



CAREC

14th Transport Sector Coordination Committee

**Report to the TSCC on
recommendations of the**

Cross-Border Transport Facilitation Workshop in the CAREC

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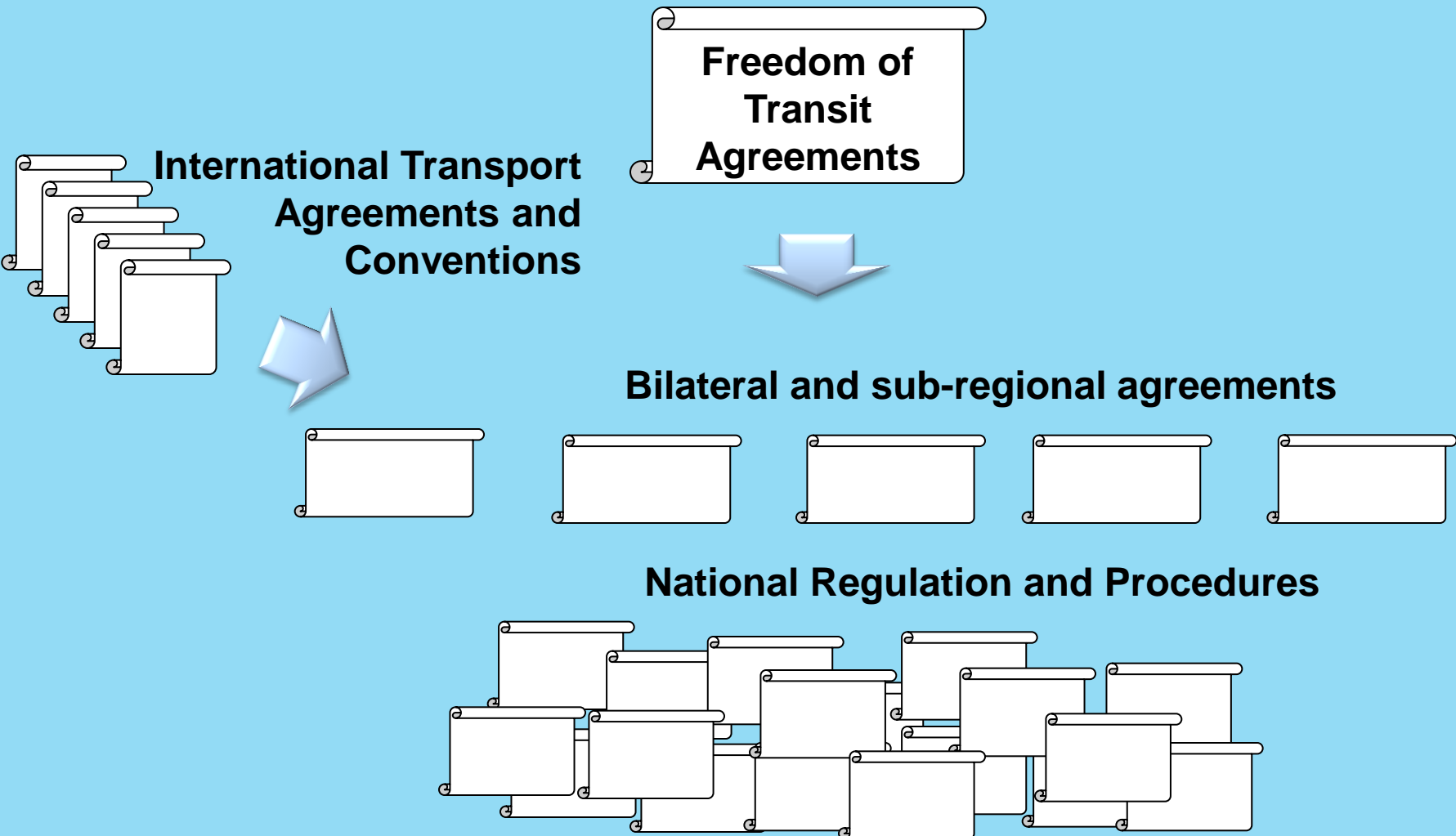


Bilateral traffic rights agreements (revised)

Country	AF	AZ	CN	KZ	KR	MN	PK	TJ	TK	UZ
Afghanistan							28/11/ 2010	27/07/ 2005	05/07/ 2007	
Azerbaijan				16/09/ 1996				15/03/ 2007	19/05/ 2008	27/05/ 1996
PRC				26/09/ 1992	25/02/ 1993	16/06/ 2011	28/12/ 1993	27/08/ 2008		13/12/ 1993
Kazakhstan		16/09/ 1996	26/09/ 1992		25/12/ 2003	22/10/ 1993	12/03/ 1995	04/05/ 2006	27/02/ 1997	20/03/ 2006
Kyrgyzstan			25/02/ 1993	25/12/ 2003		01/03/ 2004	11/12/ 1994	27/05/ 2013	29/11/ 1995	04/09/ 1996
Mongolia			16/06/ 2011	22/10/ 1993	01/03/ 2004					
Pakistan	28/11/ 2010		28/12/ 1993	12/03/ 1995	11/12/ 1994				14/05/ 1996	15/03/ 2007
Tajikistan	27/07/ 2005	15/03/ 2007	27/08/ 2008	04/05/ 2006	27/05/ 2013				09/12/ 2007	
Turkmenistan	05/07/ 2007	19/05/ 2008		27/02/ 1997	29/11/ 1995		14/05/ 1996	09/12/ 2007		16/01/ 1996
Uzbekistan		27/05/ 1996	13/12/ 1993	20/03/ 2006	04/09/ 1996		15/03/ 2007		16/01/ 1996	



