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Meeting of Road Directors Responsible for Infrastructure

3 – 4 June 2002, Geneva, Switzerland

## **R E P O R T**

1. The Meeting of TEM Road Directors Responsible for Infrastructure was held in the premises of the Touring Club Suisse at Geneva, Switzerland on 3 – 4 June 2002. The Road Directors or their deputies of Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Italy, Slovakia, the TEM Project Manager and his Deputy participated in the meeting. The representatives of the UN Economic Commission for Europe and of the International Road Federation also took part.
2. Mr. M. Hantak, the TEM Project Manager, acted as the Chairman of the meeting.
3. Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the UNECE Transport Division and Mr. W. Westerhuis, Director General of the International Road Federation at Geneva, welcomed the participants in the meeting and wished it full success.
4. Mr. M. Hantak, the TEM Project Manager, delivered the PowerPoint presentation on the Project status and activities, describing the network, TEM objectives and legal, administrative and management position and structure. He also informed the meeting about the major Project's activities and their outcomes and results.

5. Mr. P. Pospisil, the TEM Deputy Project Manager, introduced the TEMSTAT database concept including its status as of 1 January 2002 and the TEMSTAT mapping system, presenting the TEMSTAT 2002 country and regional reference maps.
6. Under the next item of the agenda, Mr. M. Adamantiadis, the UNECE Regional Adviser, described the TEM Project Short Term Strategy (Action Plan), aimed at further strengthening the TEM Project efficiency in view of the current European transport developments and trends, approved by the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the TEM Steering Committee, held on 4 – 6 December 2001 at Geneva.
7. Mr. A. Adamantiadis further conveyed the information about the TEM Master Plan Terms of Reference, prepared by the UNECE, the elaboration of which has been envisaged in the TEM Programme of Work for the years 2001 – 2004 constituting an integral part of the TEM Co-operation Trust Fund Agreement. It is envisaged that this elaboration will be co-funded by the European Commission and that the final decision on funding, scope and time schedule of this activity will be taken by the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the TEM Steering Committee in Warsaw in November 2002.
8. In the exchange of information about the individual countries' motorway and expressway development programmes, their funding and about the institutional framework of the motorway/road infrastructure management, which followed, all the Directors and/or their deputies present took part. The Austrian Road Director, Mr. M. Hessele, presented the document on Austrian Motorway and Expressway Development Programme. The Hungarian TEM National Coordinator, Mr. B. Vasarhelyi on behalf of Mr. L. Holnapy, Director of Highway Department sent an apology for the absence in the meeting due to the administrative tasks caused by installation of the new Government of the country, accompanied by the statement on Importance of the TEM Project for Hungary.
9. The UNECE representative, Mr. M. Adamantiadis described the concept outline of the Freight Villages, the TEM Project's involvement in which is included in the TEM Short Term Strategy under the Action A2, Task No. 5. He also explained that the action is expected to be fully funded by the International Road Transport

Union (IRU) in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding now under preparation.

10. Recalling the conclusions of the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the TEM Steering Committee, which requested the UNECE to continue the dialogue with the European Commission on closer involvement of the TEM Project in the monitoring of the development of Pan-European Transport Corridors, he informed about the results of the meeting of Mr. J. Capel Ferrer (UNECE) with Mr. Gonzales Finat (EC DG TREN) held on 18 April 2002 and of the meeting of the Corridors and Areas Coordinator's Group held on 19 April 2002 in Brussels. He stressed that from these discussions it became evident that there was a need to have a uniform and standardized system of data collection and presentation on traffic flows, actual situation of the Corridors' planned or implemented new projects, etc. Therefore, the decision was taken that the UNECE proposes such a system of data collection and presentation, and assists some Corridors in need for the data collection and presentation using also the TEM Project Central Office. The participants in the meeting expressed their appreciation and full support to these conclusions and decisions.
11. The TEM Project Manager summarized the outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the TEM and WERD (Western European Road Directors) representatives held in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 29 – 30 April 2002. His presentation was supplemented by Mr. M. Hesse (Austria), who introduced the document on WERD Cooperation with TEM and presented the WERD's proposal to convene the TEM-WERD joint meeting in Vienna on 17 September 2003, which proposal was accepted.
12. The participants in the meeting then exchanged their views on the possibilities and preconditions of the geographic scope extensions of the TEM Project especially to Slovenia and the remaining Baltic and Balkan countries. They also underlined that the Project has to meet new challenges related to the expected accession of some of its member countries to the European Union, which must be properly reflected also in the TEM Master Plan, further development of its database, in the envisaged strengthening the collaboration with the WERD and in

closer involvement in the monitoring and development of the Pan-European Transport Corridors.

13. All participants expressed their high appreciation to the Touring Club Suisse for hosting the meeting in its premises and extended their thanks to the IRF representative, Ms. D. Cervova for her assistance in its preparation.

14. In the evening of the closing day of the meeting, a cocktail to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the TEM Project was hosted by Mr. Kalman Petöcz, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the UN Office at Geneva. In this event, Ambassadors and/or their representatives of the TEM member, associate member and observer countries also took part. At the cocktail, Mrs. Brigita Schmögnerova, the UNECE Executive Secretary, delivered an opening address, summarizing the achievements of the TEM Project in the past as well as the tasks it would be confronted with in the future. The Secretary General of the International Road Transport Union, Mr. Martin Marmy in his statement confirmed the IRU support to the Project and extended his wishes of full success to its activities in the years to come.