Continued support to landlocked countries: the Vienna Programme of Action

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VPoA for LLDCs, adopted in 2014

**Aim:** Provides a comprehensive framework to tackle LLDCs’ special challenges and improve their integration into the global economy

**Six priority areas:** transit, infrastructure, international trade and trade facilitation, regional integration and cooperation, structural economic transformation and means of implementation

Adoption of a *High-Level Political Declaration* on the occasion of the VPoA midterm review, New York, 5-6 December 2020 (briefing by UN-OHRLLS)
Shed light on the broad range of tools and instruments at the disposal of LLDCs interested in strengthening their transit transport potential.

Particular attention was paid to TIR & eTIR, the potential it has for inter-modality and the benefits it generates for LLDCs in terms of cost and efficiency gains.

A representative of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Advanced Technologies of Azerbaijan presented experience of Azerbaijan with eTIR.
Participants recognized the lack of a harmonized approach and methodology to measure actual transport costs for LLDCs, due to:

- Different approaches and models used
- Limited data availability in LLDCs
- Limitations of data and data modelling
- Different costs associated with different modes of transport
- The lacking of a comprehensive methodology to incorporate both soft and hard infrastructure issues

Participants recommended that WP.5 should do further work on this, in close co-operation with UN-OHRLLS.

Potential for follow-up with International Think Tank for LLDCs.
Thank you!