

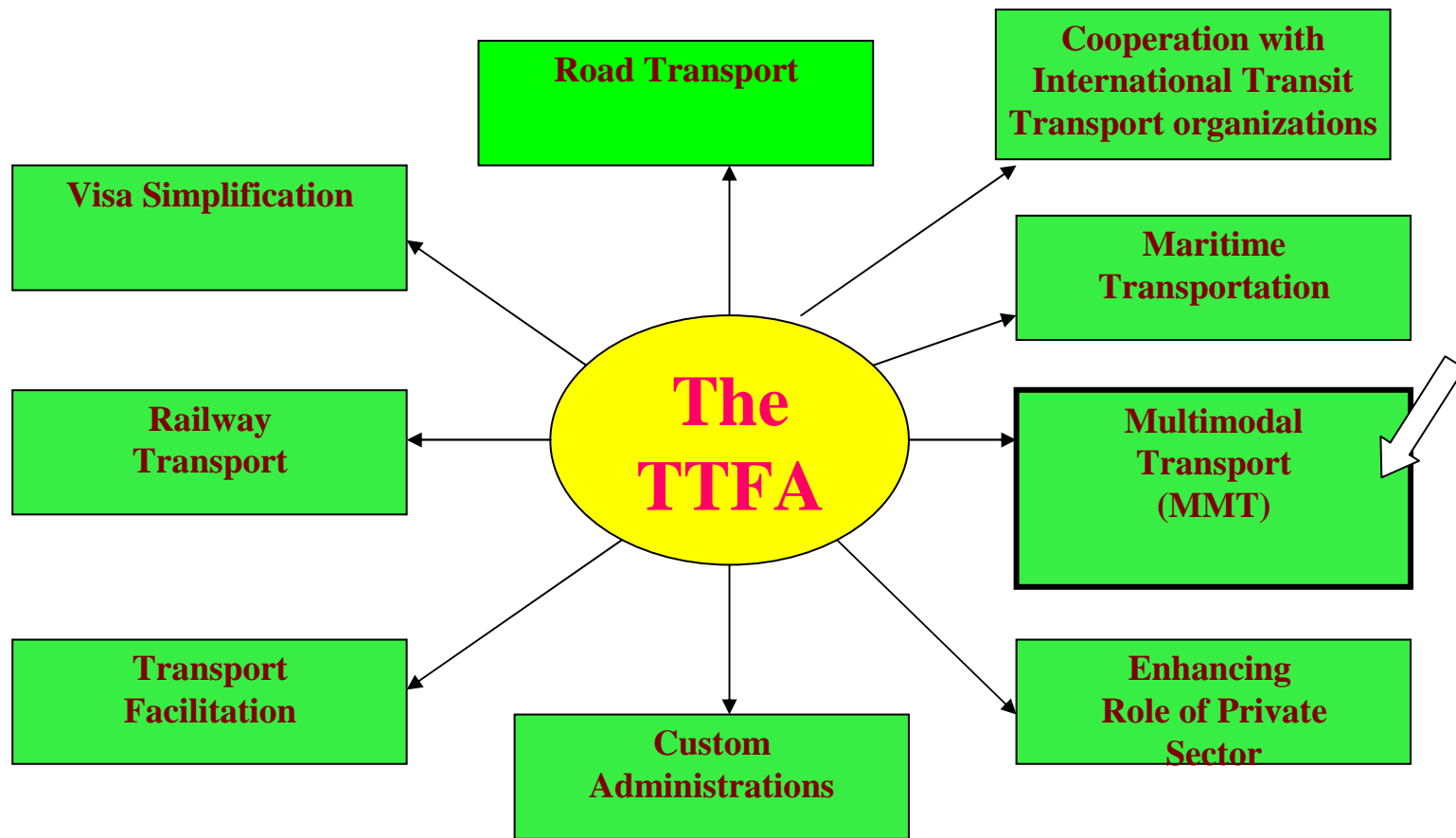
# **ECO Transit Transport Framework Agreement (TTFA):**

*A historical movement toward Reduction of cost and acceleration of the transport services through harmonization and modernization of transit transport in the region*

## **Objectives**

- **Facilitation of movement of goods and passengers**
- **Ensuring the safety of goods and passengers and avoiding unnecessary delays during the transit traffic**
- **Cooperation and coordination of the efforts to avoid the incidence of customs frauds and tax evasion**
- **Harmonizing necessary administrative affairs dealing with transit traffic**

