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4-6 December 2001, Geneva, Switzerland**

ABRIDGED REPORT

PARTICIPATION

1. The thirty-sixth session of the TEM Steering Committee took place in Geneva on 4-6 December 2001. Representatives of Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey took part in the session. The representatives of Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden, having the TEM observer status, and of Yugoslavia, representatives of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the TEM and TER Project Managers also participated.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. Mr. K. Nemeč, the outgoing Chairman of the Committee, opened the session and passed the floor to Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the Transport Division of the UNECE.

3. Mr. J. Capel Ferrer assured the Committee of the continuous support of the UNECE for the TEM Project. He further informed the participants about recent initiatives and developments of interest for the TEM Project, especially with regard to the UNECE proposals on monitoring the development of the Pan-European Transport Corridors and Areas and the elaboration of the TEM and TER Master Plans submitted officially to the European Commission recently. He further emphasized the importance of the active involvement of TEM member countries and their National Coordinators in the activities of the TEM Project and the need to strengthen the coordinating role of the TEM PCO. Welcoming the representative of Yugoslavia as an observer at the session, he also informed it about his forthcoming mission to Moscow aimed at negotiating the conditions of the accession of the Russian Federation to the Project. Finally, he congratulated the outgoing Project Manager, Mr. P. Pospisil, for his excellent contribution to the Project and welcomed Mr. M. Hantak, the new Project Manager, promising him full support of the UNECE as the Executing Agency.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4. Mr. E. Sammartino (Italy) and Mr. M. Hantak (Slovakia) were elected Chairman and Rapporteur of the session, respectively.

REPORT OF THE PROJECT MANAGER (TEM/WP.202)

5. Introducing his report, the Project Manager pointed out that all the activities in the reporting period (June-November 2001) have been carried out in conformity with the TEM Programme of Work for 2001 (document TEM/WP.192) and its revised version for the period August-December 2001 (document TEM/WP.192/Rev.1).

6. He continued with the detailed description of TEM international activities and contacts, starting with the dialogue between the UNECE and EC Directorates General TREN and REGIO aimed at the establishment of closer collaboration of the TEM Project with these Directorates on the development of Pan-European Transport Corridors and Areas, at the elaboration of the TEM Master Plan and at the promotion of the freight villages logistic centres concept in the TEM region.
7. He further informed about the finalization of the short-term strategy for further integration of TEM into the New European Transport Environment (TEM Project Action Plan) to be submitted to this Steering Committee session for approval.
8. He gave an account of the co-operation with the OECD Transport Division, European Conference of Ministers of Transport, Central European Initiative, TER Project Central Office in Budapest, the HEEP (Highway Engineering Exchange Program) headquarters in the USA, the ERTICO (Intelligent Transport Systems Europe) and with the International Road Federation.
9. In the course of the presentation of his report, the Project Manager also highlighted that the OECD/ECMT International Conference on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) of which the Czech Government, ERTICO Brussels and the TEM PCO were the co-organizers, was held in Brno, the Czech Republic on 17-18 September 2001. In the Conference, 18 experts from the TEM member countries took part and 6 lecturers from the member countries presented their reports.
10. While reporting on very close and active collaboration with the Transport Division of the UNECE, he mentioned the participation in the work of the Inland Transport Committee's Working Parties on Road Transport and on Transport Statistics, and stressed the importance and benefits of the appointment of the respective Regional Adviser to initiate and backstop the activities of the TEM and TER Projects. He also informed the Committee about the involvement of the

TEM PCO in the work of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels, resulting in the formulation of the preliminary recommendations, the draft version of which was attached to his report.

11. The Project Manager then gave a detailed account of the PCO activities and meetings related to the revised TEM Programme of Work. In this connection, he summarized the results of the closing meeting of the Group of Experts on TEM Standards, held on 20-22 June 2001 in Bratislava, Slovakia, at which the updating and revision of the TEM Standards and Recommended Practice were completed, and of the Workshop for Central and Eastern European Countries and Newly Independent States on Human Aspects of Road Traffic Safety, organized jointly by the TEM Project, Hungarian Ministries of Transport and Water Management and of Health, European Federation of Road Traffic Victims and the Hungarian Institute for Transport Sciences (KTI), which took place on 30-31 August 2001 in Budapest.
12. He also pointed out that in the reporting period, also the TEMSAT mapping activity progressed successfully with the updated TEMSTAT 2001 reference maps of all TEM member countries made available to the Steering Committee session.
13. The report of the Project Manager was adopted.

