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PRESENTATION OF CAREC FEDERATION OF CARRIER AND FORWARDER ASSOCIATIONS (CFCFA)

Chairman of CFCFA: Nigmatzhan Issingarin – Doctor of Economics

SPECA - United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asian countries, initiated by Kazakhstan, UNECE and UNESCAP

Objectives: strengthening interregional cooperation in Central Asia, promoting their economic development and integrating into the economy of Europe and Asia

Among 5 priority tasks:
Development of transport infrastructure and simplification of procedures for movement of goods, services and people across state borders (coordinated by Kazakhstan)

CFCFA – Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program based on the partnership of 8 countries and 8 institutions: ADB, EBRD, IADB, IMF, ISDB, UNDP, World Bank, World Bank

Objectives: promoting regional cooperation in the priority areas transport, trade facilitation, trade policy and energy, helping Central Asian and neighboring countries realize their immense potential in an increasingly integrated Eurasia

CFCFA activity is aimed at achieving CAREC objectives and at the same time SPECA objectives, focuses on the development of transport, trade and logistics, and support of national associations

CAREC FEDERATION OF CARRIER AND FORWARDER ASSOCIATIONS (CFCFA) is an international non-government and non-profit organization uniting carrier, forwarder and logistics associations of the Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) countries, as well as other countries.

THE PURPOSE OF CFCFA is to facilitate transport, trade and logistics development, and advance the interest of road carriers, freight forwarders and logistics providers associations that are its active members.
• The proposal on CFCFA formation was first raised during the CAREC workshop in February 2009 in Guangzhou.
• The Memorandum of Association (MOA) was signed by 14 associations during CAREC meeting in Seoul in October 2009, which was the starting point of CFCFA.
• In March 2010, the CFCFA meeting in Almaty ratified the CFCFA Constitution, elected officials (annual rotation) and Executive Board members – 1 representative from each country.

**CHAIRMAN:** Issangarin N., Doctor of Economics, Chairman of Kazakhstan Freight Forwarders Association (KFFA) and Association of carriers and wagon (containers) operators (KazAPO).

**VICE CHAIRMAN:** Captain Lin Zhong, Deputy Secretary General, China International Freight Forwarders Association (CIFA).

**CFCFA Objectives:**

**I. Contributing a private sector perspective to CAREC transport and trade facilitation efforts**

i. Strengthen cooperation between carrier and forwarder and logistic services provider associations in promoting transport, logistics and trade facilitation in the CAREC region and between the CAREC countries and other countries;

ii. Work with international government and non-government organizations, financial institutions, CAREC and other countries’ governments to improve regional trade, transport and logistics efficiencies;

iii. Raise public awareness on regional transport, trade and logistics issues, and facilitate their resolution;

iv. Develop and promote strategies, programs, recommendations and regional technical cooperation projects aimed at developing high-quality, efficient and safe transport and logistics services;

**II. Supporting relevant government agencies in improving transport and trade facilitation policies and infrastructure**

v. Support the governments in establishing conditions conducive to the development of transport, forwarding and logistic activities;

vi. Further implementation of regional transport and logistics projects in the member countries;

vii. Further development of Euro-Asian land transport and multimodal transport;

viii. Counter discrimination of transport types and development of monopolism in provision of transport, forwarding and logistic services;
CFCFA PLAN FOR 2010 and 2011

1. CFCFA ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

- Registration (country of registration - Kyrgyzstan)
- Development of Regulations on accounting, financing etc.
- Holding of meetings of Board of Directors and General Assembly

2. COMMUNICATION WITH CAREC INSTITUTIONS ON CFCFA OBJECTIVES, COOPERATION WITH SPECA

3. REPRESENTATION OF CFCFA INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

4. HARMONIZATION AND SIMPLIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION

5. FORMATION OF COMMUNICATION PLATFORM

- CFCFA website development
- Publicity in CFCFA newsletter etc.
Thank you for your attention!

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