Alignment of CAREC freedom of the road agreements and national regulation





Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Control of Goods (1982) – key Transport Convention for TTF

CAREC contracting parties to the Convention:

Azerbaijan, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Convention includes recommendations on:

- Scope and procedures of border crossing controls
- Border crossing facilities and staffing of border control agencies
- Customs cooperation, Coordinated Border Management (CBM) / Joint Customs Control (JCC)
- Simplified procedures for transit and priority cargo
- Mutual recognition of weight and dimension controls
- Inspection procedures for vehicles and cargos
- Simplified driver visas
- Monitoring mechanisms



Proposed CAREC approach to cross-border transport facilitation

- All CAREC countries will support first freedom of the CAREC Transport Corridors (Freedom of Transit), through accession to relevant legal instruments and their implementation
- All CAREC countries will join and implement key UN Transport Agreements and Conventions (TIR Convention, Harmonization Convention 1982, CMR Agreement, etc.) to enable efficient implementation of cross-border traffic rights along the CAREC Transport Corridors
- CAREC program will facilitate signing of new bilateral road transport agreements, revision and operationalization of existing agreements, based on sovereign priorities of CAREC member states



Actions, recommended by the Workshop

- Approve the proposed approach
- Cross border transport facilitation agreements and their implementation will be discussed and monitored by the CAREC Transport Sector Coordination Committees
- CAREC CPMM will include monitoring of restrictions on freedom of transit along CAREC corridors



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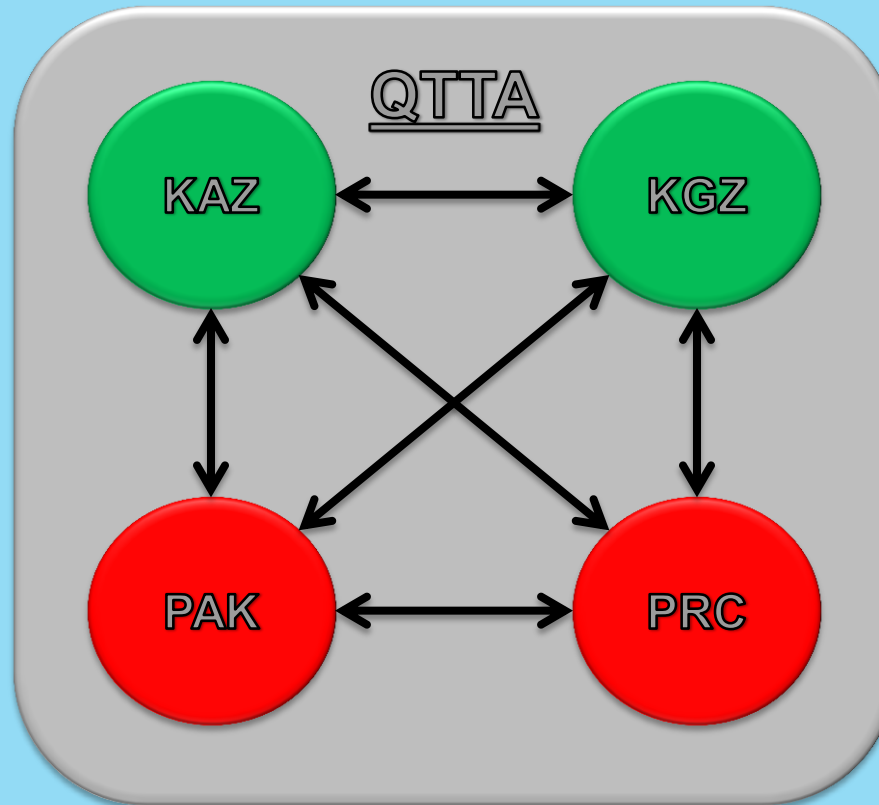
- Support implementation of cross-border transport agreements through corresponding revision of national regulation and procedures
- Partner with UNESCAP and IRU for knowledge product sharing and capacity development activities
- Support revision of the Quadrilateral Traffic in Transit Agreement (QTTA) and its geographical expansion to include new CAREC corridors and contracting parties



Quadrilateral Traffic in Transit Agreement

Strengths:

- Operational
- Every pair of contracting parties have a bilateral agreement
- Includes 3 largest CAREC economies and 1 country linked to larger integrated market
- Strong ownership from depository country



Challenges:

- Difficult, not all-season route
- Two countries are not yet the TIR member countries
- Visa issues
- Insurance recognition
- Different technical standards



Next steps

- Revision and comments on position paper on Cross-border Transport Facilitation – within 3 weeks
- Establishment of the TTF Working Group
- Consultations on QTTA, facilitated by CAREC Secretariat
- Stock-take of existing cross-border transport agreements in CAREC, alignment with national regulation
- Publications and knowledge dissemination