FOLLOW-UP OF THE 35TH SESSION

14. The Project Manager, while referring to the corresponding paragraphs of the report on the 35th session of the Steering Committee (document TEM/44), gave account of the actions taken in compliance with its respective decisions and conclusions. Based on this account, the Committee was pleased to note that all these decisions and conclusions had been duly accomplished.

POSSIBLE WAYS OF CO-OPERATION WITH THE WERD SUBGROUP
ON TERN (SG TERN)

15. Mr. I. Schacke presented areas of work of the SG TERN as well as the suggestions on practical ways of co-operation with the TEM Project.
16. The Committee extended its thanks to Mr. Schacke for his presentation and accepted with pleasure the proposal that the TEM Project Manager, accompanied by one of the TEM National Coordinators if needed, will be invited to take part in the meetings of the SG-TERN.
17. In general, the idea of organizing a joint workshop in Bratislava, Slovakia in the first half of 2002 to discuss the practical ways of co-operation was approved by the Committee. Mr. Hantak was asked to discuss the possibility to host such a workshop and its appropriate timing with the Slovak Government and inform the National Coordinators and Mr. Schacke accordingly.

SHORT-TERM STRATEGY FOR FURTHER INTEGRATION OF TEM
IN NEW EUROPEAN TRANSPORT ENVIRONMENT (TEM/WP.203)

18. The Project Manager introduced the document, revised in compliance with the decisions of the 35th session of the Steering Committee.
19. The Committee approved the TEM Project Action Plan as annexed to the document TEM/WP.203 with the WERD added to Table 2, taking into account that this plan is duly reflected in the draft Programme of Work for the year 2002.

COLLABORATION OF TEM WITH EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG TREN
AND DG REGIO-ISPA (TEM/WP.204).

20. The relevant document consisted of 3 parts and the Committee decided to examine them one by one.
21. The part on TEM Participation and Contribution to the Development of Pan-European Transport Corridors and Areas was introduced by the representative of the UNECE Transport Division and the Project Manager.
22. The Committee expressed its full support of the preliminary draft proposal (Annex 1 to the document) sent by the Director of the UNECE Transport Division, Mr. J. Capel Ferrer to Mr. A. Gonzales Finat, the Director of the DG TREN B of the European Commission in June 2001 and the wish to be informed about the future developments regarding this matter.
23. The second part on the Elaboration of the TEM and TER Master Plans was also introduced jointly by the UNECE and both PCOs' representatives.
24. The draft proposal, attached as Annex 2 to the document was greatly appreciated and supported in general by the Committee. As a result of the ensuing discussion, in which the representatives of Hungary, Italy, Poland and Romania as well as the UNECE Regional Adviser and the TEM and TER Project Managers took part, the following decisions were taken by the Committee:
 - (i) the title of the document (TEM and TER Project Master Plans) will remain unchanged
 - (ii) the Executing Agency in close collaboration with the TEM PCO will proceed with negotiations with the European Commission in accordance with the principles contained in the document TEM/WP.204

- (iii) the deadline of 10 February 2002 was set for TEM member countries to communicate their contingent comments to the UNECE with a copy to the TEM PCO
 - (iv) upon the receipt of the comments of the European Commission and should some comments received from the member countries be contradictory, the UNECE and the TEM PCO may consult the Advisory Group of Former Project Managers before formulating the final proposal for the elaboration of the TEM and TER Projects Master Plans.
25. The final part of the document, dealing with the Promotion of the Freight Villages Concept in the TEM and TER Regions was introduced by Mr. M. Adamantiadis, who explained that the proposal was of overriding interest for the European Union and could be financially supported in accordance with the DG REGIO-ISPA mandate.
26. Based on his explanation and positive reactions of its members, the Steering Committee approved the involvement of the Project in the proposed activity and requested the UNECE to proceed with all the necessary steps needed for its implementation. The Committee also expressed the wish to be informed by the UNECE about the further development regarding this matter.

