Statement of
Director of Transport and Communication
in the 130th session of wp30
7 Feb. 2012, Geneva
4- Activities of other organizations (ECO Activities)
ECO Transport Ministerial Meeting
Follow up actions

• ECORMT Project
• Implementation of TIR in Afghanistan
• Iran and Turkey Training workshop on TIR for Afghanistan
• ITI Corridor
• Uzun – Barkat – Einche Bron – Gurgan Corridor
• Gazvin – Astara- Baku Corridor
• ECOLPAF
• Initiating EC0 – UNECE Workshop on harmonization Convention
ECO RMT Project

• the mid-term results of the joint IRU-ECO Regular Monitoring of Trucks / NELTI 3 were presented, revealing that on average, 29.9% of transport time is lost at borders, while 28.3% of transport costs, excluding fuel, are due to ‘unofficial payments’.

• Such compelling findings clearly confirm the need to urgently implement the key UN trade and road transport facilitation instruments such as the Harmonization and TIR Conventions
Implementation of TIR in Afghanistan

- 23-24 Feb 2012 workshop and demonstration of Trucks
Iran and Turkey Training workshop on TIR for Afghanistan

- Turkey will organize a workshop beginning of March 2012
- Iran will organize a workshop beginning of April 2012
ITI Corridor

• Islamabad – Tehran – Istanbul transport corridor proposed to be held on 16 April 2012 in Islamabad
Uzun – Barkat – Einche Bron – Gurgan Corridor

• Field visit propose to be held at the end of Feb 2012
Gazvin – Astar- Baku Corridor

• The technical meeting suppose to be held next week in ECO Secretariat
The Status of ECO transport associations signed and the first General assembly suppose to be held on September in Islamabad
Bandar Abas Recommendations
follow up actions

Railway Networking

• ECO demonstration train along Bandar Abbas-Almaty route needs to be converted into regular commercial train

• all available options for attraction of investment, including Public Private Partnership (PPP) may be considered by the enroute Member States on constructionKyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan-Afghanistan corridor

• Further steps for international Rail Convention that would further facilitate rail operations
Bandar Abas Recommandations follow up actions (Cont, d)

• Take necessary action on time construction of the railway line between Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran

• Connection between Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul (ITI) Container train and Bandar Abbas-Almaty Container train

• Reducing running time of Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul ECO Container train

• Establishment of corridor management mechanism
Bandar Abas Recommandations
follow up actions(Cont,d)
Road Networking

• Remove bottlenecks were found by the ECO\IRU Demonstration Truck Caravan 2010, and the ongoing project for Regular Monitoring of Trucks, launched in 2011

• to consider the application of IRU risk management tools RTS and TIR EPD to assure the fast and secure exchange of data between customs authorities
Bandar Abas Recommendations follow up actions (Cont, d)

- Organizing Conference on ECO Silk Road Transit Corridor Plus China in 2012 with active participation of the Member States, and in partnership with China, IRU and other relevant institutions.

- Final steps on drafting ECO Common Visa Sticker for Drivers and Other Persons Involved in Transit Operations
Bandar Abas Recommendations follow up actions (Cont, d)

- Using UNCTAD on Capacity Building Project for Control Authorities and Transport Operators to Improve Efficiency of Cross-border
- UNCTAD conducts functional and technical analysis for advantages and disadvantages of integration of ASYCUDAWorld/TIR
- UNECE- ECO joint works to assist Afghanistan, Pakistan and Turkmenistan, who are not yet a party to Custom Harmonization Convention to join it
Thanks