On the SPECA Project Working Group activity on the issues of transport and borders crossing facilitation procedure simplification (PWG – Transport and Borders Crossing)

1. Participants of the First Session of the SPECA Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) took into consideration information on the activity of the PWG – Transport and Borders Crossing Procedure Simplification and approved its working plan for the year 2001.

2. Participating states confirm the high priority of the preparation of the Interstate Memorandum of understanding on the issues of transit the automobile and rail road transportation in the Central Asian Region. Coordination of national positions on the Memorandum will be conducted both on the bilateral basis and in the context of the Sixth PWG–Transport Session of the April 9-11, 2001. Ministerial meeting for Memorandum adoption is to be held upon the coordination among states concerned, not later than June, 2001. (Responsible: Chairman of RAC – National Coordinator of the Republic of Kazakhstan).

3. Participants agreed that it is very important for all SPECA members to activate bilateral consultations under the UN aegis in the PWG-Transport framework for gradual rationalization and simplification of the procedures for borders crossing and transit transport. First consultations will be held between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, with the participation of UN representatives in March 2001. Results of the consultations will be submitted to Sixth PWG-Transport Session (Almaty, 9-11 April, 2001). (Responsible: National Coordinators of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan)

4. The UN GA Resolution 55/81 “Transit system in the land-locked countries, in Central Asia and in neighbouring developing countries of transit” is highly important to attract an attention and recourses of the World Community. The RAC Chairman assigned to elaborate respective issues and submit the information on the implementation of the Resolution at the RAC Second Session. (Responsible: RAC Chairman – National Coordinator of Kazakhstan).