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ROAD TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)¹

Consideration of new proposals for amendments of Annex I to the AGR

Transmitted by the Government of Turkey

- I. New E roads
- A. Overall references
 - E 981: Afyon-Konya-(Aksaray-Pozantı) Junction (403 km) State Road
 - E 982: Mersin-Tarsus (Tarsus East Junction) (66 km) Motorway

¹ The present document is submitted in accordance with the Programme of Work for 2008-2012 of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/2008/11, Item 02.2.1, I (a)) which calls for the "Adoption of amendments to Annex I to the AGR including new E-roads".

General justification

1. Turkey is located between Europe, Asia and Africa where the three continents are closest to each other and extends over the point where Europe and Asia meet. This unique location gives Turkey the opportunity of playing an important role for the establishment of Euro-Asian transport links coming from either Europe or Asia passing through Turkey.
2. Being aware of the geographical importance of the location, Turkey puts great efforts for developing traffic arteries not only from East to West but also from Black Sea region to Central Asia, which has different social and economic structures and has always been a significant channel of international commercial links.
3. Turkey considers its highway network system essential for the progress and the unity of the region as well as national development. In order to improve the standards and the traffic safety on the main state roads, multilane road construction works have been under implementation.
4. On the basis of recent developments on Turkish Road Network including the abovementioned reasons, it could be beneficial to increase the length of E Road network in Turkey.

Justification for E 981

5. Afyon-Konya-(Aksaray-Pozantı) Junction (403 km) State Road connects the Aegean and Mediterranean Regions, important tourism and commercial centers of Turkey through a shorter distance. İzmir, third biggest city of Turkey, is the largest harbour of the Aegean Region and Mersin is the biggest harbour city of Mediterranean Region.
6. İzmir is a port with nearly 11 Million Tons and Mersin is a port with nearly 20 Million Tons turnover in 2008.
7. Moreover Konya is one of the biggest city of Middle Anatolian Region. International transit transport originating from the Aegean Region mainly uses this road linkage to reach to Eastern Mediterranean Region of Turkey.
8. The entire of Afyon-Konya-(Aksaray-Pozantı) Junction State Road is included in 2009 Investment Programme to be constructed as double carriageway. 147 km road section of Afyon-Konya-(Aksaray-Pozantı) Junction is in the standard of 2x1 lanes, 256 km have 2x2 lane standard, 17 Km is made up of bituminous hot-mix coating and 386 Km have surface treatment. When the construction of this road is completed the section will be transformed into a 4 lane road. Annual Average Daily Traffic Value for this road is 7343 vehicles and the proportion of heavy vehicle is 33 percent.
9. This road is a part of the Trans European North South Motorway (TEM) Network and also lies between E-96 and E-90 roads. This road starts from Afyon city which is on E-96 and via Konya ends at (Aksaray-Pozantı) Junction which is on E-90 road. Therefore this road section is the connection between E-96 and E-90 roads.

Justification for E 982

10. Mersin-Tarsus (Tarsus Eastern Junction) (66 km) Motorway is going to provide transportation to the Mersin harbour and Mediterranean Region by E-99 which extends to Asia via Gürbulak, border gate to Iran and to the Caucasus and E-90, which comprise one of the important road arterial of E-Roads extending from Europe to Asia via Turkey connecting and the Middle East. Mersin is a port with nearly 20 Million Tons turnover in 2008.

11. Mersin-Tarsus (Tarsus Eastern Junction) Motorway is in the standard of 2x3 lanes, bituminous hot mixture coating. Annual Average Daily Traffic Value for this road is 12520 vehicles and the proportion of heavy vehicle is 32 percent.

12. The proposed road to be a part of AGR Road Network is lying on the TEM Network of Turkey and is a connection of E-90 road, and is also used by international TIR traffic.

E-ROADS IN TURKEY


