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**CONCLUSIONS**

**of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Coordination Group for the Elaboration of the  
TEM and TER Master Plans**

1. The meeting took place on 9 June 2004 in the Palais des Nations at Geneva and was chaired by the UNECE Regional Adviser on Transport, Mr. M. Adamantiadis. The agenda of the meeting is attached to these conclusions as their Annex.
2. The following members of the Coordination Group took part in the meeting:  
  
Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the UNECE Transport Division  
Mr. M. Adamantiadis, Regional Adviser on Transport of the UNECE  
Mr. H. Meelich, TER Project Manager, Budapest  
Mr. M. Hantak, TEM Project Manager, Warsaw  
Mr. M. Lupescu, TER Deputy Project Manager, Budapest  
Mr. P. Pospisil, TEM Deputy Project Manager, Warsaw  
Prof. D. Tsamboulas, National University of Athens, Greece  
Prof. A. Pearman, University of Leeds, United Kingdom
3. Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the UNECE Transport Division, welcomed the members of the Group and stressed the importance of the TEM and TER Master Plans for further development of transport infrastructure in wider Europe. He informed the participants that the UNECE, after the successful completion of the TEM and TER Master Plans, is considering proceeding with a systematic promotion of their results. This could include, inter alia, the organization of a special Press Conference in Geneva; a high-level visit to the new Transport Commissioner of the EU, in which the Transport Ministers of Hungary and Poland would be invited to take part; and the organization of a follow-up conference with the involvement of respective international organizations and bodies, including the financing institutions. Noting that the delayed submission of the required data from the countries involved are threatening the successful deliberation of the work, offered all possible assistance from the side of the UNECE that would ensure the collection of the missing data.

**Review of the work done and deliverables**

4. Referring to the approved Terms of Reference of the Master Plans, Mr. M. Adamantiadis stressed the need that the basic outcome of the TIRS and REBIS studies (objectives, lists

of projects, maps) be reflected in the final text of the Working Package WP. 2. Following a detailed discussion, it was agreed that the PCOs would amend the current draft report of the WP.2 accordingly and the modified reports would be submitted to the external consultants and the UNECE by July 2004.

### **Present status of WP. 3 and WP.4, as well as of WP.5 to 9 and further work**

5. The independent consultants staged the PowerPoint presentation of results of the evaluation of the Master Plan projects' templates submitted by the countries, as well as of the WP.3 Alternative Scenarios of Growth and Socio-economic Framework, and answered questions posed in the course of the ensuing discussion. The Group agreed with the basic elements of the draft report of the WP.3 prepared by the consultants, with some modifications in the presentation of some tables, and decided that the TEM and TER Project Managers would communicate their contingent comments to the independent consultants by 21 June at the latest, in order that the final draft of the WP.3 be prepared and submitted by the consultants until the end of June 2004.
6. Regarding the WP.4, the current status of the returned filled-in projects' templates was discussed country-by-country. Lack of contributions from a large number of countries for both TEM and TER Projects was stressed. It was agreed that PCOs would send the present results of the evaluation to the countries involved for information, contingent comments and – if possible and where necessary – for completion of templates.
7. The Group reviewed the tasks of the WP.5 to 9 and had a detailed discussion on the ways that the work would be fulfilled.

### **Problems of missing data and time schedule adjustment**

8. Since most of the templates were still missing, the decision was taken that the TEM and TER Project Managers would send immediately letters to the National Coordinators of the countries with the missing templates with the ultimate reminder to submit them by end of July at the latest and informing them at the same time that projects not submitted could not be prioritized according to the approved methodology. The UNECE, upon request by the PCO, would consider the modalities for informing the respective Governments accordingly at the appropriate level, by the end of June at the latest.
9. In this connection, the aim to include all 21 countries of the region to the Master Plans was confirmed again. For this purpose, all available data from the other sources (e.g. Van Miert Group and Corridors) and studies (e.g. TIRS and REBIS) would be taken into account, while the consultants would do their best to perform the evaluation even for some countries not having provided the templates, should their number be small.
10. The Coordination Group noted that because of the generally delayed data provision, the elaboration of both TEM and TER Master Plans was out of the original time schedule. It was decided, therefore, to extend the time of their elaboration to the end of October 2004. In this connection, the 2<sup>nd</sup> TEM and TER Master Plan Experts Group meetings, scheduled for June this year would be postponed and held on 23 (TER) and 24 (TEM) September 2004 in Budapest. The TEM and TER Project Managers would inform all potential participants about these postponements and the respective reasons. The date of the 4<sup>th</sup> Coordination Group meeting was set on 25 October 2004 in Budapest.

## **Coordination of the work with regard to intermodality and TEM / TER Networks connection with other regions**

11. The Coordination Group discussed the progress reached in elaboration of the remaining Work Packages of the Master Plans, stressing especially the need to include Euro-Asian transport links to both Master Plans and the intermodality approach to be pursued and reflected also on the respective maps. In this context, it was decided that these maps would show also the air, inland and maritime water terminals including the respective international ferryboat connections as well as the road/rail transfer points. For the sake of this last item, also the AGTC agreement will be exploited and the TER PCO will kindly inform the TEM office about the related available data sources.
12. In view of the above considerations, the matter of the Agenda for the 2<sup>nd</sup> TEM and TER Master Plans Expert Group Meetings was not discussed. The Group felt that this issue should be decided at a later stage, when the submission of the country contributions would have been completed and the WP. 5 to 9 work would have been well advanced.



Annex: Agenda