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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the third session of the Committee on Transport (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

(a) Opening statements

The tentative programme for the opening of the session will be announced in due course.

Documentation

Tentative programme (E/ESCAP/CTR(3)/INF/3)

(b) Election of officers

Documentation

List of participants (E/ESCAP/CTR(3)/INF/2)

Annotation

The Committee will elect a chair, vice-chair(s) and a rapporteur.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/CTR(3)/L.1)

Annotation

The annotated provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Committee, subject to such changes as may be deemed necessary.

2. Review of the implementation and future programme focus of the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase II (2012-2016)

Documentation

Review of the implementation and future programme focus of the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase II (2012-2016) (E/ESCAP/CTR(3)/1)

Activities implemented under the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase II (2012-2016) (E/ESCAP/CTR(3)/INF/4)

Annotation

In the Ministerial Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, adopted by the second session of the Ministerial Conference on Transport, held in Bangkok from 12 to 16 March 2012, member States recognized the need for long-term commitment and continuity in addressing critical issues in the transport sector to support economic growth, improve living standards, and increase the competitiveness of economies of the

region. Towards this end, the Conference adopted the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase II (2012-2016), and the Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport.

Subsequently, the Commission at its sixty-eighth session adopted resolution 68/4 on the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, including the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase II (2012-2016), and the Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport.

The Committee will have before it a document which provides an update on the implementation of the Regional Action Programme, including highlights of completed and current activities. The document will also describe the future programme focus of the Regional Action Programme, including the draft programme of work for 2014-2015. The present document should be read in conjunction with information note E/ESCAP/CTR(3)/INF/4 which discusses activities implemented under the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase II (2012-2016).

The Committee may wish to comment on the status of implementation of the Regional Action Programme and provide guidance on the future programme focus areas.

3. Adoption of the finalized draft intergovernmental agreement on dry ports

Documentation

Finalized draft intergovernmental agreement on dry ports (E/ESCAP/CTR(3)/2)

Annotation

Pursuant to resolution 66/4 of 19 May 2010 on the implementation of the Bangkok Declaration on Transport Development in Asia, the secretariat has been working towards the development of an intergovernmental agreement on dry ports. In 2011, three subregional meetings for South-East Asia, South and South-West Asia and Central and North-East Asia, were organized to enable member States to review the draft agreement. This was followed by the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Meeting on an Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports, held in Bangkok from 20 to 22 June 2012. The Meeting finalized the draft intergovernmental agreement on dry ports and recommended that it be adopted by the Committee on Transport at its third session. The Meeting noted that the agreement, if adopted by the Committee, would be opened for signature by member States during the sixty-ninth session of the Commission, in 2013.

The Committee may wish to adopt the finalized draft intergovernmental agreement on dry ports as agreed at the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Meeting on an Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports.

4. Preparations for the second session of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport, 2013

Documentation

Preparations for the second session of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport, 2013 (E/ESCAP/CTR(3)/3)

Annotation

Given the rapid changes taking place in the region's economic development and the need for the transport sector to respond rapidly and effectively to the demands being placed on it, the Commission adopted resolution 64/5 of 30 April 2008 on the establishment of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport. The first session was held in Bangkok in December 2009, with 151 representatives from 27 members and associate members of ESCAP and partner organizations from the region. The Forum adopted the Bangkok Declaration on Transport Development in Asia, which reaffirmed the commitment of member States to the Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific and phase I of the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (2007-2011).

The second session of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport is scheduled to be held in November or December 2013. The Committee may wish to provide guidance to the secretariat on the preparations for the second session. Member States may also wish to consider hosting the second session of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport in 2013.

5. Preparations for the Ten-Year Review Conference of the Almaty Programme of Action, 2014

Documentation

Preparations for the Ten-Year Review Conference of the Almaty Programme of Action, 2014 (E/ESCAP/CTR(3)/4)

Annotation

In 2003, the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The Conference adopted the Almaty Ministerial Declaration and the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 66/214 of 22 December 2011 on the specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, a global conference will be convened in 2014 to review the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action. In this connection, ESCAP and the United Nations Office of the

High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) are planning to convene a High-Level Asia-Pacific Regional Review of the Almaty Programme of Action for the Landlocked Developing Countries in March 2013. The outcome of the review will be the regional input to the global Ten-Year Review Conference in 2014.

The Committee will have before it a document which describes the preparatory process for the regional and global review process. In addition, it will present the outline of two draft documents entitled “Bridging infrastructure gaps” and “Harmonization and strengthening of the regulatory and legal framework pertaining to international transport and transit”, both of which are being prepared by the secretariat for the Regional Review meeting.

The Committee may wish to provide guidance to the secretariat on the preparatory process and the outlines of the draft documents.

6. Consideration of draft resolutions and decisions for submission to the Commission at its sixty-ninth session

Under this agenda item, member States may wish to circulate, in advance, proposals and/or texts of draft resolutions on priority issues relating to transport development for the consideration of the Commission at its sixty-ninth session.

7. Other matters

The Committee may wish to consider other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/CTR(3)/L.2)

Annotation

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its third session for submission to the Commission at its sixty-ninth session, to be held in 2013.
