Workshop – Quantifying transport costs for landlocked developing countries

Held in conjunction with the 32nd Session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) (Geneva, 2-4 September)

Palais des Nations, Room XII

2 September 2019 (10.00-13.00)

10:00-10:15 Openining Session

➢ Welcoming Remarks

- **Mr. Piet De Wildt**, Chair, Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5)
- **Mr. Konstantinos Alexopoulos**, Chief of Transport Facilitations and Economics Section, Sustainable Transport Division, UNECE
- **Ms. Dagmar Hertova**, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)

10:15-11:45 PANEL DISCUSSION – Transport cost quantification for LLDCs: challenges and opportunities

Selected topics:

- Analytical parameters – identification, categorization and quantification of LLDC transport costs (i.e. soft and hard infrastructure, measuring economic distance, assessing efficiency of administrative processes etc.)
- Overview of available transport cost quantification models and approaches

**Moderator: Mr. Roel Janssens**, Economic Affairs Officer/ WP.5 secretariat, UNECE Sustainable Transport Division

Speakers:

- **Ms. Dagmar Hertova**, Programme Officer, UN-OHRLLS
• Ms. Luisa Rodriguez, Transport Section/Trade Logistics Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
• Ms. Jane Karonga, Regional Integration and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) [through webex]
• Mr. Kazem Asyesh, Senior Adviser TIR and Trade Facilitation, International Road Transport Union (IRU)

11:45-12:00 Coffee/tea break

12:00-13:00 ROUND-TABLE – National LLDC experiences in quantifying transport costs

Moderator: Mr. Lukasz Wyrowski, WP.5 Secretary, UNECE Sustainable Transport Division

Selected topics:

• Country statements and presentations on what works, what does not work and why
• Towards a possible unified approach in quantifying transport costs for LLDCs – Conclusions and recommendations for further work

Speakers:

• Ambassador Purevsuren Lundeg, Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations Office, World Trade Organization and other international organizations in Geneva
• Ms. Irina Sigua, Adviser, Revenue Service of Georgia & Ms. Aleksandra Suladze, Expert, Transport Corridor and Logistics Development Division, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
• Concluding tour-de-table

13:00 Closure of the workshop