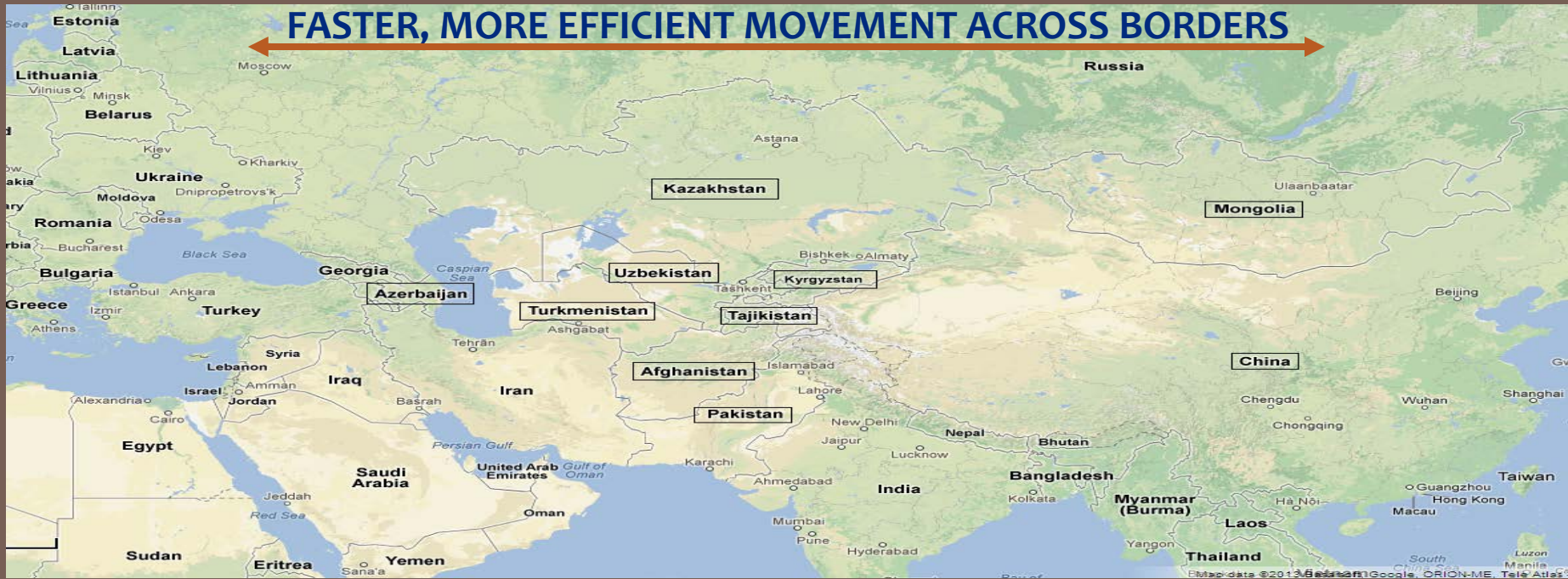


FASTER, MORE EFFICIENT MOVEMENT ACROSS BORDERS



CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CAREC) PROGRAM **INTEGRATED** **TRADE FACILITATION**



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CAREC: A Broad Agenda



CAREC Integrated Trade Facilitation Program goals:

- Reduce transaction costs and time by
 - ▣ improving administrative efficiency
 - ▣ simplifying, standardizing, and harmonizing trade procedures.
- Encourage the free movement of people and goods.
- Increase the transparency of trade regulations and procedures.

CAREC Integrated Trade Facilitation



CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation
Partnership for Prosperity



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Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy: Midterm Review



Focus on Integrated Trade Facilitation:

- Achieve CAREC 2020 objectives:
 - ▣ trade expansion
 - ▣ improving competitiveness.
- Promote/Expand public-private dialogue.
- Improve interagency and cross-border collaboration.
- Institutionalize regionalism



Customs as Trade Facilitator?



Customs Cooperation Committee priority areas:

- i. simplification and harmonization of customs procedures and documentation;
- ii. information and communication technology for customs modernization and data exchange;
- iii. risk management and post-entry audit;
- iv. joint customs control; and
- v. regional transit development.



What has been done...



