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**Joint OSCE/UN-OHRLLS
Expert Workshop on the Specific Problems of Landlocked Countries Regarding
Transit and Transportation**

Vienna (Austria), 12-13 December 2006
OSCE Congress Center, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna, Room 210, 2nd floor

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Tuesday, 12 December

08.30 – 09.00 Registration of participants - OSCE Congress Center, Room 210, 2nd floor

09.00 – 09.30 **Introductory Session**

Welcoming remarks by:

- **Ambassador Bertrand de Crombrughe**, Belgian 2006 OSCE Chairmanship
- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg**, Senior Programme Officer, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)

09.30 – 13.00 **Working Session I: Presentations by International Organizations, who is doing what in addressing the specific problems of landlocked developing countries regarding transit and transportation?**

09.30 – 11.00 **1. Transit Transport Development**

Moderator: Mr. Barry Cable, Director Tourism and Transport Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Rapporteur: Mr. Armands Pupols, Mission Programme Officer, Central Asia Desk, Mission Programme Section, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)

Speakers:

- **Mr. Barry Cable**, Director Tourism and Transport Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP):
“*Addressing Transit and Transportation Issues in Asia and the Pacific*”

- **Mr. Craig Steffensen**, Head of Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Unit, Asian Development Bank (ADB): *“The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Programme Aimed at Effective Regional Economic Cooperation”*
- **Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis**, Regional Adviser, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Transport Division, Transport and Infrastructure Development Section: *“Transit and Transportation in Landlocked Countries, Lessons to be Learnt From the Joint UNECE/UNESCAPP Project on Developing Euro-Asian Transport Linkages Phase I, 2002-2006”*
- **Mrs. Marie Therese Guiebo**, Transport Economist, NEPAD and Regional Integration Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA): *“Transit Infrastructure Development Efforts in Africa, with Particular Emphasis on Landlocked Developing Countries”*
- **Mr. Vadim Turdzeladze**, Transport Expert, Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA): *“The Role of IGC TRACECA in the Development of International Transit for Landlocked Developing Countries”*
- Discussion

11.00 - 11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30 - 13.00 **Transit Transport Development - continued**

- Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch break**

14.00 – 16.00 **2. Border Crossing and Trade Facilitation**

Moderator: **Mr. Peter Faust**, Chief, Trade Logistics Branch, Division for Services Infrastructure for Development, UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Rapporteur: **Mr. Roel Janssens**, Economic and Environmental Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

- **Mr. Craig Steffensen**, Head of Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Unit, Asian Development Bank (ADB): *“Central Asia: Increasing Gains from Trade Through Regional Cooperation in Trade Policy, Transport and Customs Transit”*
- **Mr. Poul Hansen**, Economic Affairs Officer, Head of the TIR Secretariat, UNECE Transport Division, Border Crossing Facilitation Section: *“Harmonization of Border Procedures and Documents”*

- **Mr. Gareth Lewis**, Technical Officer, Compliance and Facilitation, World Customs Organization (WCO): “*Transit and Transport: Integrated Border Management*”
- **Mr. Günther Fischer**, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD): “*Landlocked Countries in the International System of Trade*”
- **Mr. Peter Krausz**, Head of Goods Transport and Facilitation Department, International Road Transport Union (IRU): “*The Macro-Economic Impact of Border Waiting Times*”
- **Mr. Yanis Tsorbatzoglou**, SECIPRO Coordinator, Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI): “*Trade and Transport Facilitation in South Eastern Europe, Lessons Learnt*”
- **Mr. Anton Petrenko**, Programme Management Officer, Borders Unit, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC): “*The OSCE Border Security and Management Concept*”
- Discussion

16.00 - 16.30 **Coffee break**

16.30 - 18.00 **Border Crossing and Trade Facilitation - continued**

- Discussion

Wednesday, 13 December

09.00 -10.30 **Working Session II: Private sector views on the specific problems of landlocked countries regarding transit and transportation**

Moderator: Mr. Peter Krausz, Head of Goods Transport and Facilitation Department, International Road Transport Union (IRU)

Rapporteur: Mr. Philip Reuchlin, Economic and Environmental Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)

- **Business representatives from the region (i.e Central Asia):** Road Transport Industry, Express Carriers, Freight Forwarding (e.g. DHL) and/or others (tbc)
- **Representative of Eurochambres affiliate** (tbc)
- **Mr. Roland Schrems**, Director, Danube Space Ltd., “*How to Attract more Freight to Inland Waterways on the Example of the Danube River*”
- Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00 – 13.00

Working Session III: Measuring the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (APA)

Moderator: Mr. Jose Capel-Ferrer, Director Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Rapporteur: Mr. Vincent Walter, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)

Speakers:

- **Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg**, Senior Programme Officer, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS): *“Possible Indicators to Monitor the Implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action for Transit Transport”*
- **Mr. Barry Cable**, Director Tourism and Transport Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP): *“The UNESCAP Time/Cost-Distance Methodology to Assess the Competitiveness of Transit Transport Routes”*
- **Mr. Robert Nowak**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division, Border Crossing Facilitation Section: *“World Bank Doing Business 2007 Programme”*
- **Mrs. Marie Therese Guiebo**, Transport Economist, NEPAD and Regional Integration Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA): *“Relevant Experiences and Initiatives of NEPAD, UNECA and African Regional Economic Communities (REC’s) to Measure the Progress Made in Establishing Efficient Transit Transport Systems in Africa”*
- Discussion

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 16.00

Working Session IV – the way forward – conclusions

Moderator: Mr. Bernard Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Mr. Gabriel Leonte, Economic and Environmental Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

- **Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg**, Senior Programme Officer, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS): *“The Way Forward, the United Nations General Assembly Resolution on the mid-term Review of the Almaty Programme of Action”*
- **Open Floor**

Selected Topics:

1. Discussing proposals on how to measure the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (APA)
2. How to further improve inter-institutional co-operation and co-ordination?
3. Decision on a next meeting

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 17.00 **Concluding Statements**

- **Ambassador Bertrand de Crombrugghe**, Belgian 2006 OSCE Chairmanship
- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg**, Senior Programme Officer, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)