузовые терминалы, и грузовые железнодорожные операции <p><u>На субрегиональном/региональном уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Усилить роль транспортных ассоциаций, торгово-промышленных палат и других структур частного сектора и их участия в развитии транзитных перевозок • Содействовать созданию региональных союзов и объединять транспортные, таможенные и торговые ассоциации, торгово-промышленные палаты и др. 	<p><u>Competition in transport services</u> <u>Country level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve road transport communication with China through bilateral and multilateral agreements/cooperation • Continue reform for demonopolization and privatization of the transport sector • Revise tariff policies to exempt transport operation from tariffs and charges which are not related to transport services, and to promote private sector activities • Promote private sector development for transport services, including road transport operation, freight terminals, and rail freight operations <p><u>Subregional/regional level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the role of transport associations, chambers of commerce and other private sector bodies and their participation in transit transport development • Assist establishment of regional unions and to unite transport, customs and trade associations, chambers of commerce, etc
5	<p><u>Улучшение мониторинга</u> <u>На страновом уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Применить механизм отчетности по показателям транзитных перевозок в сотрудничестве с таможенными 	<p><u>Better monitoring</u> <u>Country level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement reporting mechanism for transit transport indicators in cooperation with customs and transport operators

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	<p>органами и перевозчиками</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Разработать и внедрить систему сотрудничества национальной системы мониторинга (статистической отчетности) по деятельности всех участников в торговом и транзитно-транспортном сотрудничестве <p><u>На субрегиональном/региональном уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Регулярный мониторинг развития транзитных перевозок (ЭСКАТО ООН, ЕЭК ООН) Рассмотреть и достичь согласия по показателям эффективности транзитных перевозок, принимая во внимание показатели, предлагаемые Всемирным Банком для регулярного мониторинга процесса развития транзитных перевозок 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaborate and introduce national monitoring systems (statistical reporting) of activities of all stakeholders in trade and transit transport cooperation <p><u>Subregional/regional level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular monitoring of transit transport development (UNESCAP, UNECE) Consider and reach agreement on transport facilitation indicators taking into consideration indicators as proposed by the World Bank for regular monitoring of transit transport facilitation development
6	<p><u>Совершенствование инфраструктуры транзитных перевозок</u></p> <p><u>На страновом уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Присоединение к многосторонним соглашениям по инфраструктуре, включая конвенции СМА, СЛКП, и Соглашение по Азиатским шоссе на дорогам, а также активное участие в обновлении сети Транс Азиатских железных дорог для того, чтобы придать приоритетное значение развитию инфраструктуры, имеющей международное значение Усовершенствовать, реконструировать и обеспечивать техническое содержание железно- и автодорожной сети (содействие со стороны АБР, ЕБРР, ИБР, ВБ и других доноров по двусторонним соглашениям) Разработать благоприятную правовую среду для привлечения инвестиций в транспортную инфраструктуру, включая инвестиционные преференции и льготы на развитие транспорта приобретение оборудования Определить приоритетные проекты развития инфраструктуры международного значения с целью привлечения международных ресурсов для их реализации 	<p><u>Enhancing transit infrastructure</u></p> <p><u>Country level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accession to multilateral agreements on infrastructure including AGR, AGTC, and Asian Highway Agreement, and active participation in update of the Trans Asian Railway network to prioritize infrastructure development of international importance Improve, rehabilitate and maintain rail and road network (assistance by ADB, EBRD, IDB, WB, bilateral donors) Elaborate favorable legal environment to attract investments to transport infrastructure, including investment preferences and benefits for transport development and purchasing of equipment Identify priority infrastructure projects of international importance to attract international financing for their implementation Implementation of pilot project to establish logistic center in order to test technical facilities and client's servicing <p><u>Subregional/regional level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement of existing and alternative

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Реализация пилотного проекта по созданию логистического центра с целью испытания технологии и оказания услуг <p><u>На субрегиональном уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Усовершенствование существующей и альтернативной авто- и железнодорожной сети с выходом к морским портам и рынкам Азии и Европы (ЕЭК ООН, ЭСКАТО ООН, МПК-ТРАСЕКА и ЕКМТ) • Стимулировать важные субрегиональные проекты по развитию транспортной инфраструктуры (СПЕКА, ОЭС, МПК-ТРАСЕКА) • Согласование крупномасштабных проектов для развития инфраструктуры транзитных коридоров, пересекающих территории нескольких государств • Определить перевозчика по железнодорожному транспорту на конкурентной основе и установить унифицированные тарифы 	<p>road and rail transport routes to access seaports and markets in Asia and Europe (UNECE, UNESCAP, IGC-TRACECA, ECMT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote important subregional transport infrastructure projects (SPECA, ECO, IGC-TRACECA) • Coordination of large scale projects to develop transit corridor infrastructure crossing the territories of several states • Select national operators for rail transport on the competitive basis and establish unified tariffs
7	<p><u>Применение информационных и коммуникационных технологий (ИКТ)</u></p> <p><u>На страновом уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Облегчить и упростить таможенные процедуры путем применения автоматизированных таможенных систем для обеспечения большей прозрачности и качества анализа рисков <p><u>На субрегиональном уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Рассмотреть применение таможенных транзитных систем, основанных на информационных технологиях (ИТ) для проведения мониторинга транзитно-транспортных перевозок (СПЕКА, МПК-ТРАСЕКА, международные организации) • Дальнейшее усовершенствование применения «сейф ТИР систем» в рамках региона стран-членов СПЕКА, а также разрешительной системы и регулирования квот автомобильных перевозок на двусторонней основе 	<p><u>Application of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)</u></p> <p><u>Country level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate and simplify customs procedures through automated customs systems for higher transparency and better risk analysis <p><u>Subregional / regional level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider at regional level implementation of IT based customs transit systems to monitor transit transport movements • Further improvement of the implementation of “Safe TIR system” within SPECA region member countries and permit system and quota management of bilateral road transport

