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**UN OFFICE OF THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES
ORGANISATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE**

To further forge international partnerships for the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) are convening an Expert Workshop on the specific problems of Landlocked Developing Countries regarding transit transport cooperation on 12 -13 December 2006 in Vienna, Austria.

The upcoming High-level meeting is the second leg of a two part gathering, the first of which was held 29-30 March 2005. The theme of that meeting was, “Who is doing what in addressing the specific problems of Landlocked Developing Countries”.

The second part is dedicated to an expert discussion on “Indicators to Measure Progress in Implementing the Almaty Programme of Action for Transit Transport Cooperation”. More than 30 experts from the UN system organizations, OSCE and other relevant international organizations will participate in this expert meeting.

The main purpose of the meeting is to further develop an internationally acceptable set of indicators to measure the progress in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action and agree on roadmap for their future joint endeavours to assist landlocked and transit developing countries, including facilitating the mid-term review of the Almaty Programme expected to be held in 2008.

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