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Seminar on the Implementation of Annex 8 to the International Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982

- Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva (Switzerland)
- Thursday, 18 June 2009

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

10.00	Opening of the Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome address, Ms. Eva MOLNAR, Director, UNECE Transport Division• Welcome address, Mr. Yevgen Koziy, Executive Manager, BSEC
10.15 – 11.30	Session 1. Harmonization Convention as a tool for border crossing facilitation and coordinated border management
10.15	Overview of the International Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982 Presentation by Mr. Konstantin Glukhenkiy, UNECE
10.30	Coordinated border management Presentation by Ms. Asha Menon, World Customs Organization
11.00	Role of the road transport industry in overcoming border crossing obstacles Presentation by Mr. Peter Krausz, International Road Transport Union
11.30	Coffee break
11.45 – 13.00	Session 2. Annex 8 to the Harmonization Convention and its application at national level
11.45	Key legal provisions of the new Annex 8 on road transport Presentation by Mr. Konstantin Glukhenkiy, UNECE
12.00	Facilitation of visa procedures for professional drivers Presentation by Mr. Yevgen Koziy, BSEC
12.20	Bottlenecks in European cross-border management Presentation by Mr. Henrik Lindström, Finland

12.40	Modernization of border crossing points in Turkey: new prospects in the ECO and BSEC region Presentation by Mr. Abdullah Ramazanoğlu, Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey
13.00 – 15.00	Lunch break
15.00 – 16.30	Session 3. International vehicle weight certificate and weighing procedures
15.00 – 15.20	Experiences in the application of the vehicle weight certificate in the CIS region Presentation by Mr. Evgeny Antipov, Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation
15.20 – 15.40	EU regulations concerning weighing road vehicles and the implementation of the international vehicle weight certificate Presentation by Mr. Pawel Stelmaszczyk, European Commission
15.40 – 16.10	Technical aspects of weighing road vehicles Presentation by Mr. Felix Scheuter, HAENNI Wheel Load Scales
16.10 – 16.30	Discussion
16.30 – 16.45	Coffee break
16.45 – 17.50	Session 4. Monitoring the border crossing performance and implementation of Annex 8 to the Harmonization Convention
16.45	Various approaches to border crossing performance measurement. Infrastructure vs. procedures: which is more important for an efficient border crossing point? Presentation by Mr. Michel Zarnowiecki, Former Economic Officer, The World Bank
17.30	Use of the time-cost-distance methodology to identify bottlenecks Presentation by Mr. Robert Nowak, UNECE
17.50 – 18.00	Summary and closure of the Seminar