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**Meeting of the TEM Permanent Table on Development and Coordination of Motorway
Construction and Operation in the South-Western Region
11 November 2003, Trieste, Italy**

R E P O R T

1. In accordance with the TEM Programme of Work for the year 2003, the meeting of the TEM Permanent Table on Development and Coordination of Motorway Construction and Operation in the South-Western Region was held in Trieste on 11 November 2003. The representatives of Austria, Hungary, Italy and Slovakia as well as the representative of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the TEM Project Manager and his Deputy participated in the meeting.
2. Mr. E. Sammartino, the TEM National Coordinator for Italy, opened the meeting. In his opening statement, he welcomed the participants on behalf of the Italian Government and briefly summarized the achievements and results of work of the Table.
3. Mr. F. Cempella, the Provveditore of the Trieste Regional Governmental Office of the Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport of Italy, expressed the pleasure of its office in hosting this meeting of the Table. He also underlined the role of Trieste as the seat of the Table and the meeting point of European importance as well as the terminal of the Pan-European Transport Corridor V. This privileged position called for an acceleration of the construction of the International Transport Centre in the building of the Provveditorato of Public Works in Trieste, and for the creation of the new International University in Gradisca d'Isonzo, whose promoting Committee included some of the most highly qualified representatives of the TEM Project.
4. The representative of the UNECE, Mr. M. Adamantiadis, passed to the meeting greetings of Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the UNECE Transport Division, stressing at the same time the importance of the Table for the development of the

transport infrastructure in the region as well as the prototype of similar regional groupings in other European areas. He confirmed the interest of the UNECE in its activities especially in those related to the monitoring and development of the Pan-European Transport Corridor V.

5. Following the introductions of all the other participants, the agenda of the meeting was adopted. The meeting also requested Mr. E. Sammartino to act as its Chairman.
6. Upon the brief summary of the tasks of the TEM Project related to the activities of the Table presented by Mr. M. Hantak, the TEM Project Manager, the representatives of the participating countries expressed their views as to their implementation. In this connection, the representative of Italy underlined the importance of full participation of Slovenia in the Table as well as in the TEM Project.
7. The Italian representatives presented their positive results of the experimental implementation of the MERCURIO project, using 15 stations in the vicinity of the Italian/Slovenian border. In this context, Mr. E. Sammartino summarized the outcomes of the promotional mission in some TEM countries, which showed the great interest of most of them to participate in the Project. The representative of Austria, Mr. K. Nemeč, explained that in his country, the full responsibility for implementation of the ITS-related projects rests with the ASFINAG, which at present installs its own system.
8. As a result of the discussion on the implementation of the MERCURIO, the Table took note of the commitment of the Italian representatives, assigned to Mr. A. Belloni, to prepare short report on the project-related actions in the near future and possibilities of their funding by the European Commission.
9. The document on principal European Union's instruments of financing the transport infrastructure development, prepared by Mr. A. Belloni, was distributed at the meeting. The Italian representatives promised to inform the National Coordinators of the participating TEM member countries about the results of their investigation regarding the possibilities of EU co-funding of MERCURIO with a copies sent to the UNECE and the TEM PCO.
10. Under item 7 of the agenda, Mr. E. Sammartino pointed out at the problems related to the TEM network extension especially with respect to its desirable intermodality, represented inter alia by the extensions to the harbours. As a representative of the country chairing the Pan-European Transport Corridor V, he proposed to contact the Chairman of the Corridor VI in order to establish the closer co-operation and consider the conclusion of a specific agreement in which the UNECE, TEM PCO and the Central European Initiative may be involved if interested.
11. The meeting expressed its appreciation regarding the results of the work of the Working Group of the Permanent Table. Since Bosnia and Herzegovina and

Croatia have not appointed their members of the Working Group yet, the meeting requested the TEM Project Manager to contact both respective National Coordinators and ask them to expedite the respective appointments.

12. As a background document for discussion on establishment of the TEM network linkages between Slovenia and the neighbouring countries, the representatives of the TEM PCO distributed the map showing these linkages both existing and possible future ones.
13. The importance of coordination of maintenance activities especially on bilateral, but also on multilateral basis was stressed, for which the finalization of the respective lists of organizations and contact persons is the necessary precondition. The meeting, therefore, requested the TEM Project Manager to contact the National Coordinators of the countries having not yet supplied these lists, asking them to do so as soon as possible.
14. During the examination of the draft Programme of Work of the TEM Permanent Table for the period 2004-2005 submitted by the TEM Project Central Office, in which the representatives of all member countries present as well as the UNECE representative took part, the amendments were formulated and approved by the meeting. Taking them into account, the TEM PCO revised the draft Programme of Work accordingly.
15. As a result of the discussion on possibilities of coordination of maintenance activities and in order to contribute to this desirable coordination, the Slovak representative Mr. P. Barek promised to send the copy of one of cross-border bilateral maintenance agreements concluded by his country with all its neighbours, to the Italian National Coordinator with a copy to the PCO as an example for information and subsequent examination by the Permanent Table.
16. Following the exchange of views on possibilities of coordinated implementation of intelligent transport systems in the member countries of the Table, the new deadline of 31 January 2004 was established for returning of the filled-in questionnaires on ITS distributed by the TEM Project Central Office.
17. All participants expressed their high appreciation and thanks to the Government of Italy for the kind offer to host the meeting, to the Trieste Regional Governmental Office of the Italian Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport and namely to its Superintendent, Mr. F. Cempella and to the Italian TEM National Coordinator, Mr. E. Sammartino, for the excellent organization of the meeting as well as for the kind hospitality displayed.