Dear Madam/Sir,

The Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Investments and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) have the honour to invite your representative to participate in the fifth session of the Euro-Asian Transport Links Expert Group Meeting (EATL EG). The meeting will take place on 1 to 3 November 2010 in Tashkent.

The aim of the EATL Expert Group, which is implementing the Phase II of the EATL Project, is to assist in developing efficient, safe and secure Euro-Asian inland transport connections that could provide additional transport options for trade flows between Europe and Asia.

On 3 November 2010, as part of the meeting, a field trip to the International Intermodal Logistics Centre and Free Industrial Economic Zone at Navoi will be organized. The Navoi Centre is strategically positioned between China and Europe and is competing to become an important Central Asia transit hub.

For more information about the EATL EG meeting, programme and registration, you may wish to consult http://www.unene.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5_ge2_05.html or contact Mr. Rovshan Sirajhidinov (tel: +998-71-2385047, e-mail: rovshan.sirajhidinov@mfer.uz), Ms. Caroline Milow at Caroline.Milow@osce.org or Mr. Robert Nowak at Robert.Nowak@unece.org

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