# ECO Transit Transport Framework Agreement (TTFA): main themes



## Summary of the TTFA Articles

<b>PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>	Article 1	Definitions
	Article 2	Purposes and Objectives
	Article 3	Scope of Application
<b>PART II FACILITIES OF TRANSIT</b>	Article 4	Facilities of Transit
	Article 5	Customs Duties, Taxes and other Levies and Charges
<b>PART III DESIGNATION OF TRANSIT TRANSPORT ROUTES</b>	Article 6	Designation and Technical Characteristics of Road, Rail and Inland Waterway Routes
	Article 7	Combined and Multimodal Transport
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	Article 10	Safety of Transit Traffic
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## Summary of the TTFA Articles (continued)

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	Article 19	Provision of Fuel and Lubricants
	Article 20	Mutual Recognition of Driving Licenses
	Article 21	Mutual Recognition of Certificate of Road Worthiness
	Article 22	Motor Vehicle Third Party Insurance Scheme
	Article 23	Charges and other Payments
<b>PART VI GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR RAIL TRANSPORT</b>	Article 24	Transit Services

## Summary of the TTFA Articles (continued)

<b>PART VII GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR INLAND TRANSPORT</b>	Article 25	Inland Water Navigation
	Article 26	Ship Papers
<b>PART VIII RULES OF CARRIAGE BY ROAD TRANSPORT</b>	Article 27	Rules of Carriage by Road Transport
<b>PART IX CUSTOMS CONTROL</b>	Article 28	Establishment of Customs Transit System
	Article 29	Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures
<b>PART X DOCUMENTATION AND PROCEDURES</b>	Article 30	Consolidation and Alignment of Documentation
	Article 31	Notification of Change in Documentation and Procedures
	Article 32	Basic Documentation and Procedures

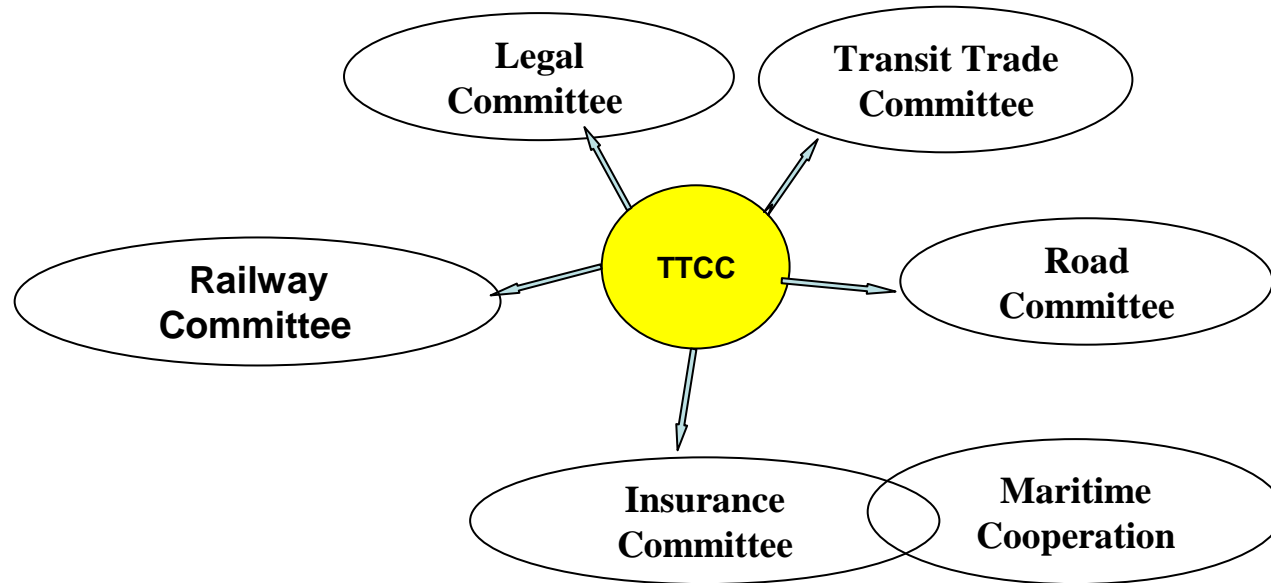
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<b>PART XI MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS</b>	Article 33	Provision of Greater Facilities
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	Article 41	Signature, Ratification, Acceptance, Approval and Accession
	Article 42	Validity of the Amendments
	Article 43	Entry into Force
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	Article 45	Denunciation