Customs cooperation: reform and modernization

- Amended Customs codes
- Joint customs control
- Time Release Studies (with WCO and ADB support)
- Capacity building

Accession to the Revised Kyoto Convention has been one of the cornerstones of CAREC Customs Cooperation/Trade Facilitation

Corridor-Based Approach



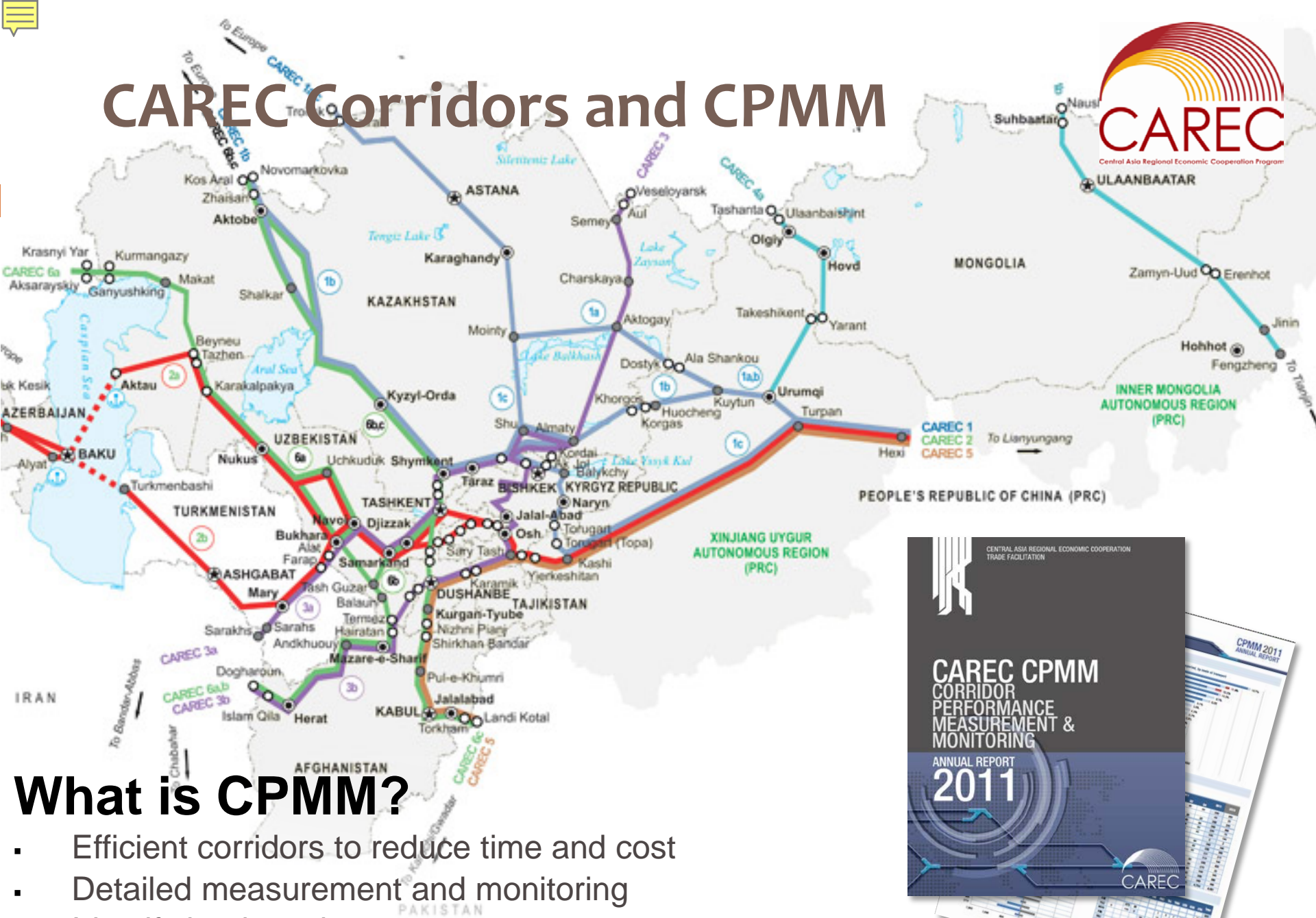
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Integrated trade facilitation

- CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations
- Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)
- Trade Logistics capacity building
- Modernizing Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Measures

CAREC Corridors and CPMM



What is CPMM?

