UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE ECONOMIES OF CENTRAL ASIA (SPECA)

Ninth session of the SPECA Governing Council

(Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 5 December 2014)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

Opening of the session by the representative of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Chair country of SPECA, and the representative of Turkmenistan, the host country of the “SPECA Days” in Ashgabat, followed by the opening statements of the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), and the Heads of Delegation of the SPECA countries.

2. Adoption of the Agenda


Report by the Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP followed by a discussion.

4. Outcomes of the Follow-up meeting to the 2013 SPECA Economic Forum: the potential role of SPECA in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Central Asia (Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 5 December 2014)

Report by the Executive Secretary of UNECE followed by a discussion.

5. Outcomes of the “Brain storming session on strengthening the ownership of SPECA” (Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 5 December 2014)

Report by the Deputy Executive Secretary of the UNECE followed by a discussion.

6. SPECA activities since the last session of the Governing Council (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 22 November 2013)

Progress reports of the SPECA Project Working Groups will be circulated in advance of the session. Report by the Representative of ESCAP followed by a discussion:

- Progress Report of the PWG on Water and Energy Resources
• Progress Report of the PWG on Transport and Border Crossing
• Progress Report of the PWG on Trade
• Progress Report of the PWG on Statistics
• Progress Report of the PWG on Knowledge-based Development
• Progress Report of the WG on Gender and Economy

7. Project proposals supporting connectivity between Afghanistan and Central Asia

Presentation by the Director of the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division of the UNECE followed by a discussion

8. Report on the work of the Joint ESCAP/UNECE SPECA Office since the last session of the Governing Council (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 22 November 2013)

Report by the Head of the ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia and the Joint ESCAP/UNECE SPECA Office followed by a discussion.

9. Cooperation between SPECA and regional organizations and institutions

Report by the Representative of the UNECE on cooperation with partner organizations and institutions, followed by a discussion with participation of representatives of international and regional organizations.

10. Election of the next country Chair of SPECA

11. Other business, including date and venue of the 2015 SPECA Economic Forum and 10th session of the SPECA Governing Council

12. Closing of the session

Closing statements by the Heads of Delegation of the SPECA countries and the Executive Secretaries of ESCAP and UNECE