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**TRANS-EUROPEAN NORTH-SOUTH MOTORWAY (TEM)
2nd Meeting of TEM and WERD Representatives
29 – 30 April 2002, Bratislava, Slovakia**

R E P O R T

1. Representatives of Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Turkey, the members of the WERD (Western European Road Directors) Subgroup on TERN (Trans-European Road Network) and Subgroup on Road Data as well as the TEM Project Manager and his Deputy participated in the meeting.
2. The meeting was opened by Mr. M. Hantak, the TEM Project Manager who acted as its Chairman, too.
3. Mr. P. Barek, Director General of the Slovak Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications welcomed the participants on behalf of his Government, wishing them a pleasant stay in Bratislava and full success of the meeting.
4. In the course of the morning session, Mr. J. Macejko, the Slovak Minister of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications briefly attended the meeting to deliver his greetings to its participants, who were greatly honoured by his personal appearance.
5. Following the introduction of all participants, the meeting approved its agenda.
6. Under the next item of the agenda, Mr. M. Hantak delivered a comprehensive Power Point presentation of the TEM Project and its current activities.
7. Mr. Ch. Britton of the WERD SG Road Data introduced the work of the Subgroup. He pointed out that during its existence (approx. 5 years) the group has produced several useful reports, such as the GDF (Geographical Description Files) and the Road Data Dictionary. It is the aim of SG Road Data to make documents available

to those interested. The latest joint project is the Best Practice Guide on Data Management that is expected to be ratified shortly.

8. The Chairman then gave the floor to Mr. I. Schacke for a presentation on WERD/DERD. The presentation covered a brief history of the WERD and also of the work of the various subgroups. A more detailed discussion on the work of SG TERN took place at a later stage.
9. The presentation of Mr. I. Schacke was supplemented by the information of Mr. G. Estermann (Austria), the current DERD (Deputy Western European Road Directors) moderator about the work of some of the WERD ad-hoc groups.
10. Mr. D. Serwill of the Ingenieurgruppe IVV – Aachen summarized the results of the report “Towards a European Main Road Network”, commissioned by the WERD and undertaken by the German member of SG TERN in collaboration with two German consultant companies and completed in September 2001. It is an ambitious modelling tool/methodology that can be used to discuss and analyse how the three networks (TERN/TINA/E-road networks) may over time be merged. The report may have a profound influence on the European Commission’s future Revision Report as the guidelines are expected to be significantly revised in 2004. Both Mr. P. Pospisil (TEM) and Mr. I. Schacke expressed their approval of the report and underlined that it was the first time such a specific methodology on this particular subject had been developed. It was agreed, therefore, that the report be distributed to all TEM member countries.
11. Mr. I. Schacke was then given the floor for the more detailed presentation of SG TERN and its activities. At present the subgroup deals with the following issues, most of which could be of interest to the TEM too:
 - ?? Concept for future development – 2020 model
 - ?? Performance Indicators
 - ?? Maintenance definitions and initial use
 - ?? TERN/TINA/E-roads
 - ?? International Road User Survey
 - ?? Data definitions and collection – in cooperation with SG Road Data.
12. Mr. P. Pospisil, the TEM Deputy Project Manager, presented the TEM uniform reference system, data collection, processing and management procedures and the TEM GIS mapping system, accompanying his presentation with the examples of the respective outputs.
13. Mr. M. Goppel, the representative of the Dutch Directorate General of Public Works and Water Management delivered a short presentation on the bilateral cooperation programme “Partners for Roads”, launched by his Directorate and aimed at the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.
14. Under the next item of the agenda, the representatives of the countries, participating in the meeting were invited by the Chairman, Mr. M. Hantak, to present their countries’ areas of interest and priorities in the cooperation with WERD.

15. With a view to reaching mutually agreeable and beneficial results regarding cooperation, Mr. I. Schacke prepared a one-page overview called "Possible ways for future cooperation of TEM and WERD representatives". This was distributed to the participants with a request to fill in the table with the different options as presented by Mr. I. Schacke.
16. The representatives of Bulgaria, Croatia, Poland and Slovakia have supplied the entered document to the TEM Project Central Office representatives already at the meeting. The remaining TEM member countries were requested to do so by the end of May 2002.
17. The recommendations of the meeting were then approved by its participants.
18. On behalf of all of them Mr. M. Hantak, the acting Chairman of the meeting, extended thanks to the Slovak Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications and to Mr. P. Barek and Mrs. J. Viskupova in person for hosting the meeting and the hospitality displayed. In closing the meeting, he also greatly appreciated the active involvement of all participants and the positive results reached.