TEM PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2002 (TEM/WP.206)

27. In introducing the document, the Project Manager stressed that the draft Programme of Work reflects the approved TEM Project Action Plan and that it was consulted with the Project Manager elect, Mr. M. Hantak.
28. The Committee examined the document activity-by-activity, assigning at the same time the degree of priority to each activity.

29. The TEM Programme of Work for the year 2002 (Annex 1 to the document TEM/WP.206) was approved as revised. The TEM PCO will send the revised Programme to all National Coordinators together with this report.
30. This revision of the Programme of Work should be reflected properly also in the approved Short-term Strategy (TEM Project Action Plan, paragraph 25).
31. At the same time, the List of TEM Meetings 2002 was finalized with the understanding that the Project Manager in close collaboration with the National Coordinators would enter the missing host countries and venues of the meetings including the TEM/WERD Workshop and make then the list available to the TEM member countries.
32. The Committee, taking into account that the timing of its 38th session coincides with the 25th anniversary of the TEM Project as well as with the 25 years of existence of the TEM PCO in Warsaw, requested the Polish representative to consider kindly the possibility to host that session in Poland.

TEM BUDGET FOR 2002 (TEM/WP.207)

33. The Steering Committee approved the Project budget for 2002.

TEM CORRIDOR GIS MAPPING (TEM/WP.208)

34. The Steering Committee took note with satisfaction of the successful completion of the 2001 TEMSTAT mapping activity and expressed its great appreciation to the TEM PCO for the accomplishment of this important task.

35. In order to ensure the uniformity of processing and presentation of the TEMSTAT maps, the Committee suggested that the TEM PCO examines the possibility to convert the mapping database exploiting ArcView to the AUTOCAD software and vice versa and informs the member countries about the result.
36. The maps will be sent by the TEM PCO to all National Coordinators for corrections by the end of February 2002.
37. The Committee requested the UNECE and the TEM PCO to present the TEMSTAT mapping on the UNECE website and to determine the scope of the data to be presented.
38. The Committee also endorsed the idea of interactively linking the TEMSTAT database to the GIS mapping program in 2002 and asked the Project Manager to inform about the progress reached and about the possibilities to exploit the program for the elaboration of the TEM Project Master Plan at the next session.

TEM STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICE (TEM/WP.209)

39. The Steering Committee approved the revised TEM Standards and Recommended Practice (Third Edition), annexed to the document and requested the PCO to ensure their print and distribution in the first trimester 2002.
40. In this connection, the Committee expressed its high appreciation to the work done by the respective Group of Experts and the Project Manager.

TEM 2002 BROCHURE (TEM/WP.210)

41. The Steering Committee approved in general the text of the 2002 TEM Brochure as amended with the introduction of Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the UNECE Transport Division added and requested the Project Manager to launch it in the first trimester 2002 and to make it available immediately to all the TEM member countries and to the Executing Agency to promote the Project.

OTHER BUSINESS

42. Under this item of the agenda, Mr. M. Goppel, Project Director of the Dutch Directorate General of Public Works and Water Management, presented the document “Partners for Roads” and Mr. M. Adamantiadis, the UNECE Regional Adviser contributed with the presentation on “TEM Project for Integration and Development in Europe”, the copies of which were made available to the National Coordinators and the TEM Project Manager.
43. In this connection, Mr. E. Sammartino informed the session about the multimedia presentation on the Italian road and motorway infrastructure including the TEM network delivered recently at the INFRAVIA Congress in Verona and about the intention of his Government to prepare the similar presentation devoted to the TEM Project solely.
44. In closing the session, the Steering Committee expressed its full appreciation to the excellent work accomplished by the Chairman and the Rapporteur and extended its sincere thanks to Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the UNECE Transport Division, to his Secretariat and to Mr. M. Adamantiadis, the UNECE Regional Adviser, for their kind hospitality and support in the course of the session.