

**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**  
Working Group on Dry Ports**Fifth meeting**

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Item 5 of the provisional agenda\*

**Consideration of proposals for amending the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports****Consideration of proposals for amending the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports****Note by the secretariat***Summary*

The present document contains proposals by the parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports to amend the Agreement. The Governments of Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mongolia and Thailand have proposed amendments to annex I to the Agreement.

The Working Group on Dry Ports may wish to consider adopting the proposals.

**I. Introduction**

1. Pursuant to article 7, paragraph 2, and article 9, paragraph 2, of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports, amendments may be proposed by any party. As per article 8, paragraph 2, amendments to annex I can be proposed by any party in whose territory the subject of the proposed amendment is located. As stipulated in article 6, paragraph 1, of the Agreement, the Working Group on Dry Ports will consider any amendments proposed. In this connection and in line with standing practice, the secretariat informed member States, by means of a note verbale dated 7 March 2023, of the proposed date of the fifth meeting of the Working Group and invited all parties to submit to the secretariat proposals for amending the Agreement.

2. The secretariat received proposals for amending annex I to the Agreement, which are subject to the procedure stipulated in article 8 of the Agreement. Therefore, in keeping with its obligations under article 8, paragraph 3, of the Agreement, the secretariat circulated the proposals to be considered at the fifth meeting of the Working Group 45 days before the opening of the meeting.

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3. During the Working Group's discussions, the secretariat may provide clarifications on technical matters and on points of procedure related to the Agreement as and when requested by members of the Working Group.

## **II. Proposals to amend annex I to the Agreement**

4. In conformity with article 8, paragraph 2, of the Agreement, the Governments of Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mongolia and Thailand proposed amendments to annex I to the Agreement (see annex).

5. According to article 8, paragraph 4, of the Agreement, a proposed amendment to annex I shall be deemed adopted if the party in whose territory the subject of the proposed amendment is located reconfirms the proposal after consideration of the proposal at the Working Group meeting.

6. Therefore, the delegations of Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mongolia and Thailand will be invited to reconfirm their proposals at the meeting. In line with standing practice, the reconfirmation shall be reflected in the report of the meeting.

## **III. Issues for consideration by the Working Group**

7. The Working Group may wish to consider the proposed amendments annexed to the present document and decide on their adoption, in accordance with the procedures stipulated in article 8, paragraph 4, of the Agreement. The Working Group may wish to note that, as per article 8, paragraph 4, the amendments as adopted shall be communicated by the secretariat to the Secretary-General, who shall circulate them to all parties.

8. The Working Group may further wish to recall that, as per article 8, paragraph 5, amendments to annex I to the Agreement adopted by the Working Group shall be deemed accepted and shall enter into force for all parties after a period of 45 days following the date of the circular notification of the Secretary-General.

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## Annex

### Amendments to annex I to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports

#### I. Amendment proposal from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran

1. To the entry for the Islamic Republic of Iran, add the following:

Inch eh Boroon Logistic Centre

Aprin

#### II. Amendment proposal from the Government of Mongolia

2. To the entry for Mongolia, add the following:

Khovd

Khushigiin Khundi

Bichigt

#### III. Amendment proposal from the Government of Thailand

3. Amend the existing entry for Thailand with the following (new text is indicated using bold font; deletions are indicated using strikethrough font):

##### Thailand

Lat Krabang ICD, Bangkok

{Chiang Khong **Intermodal Facilities**, Chiang Rai}

**[Nakhon Phanom Cross-Border Transportation Centre, Nakhon Phanom]**

**[Natha Trans-shipment Yard, Nong Khai]**

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