- Efficient corridors to reduce time and cost
- Detailed measurement and monitoring
- Identify bottlenecks

Increasing vs Impeding Trade

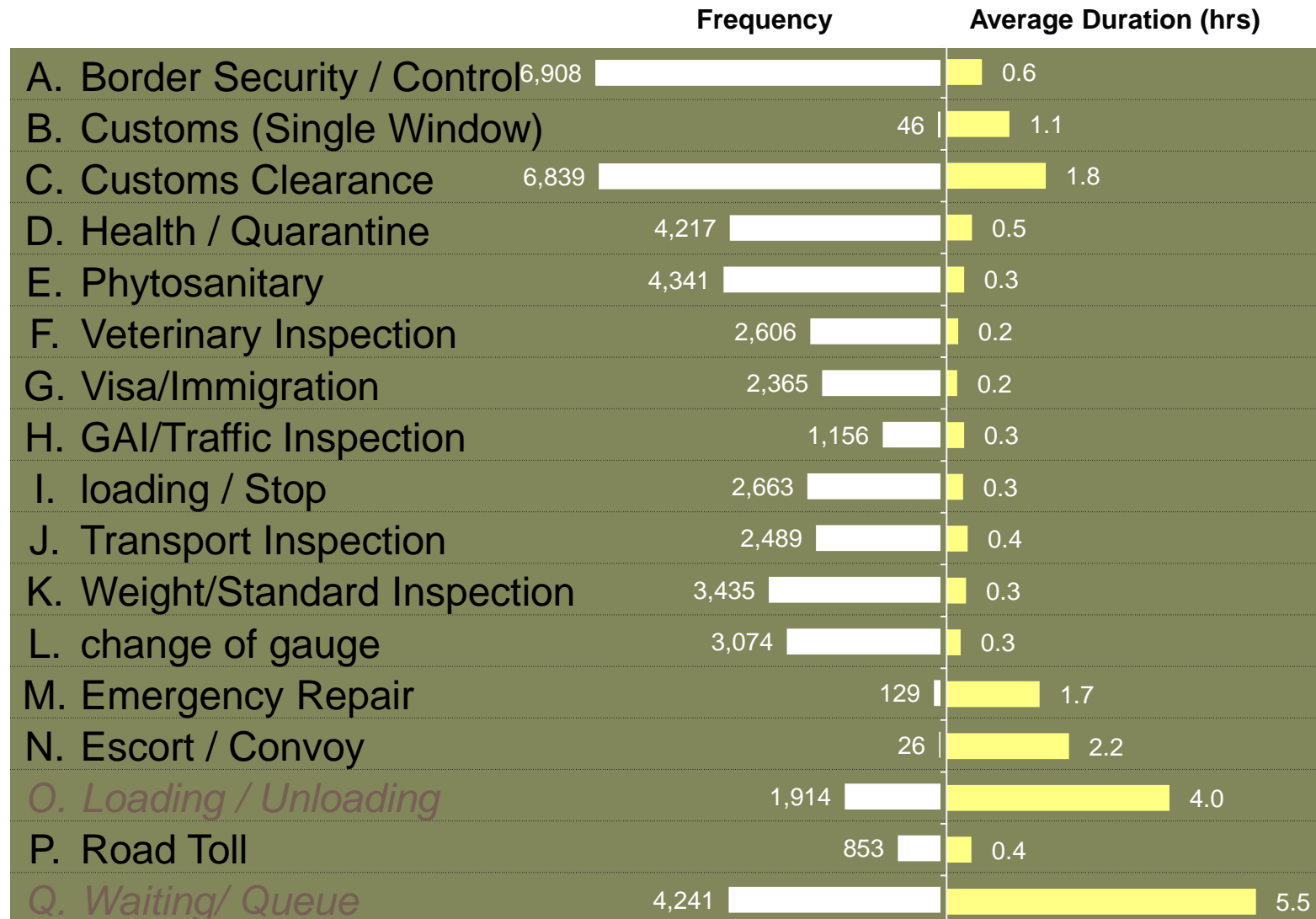


CAREC CPMM demonstrates clearly that:

- 1) Border Crossing Points are THE bottleneck,
- 2) Trade Logistics Services are inadequate, and
- 3) Customs clearance is one of the principal causes of delays in completing border formalities....and extorting unofficial payments