# Annexes of the TTFA

ANNEX-I	Prescribed road, rail and inland waterway transit routes
ANNEX-II	Minimum technical characteristics of transit roads
ANNEX-III	Minimum technical characteristics of railway transit transport
ANNEX-IV	Technical requirements of road vehicles
ANNEX-V	Motor Vehicles Third Party Insurance
ANNEX-VI	Rules of Carriage by Road Transport
ANNEX-VII	Customs Control
ANNEX-VIII	Terms of reference of the TTCC

# The TTCC and its auxiliary bodies





# Road related provisions of the TTFA

1. Exemption of motor vehicles from customs duties, taxes and other charges
2. Designation and Technical Characteristics of Roads
3. Adequate Frontier Facilities: (terminals, warehousing facilities, interchange stations, ports, coordinated working hours at frontier posts, etc.)
4. Safety of Transit Traffic
5. Granting permission to transport companies to establish offices
6. Multiple Entry and Transit Visa for one year with a right of staying for 15 days
7. Enforcing international road traffic regulations
8. Removal of limitations in issuance of road transport permits
9. allowing transport means of other Contracting Party to remain and provide transit services on its territory (no Carnet de Passage)
10. Application of the Technical Requirements of Vehicles-Annex IV (the provision of fuel and lubricants)
11. Mutual Recognition of Driving Licenses
12. Mutual Recognition of Certificate of Road Worthiness
13. Motor Vehicle Third Party Insurance Scheme
14. Application of CMR convention
15. Application of rules of carriage of goods, passengers and luggage by road

## **Railway transport related provisions of the TTFA**

1. Adoption of prescribed railway transit routes
2. Minimum characteristics of prescribed railway transit routes ( Ann. II & III)
3. Safe and expeditious clearance of Transit Traffic and establishment of Offices
4. Quality of transit services on railway lines at interchange stations designated by Agreement.
5. Designation of border stations (Annex-I).
6. Formulation of Rules of Use of Wagons keeping in view the framework of the Organization for cooperation between Railways, OSJD, RIV, RIC and PPW.
7. Formulation of rules and procedures for international rail passenger and freight traffic keeping in view the provisions of the Agreement on International Carriage of Passenger (SMPO) as well as the Agreement on International Carriage of Goods (SMGS), COTIF/CIM, CIV and within the framework of OSJD and UIC.

# Maritime Transportation in TTFA

- 1- Paving the way for free and open transit traffic for vessels and crew in inland waterway.
- 2- Prescription of inland water transit routes on:
  - Caspian Sea
  - Rivers and Canals
- 3- Provision of adequate and non-discriminatory navigation aids
- 4- Provision of the necessary port facilities
- 5- Clearance of Ship papers and providing the document of the vessels based on the facilitative on international maritime traffic

# Customs related provisions of the TTFA

1. Traffic in transit by motor vehicles shall be exempt from customs duties, taxes and other charges
2. Establishment of a Customs Transit System for the cargo and means of transport in accordance with the relevant Int. Customs Conventions
3. The Contracting Parties, which are also parties to the Customs Convention on the International Transportation of Goods under cover of TIR Convention 1975 will apply the provisions of that Convention amongst themselves. The Contracting Parties which are not yet parties to that Convention will consider the possibility of acceding to this Convention.
4. Measures to simplify the Customs control means of transport, goods, luggage and passengers passing through their territories in accordance with the provisions of the Annexure VII.

# The Proposed TTFA Fund

- Effective Ongoing measures are needed to ensure speedy implementation of the TTFA.
- The Secretariat is bound to put the TTFA on a faster track.
- The RPC in its 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting agreed to establish a Fund for implementation of the TTFA, mobilizing resources from, *inter alia*:
  - The ECO Feasibility Fund,
  - International organizations/donors,
  - Voluntary contributions of the Member States,
  - The private sector,
  - The ECO Trade and Development Bank, etc.
- The Secretariat is mandated to prepare modalities and ToR of the above Fund.

## **The proposed functions of the Fund are, *inter alia*, to:**

- Provide full hospitality to the meetings of TTCC and its auxiliary bodies
- Cover the costs of consultancies, studies, missions and other activities required for effective enforcement of the TTFA and development of the regional programme for its implementation
- Provision of initial funds for capacity building projects and identification of projects for donors involvement in the implementation of the TTFA

# ***Thank YOU***

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