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8	<p><u>Формирование институциональных возможностей и развитие кадрового потенциала:</u></p> <p><u>На национальном уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Обеспечить доступ к действующему транспортному законодательству, таможенным кодексам, а также к таможенным правилам посредством их размещения сети «интернет» • Расширить и усовершенствовать программы обучения специалистов в сфере торговли, транспорта, таможни, а также сотрудников правоохранительных органов, уделяя особое внимание электронному образованию • Создать специальные учебные центры, действующие на коммерческой основе <p><u>На субрегиональном/региональном уровне:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Поддержать меры по укреплению институциональных возможностей, направленных на выполнение положений многосторонних соглашений и международных конвенций (МФИ, ЕЭК ООН, ЭСКАТО ООН, ЕС-ТАСИС, МСАТ, ФИАТА МСЖД, ОСЖД) • Предложить организацию семинаров, тренингов, со-финансирование которых может быть рассмотрено Тростовым фондом ЕЭК ООН по оказанию помощи странам с переходной экономикой 	<p><u>Capacity building and human resources development:</u></p> <p><u>Country level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to all up to date transport legislation, customs code and customs rules and regulations through posting on Internet • Expand and improve professional education programmes for trade, transport, customs and law enforcement personnel, with particular attention to e-education • Establish special training centers on commercial basis <p><u>Subregional/regional level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support capacity building measures for implementation of multilateral agreements and international conventions • Propose the organization of workshops, seminars and training courses that may be implemented through co-financing by UNECE Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries with Economies in Transition (TFACT)

**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)*	25		X	X	X	X	X
4	Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles (18/05/1956)*	42	X		X			X
5	Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets (14/11/1975)*	40	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (21/10/1982)*	49	X		X			X
7	Customs Convention on Containers (02/12/1972)*	47						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)	21	X	X			X	X
11	Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (04/06/1954)	38						
12	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) (30/09/1957)	51	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)	55	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

Annex III

List of SPECA regional investment projects in the field of transport and border crossing facilitation

№	Project Title	Purpose of the project	Forms of investing	Investment volume USD mln.	Period of implementation	Additional information
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>Republic of Kazakhstan</i>						
1	Analysis of physical infrastructure and removal of non physical barriers on transport corridor Almaty-Horgos	Study and analysis of neighboring infrastructure, physical and non physical barriers on transport corridor Almaty-Horgos	Direct investments	2,0	2002-2007	
<i>Kyrgyz Republic</i>						
2	Rehabilitation of the road Bishkek – Torugart	Transport link between Chu, Issyk-kul and Naryn provinces, link with Kazakhstan and China, then with Pakistan and India, outlet to the Indian ports.	Long-term credit, co-financing	189,0	2003	Feasibility study is available
3	Rehabilitation of the road Taraz – Talas – Suusamyр (190 km)	Project links Chu, Osh and Zhalal-Abad regions and links North Kazakhstan.	Long-term credit, co-financing	50,66	2003	Feasibility study is available.
4	Reconstruction of motor road Balykchi-Kalakol-Balykchi-Tyup-Kegen (circle road roundabout way of Issyk-kul lake	Main transport artery of Issyk-kul Province, provides outlet to rail road line Balykchi-Bishkek and Bishkek-Torugart, there is outlet to Kazakhstan. Facilitates development of resorts		63	2002	Preliminary materials on setting problems, purposes and tasks are available
<i>Republic of Tajikistan</i>						
5	Reconstruction of the road Hodzhent-Buston-Tashkent 240 km	The main road providing link with Uzbek Republic, also connecting east and west	Direct investments, co-financing	36	2003	Project estimate documentation is available
6	Reconstruction of the road Hodzhent- Isfara	The road connecting Tajik and Kyrgyz Republics	Direct investments	36+133	2003	Project estimate documentation

	– Batkent – Osh 390 km					is available
7	Reconstruction of the road Dushanbe – Tursun-sade - Termes 66 km	The main road providing link with south area of Tajikistan and Uzbek Republics, and access to other states	Direct investments	5	2003	Project estimate documentation is available
8	Creation of information network of the border crossing of the SPECA state-members	Providing services on the border crossing, communications and equipment for establishment of general information network	Direct investments	5	2003	Project estimate documentation is available