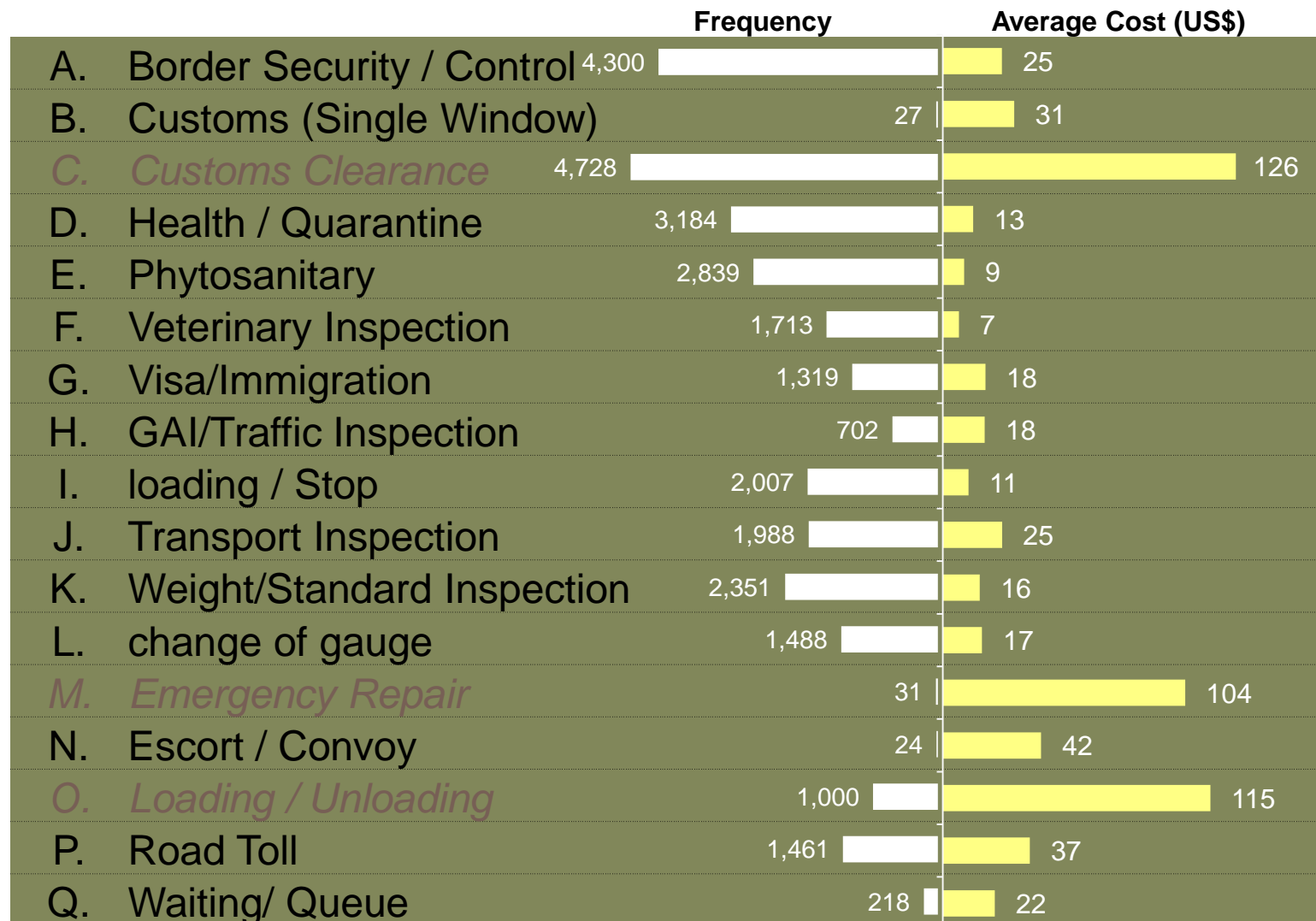
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Border crossing duration, Road Transport, 2011



Increasing vs Impeding Trade

Border crossing cost, Road Transport, 2011





Responding to the Challenge



trade expansion and improving competitiveness = new strategic objectives for CAREC

What needs to be done?

minimize the time taken to clear vehicles and goods for border crossing by:

- adopting best practice,
- modernizing procedures,
- operating border crossing points 24/7, and
- eliminating bribery and corruption

By working together with one another (and with other border management agencies), Customs services can become part of the solution rather than part of the problem



Moving Forward... CAREC 2020



CAREC Corridor development

- ❑ Maximize the benefits of CAREC corridors
- ❑ Continue monitoring corridor performance (CPMM and TRS)
- ❑ Conduct more trade logistics management training
- ❑ Strengthen ties with the private sector
- ❑ Modernize and harmonize sanitary and phytosanitary measures
- ❑ Facilitate the movement of people
- ❑ Continue customs modernization training



Tangible Support



Technical Assistance:

- Aligning Customs Trade Facilitation Measures with Best Practices
- Coordinated Border Management for Results
- Promoting cooperation in Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary (SPS) Measures
- Facilitation of Regional Transit Trade

Investments:

- Regional Improvement of Border Services
- Regional Upgrade of SPS Measures for Trade

CAREC Institute Collaboration:

- Capacity-building to design and implement needed reforms
- Knowledge products and services

Thank you



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