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PROJECT CENTRAL OFFICE

The 16th session of th TER Steering Committee
18 June, 2002
Istanbul, Turkey

PRESS RELEASE

The 16th session of the TER Steering Committee took place on 18 June, 2002 in Istanbul, Turkey. Representatives of the following countries attended the meeting: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.

The Steering Committee discussed important issues as:

- ~~///~~ Proposed Amendment to the Annex related to the functioning of the Steering Committee in the sense of ensuring its meeting more often and the adoption of measures in a more flexible way;
- ~~///~~ Changes in the status of foreign personnel in the PCO and its completion with other experts
- ~~///~~ Approval of the Financial Report for 2001;
- ~~///~~ Approval of the Programme of Work and Budget for 2002;

During the discussions the participants underlined the importance of the implementation of the TER Short Term Strategy, elaboration of the TER Master Plan aiming at reviewing of priority infrastructure needs of the TER region and elaboration of an up-dated inventory of these needs as well as the participation of TER within UNECE at monitoring the developments on Pan-European Corridors.

The participants agreed to hold the next Session of the Steering Committee before the end of 2002 in Slovakia.