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ROAD TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Transmitted by Turkey and Armenia

Transmitted by Turkey:

The proposal of the Government of Azerbaijan concerning the extension of the E-002 to Sadarak and to Turkey as outlined in document No. TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2003/3, dated 5 March 2003, has been thoroughly examined in its various dimensions and evaluated positively by the Turkish authorities.

The Turkish authorities would like to further elaborate on the proposal made to ensure its proper connection to the road links that would correspond to it within the Turkish highway network.

The Dilucu-Igdir-Dogubeyazit (134 kms) state highway which constitutes the extension of the E-002 within the Turkish territory is not yet within the E-road network. It would be necessary to incorporate the above-mentioned route in the E-road network to ensure a better connection to the E-80 which serves as the principal E-corridor in Turkey running from Edirne to Gurbulak.

In this connection, it would also be necessary to re-include the Dogubeyazit – Bitlis – Diyarbakir – Sanliurfa state highway (665 kms) in the E road network as this route provides the best connection to the E-90 and facilitates a shorter connection than the current E-road network for the linkage of the countries in the region to the Mediterranean.
Also in connection with this, the Turkish authorities would like to propose the inclusion of the Turkgözü – Posof – Kars – Horasan state highway (276 kms) which constitutes a natural continuation of the E-691 in order to ensure a North-South linkage with Georgia as well as other Caucasian countries.

Transmitted by Armenia:

The Ministry of Transport and Communication of the Republic of Armenia agrees to the proposal of Azerbaijan to extend the E-002 to Sadarak and further to the Turkish border. Furthermore, it proposes that the E-002 be extended to Yereskhavan, thus connecting it with the E-117.