Mid-term Review of the Almaty Programme of Action: Status and problems of implementation with particular reference to activities relating to PWG-TBC
The context

- secure access to and from the sea
- increase LLDC’s exports competitiveness;
- reduce the delivered costs of imports;
- address problems of delays;
- develop adequate national networks;
- reduce loss, damage and deterioration;
- open the way for export expansion; and
- improve road transport safety and security.
UNECE and Almaty Programme of Action

- facilitate international transport while improving its safety, security and environmental performance
- active in the area of trade and trade facilitation
- 57 international agreements and conventions which, if promoted, used and properly implemented, can assist landlocked and transit countries in overcoming their special disadvantages.
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- Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) projects.
- Harmonization of transport investments in the context of Euro-Asian Transport Linkages (EATL) project.
Inter-agency consultative meeting in Geneva on 2 March 2009

Objectives of two folds:

- assessing the outcome of the midterm review and
- mapping the contributions by the United Nations system and other relevant organizations towards the accelerated implementation of the goals of APA.
Outlook for 2009

- Promote the use of transport agreements outside of the UNECE region by cooperating with other Regional Commissions
- Promote transit facilitation in support of landlocked countries both through the TIR system and multimodal facilitation approaches.
Outlook for 2009 (ctd)

- Conduct a regional TIR seminar for ECO countries, including Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC) of Central Asia. Result: more effective implementation of the TIR Convention to the benefit of LLDC
- Disseminate in the LLDCs the UNECE report about the methodological basis for the definition of bottlenecks, missing links and quality of service in transport infrastructure networks
- Develop and publish a joint UNECE-OSCE Handbook of Best Practices at Borders.