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“Promoting good governance at border crossings, improving the security of land transportation and facilitating international transport by road and rail in the OSCE region”

PART I – VIENNA, 1-2 FEBRUARY 2010

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 1 February

09.30 – 10.00 Opening Session

- **Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov**, Chairman of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, OSCE Chairmanship
- **Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

10.00 – 11.00 Session I – The need to increase efficiency of international road transport in the context of the global economic downturn

Moderator: **Mr. Azat Bekturov**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Rapporteur: **Mr. Forest Atkinson**, Political Officer, United States Mission to the OSCE

Selected topics:

- The impact of the crisis on the transport sector
- Transport as a key for economic development and co-operation
- Ways to improve efficiency of international road transport

Presentation followed by discussion:

- **Mr. Jack Short**, Secretary General, International Transport Forum
- **Mr. Umberto De Pretto**, Deputy Secretary General, International Road Transport Union (IRU)

- **Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis**, Chief, Transport Facilitation and Economics Section, Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea break (Press Conference)

11.30 – 13.00 **Session II - Good governance in customs and at border crossings as an essential tool for transport and trade facilitation, and enhancing security**

Moderator: Mr. Igor Ten, Deputy Chairman of the Customs Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Rapporteur: Ms. Katja Silventoinen, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Finland to the OSCE

Selected topics:

- Promoting transparency, accountability as well as effectiveness and efficiency in customs and at border crossings
- Enhancing co-operation and co-ordination between customs and other border agencies both domestically as well as internationally
- The advantages of an inclusive approach reflecting both public and private sector stakeholders' concerns

Presentation followed by discussion:

- **Mr. Omur Gebes**, General Manager GTI, Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)
- **Mr. Emmanuel Huntzinger**, Economic Officer, OSCE Office in Tajikistan
- **Mr. Robert Nowak**, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 16.30 **Session II – Good governance in customs and at border crossings as an essential tool for transport and trade facilitation, and enhancing security - *continued***

Moderator: Mr. Michael Schmitz, Director for Enforcement and Compliance, World Customs Organization (WCO)

Rapporteur: Mr. Carl Peersman, First Secretary, Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE

Selected topics:

- Combating corruption in customs and border services

- Using the latest technologies and know-how to improve border management and tackle security risks at border crossings
- The OSCE's contribution and examples of OSCE supported projects

Presentation followed by discussion:

- **Ms. Marine Kurthsidze**, Senior Specialist, Financial Policy Department, Ministry of Finance of Georgia
- **Mr. Jean Verheyen**, Vice President for Business Development, Porthus NV, Belgium
- **Mr. Jonathan Trumble**, Customs Adviser, Borders Team, Operations Service, Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), OSCE Secretariat

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee/Tea break

17.00 – 18.30 Session III – Facilitating international transport in the OSCE area through more effective regional co-operation

Moderator: **Ambassador Alyaksandr Sychov**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the OSCE, Chairman of the Economic and Environmental Committee

Rapporteur: **Ms. Sinead Harvey**, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE

Selected topics:

- Customs Union between Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan
- Developing transit transport and making full use of transit potential
- Ongoing efforts and initiatives in Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia

Presentation followed by discussion:

- **Mr. Alexander Blagodatskikh**, Deputy Head of Department, Directorate General for Customs Processing and Control, Federal Customs Service, Russian Federation
- **Mr. Murat Bekmagambetov**, President, Scientific Research Institute of Transport and Communications, National Secretary IGC TRACECA, Republic of Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Vladimir Saranciuc**, Consultant, International Relations and European Integration Directorate, Ministry of Transport and Road Infrastructure, Republic of Moldova

19.00 Reception hosted by the Kazakh OSCE Chairmanship in the ‘Palais Pallavicini’

Tuesday, 2 February

09.30 – 11.00 Session IV – Providing access to sea ports for landlocked countries

Moderator: **Ambassador Alexandre Keltchewsky**, Head of the OSCE Centre in Astana

Rapporteur: **Ms. Caroline Milow**, Senior Project Officer, Economic and Environmental Dimension, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan

Selected topics:

- Developing inter-modal transport connections between seaports and their hinterland
- Improving the legal basis
- Security aspects of processing cargo flows

Presentation followed by discussion:

- **Mr. Vytautas Naudužas**, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Transport issues, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Ms. Kate Lannan**, Legal Officer, International Trade Law Division, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Commission on Trade Law (UNCITRAL)
- **Mr. Adlet Barmenkulov**, Chairman of the Transport Control Committee, Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea break

11.30 – 13.00 Session V – Improving security and efficiency of transport connections in Central Asia and with Afghanistan

Moderator: **Ambassador Herbert Salber**, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), OSCE Secretariat

Rapporteur: **Mr. Gaurav Thapan-Raina**, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Centre in Ashgabat

Selected topics:

- Creating positive conditions for legitimate transport and trade operations while at the same time combating trafficking in SALW, narcotics, human beings etc.
- Establishing resource centres for cross border trade along Central Asian borders
- Strengthening security at and facilitating trade through the border crossing points with Afghanistan

Presentation followed by discussion:

- **Mr. Mozammil Shinwari**, Director General for International Trade, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Afghanistan
- **Mr. Igor Rounov**, Permanent Delegate to the CIS, International Road Transport Union (IRU)
- **Mr. Boymamad Alibakhshev**, Managing Director, Milal-Inter, Republic of Tajikistan

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 16.00 Session VI - Facilitation and security of cross-border transport – making the case for a balanced approach

Moderator: **Mr. Jan Tomczyk**, Senior Consultant to the Euro-Asian Transport Links Phase II Project

Rapporteur: **Ms. Ioana Oltița Mureșan**, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Romania to the OSCE

Selected topics:

- Risk management approaches, selectivity and profiling as a key to both enhanced security-levels as well as facilitation of legitimate trade and transport
- Existing instruments, such as the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards, and enhancing their applicability and effectiveness in the OSCE region

Presentation followed by discussion:

- **Mr. Michael Schmitz**, Director for Enforcement and Compliance, World Customs Organization (WCO)
- **Mr. Eric Stewart**, Principal, Williams & Jensen, Senior International Advisor to the US Chamber of Commerce
- **Mr. Ketil Ottersen**, Senior Programme Coordinator, Law Enforcement, Organized Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Unit, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee/Tea break

16.30 – 17.30 Concluding Debate and Closing Statements

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