

2004 Work Program

Priority Areas	Outputs/deliverables	Inputs/activities/Institutional Arrangement/Responsibility
<p>I. Transit Development (Ministers endorsed the importance of development of simplified transit systems and requested to consider drafting a regional transit agreement under the CCC. A comparative study of computerized transit systems of various countries was also proposed at the RPM/SOM)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bilateral Transit Agreement between the Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic (Target: signed first half of 2004); 2. Implementation of the Transit Agreement between the Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic; 3. Bilateral Transit Agreement between the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan (Target: second half of 2004); 4. Working Paper to compare the computerized transit systems of various countries particularly the systems of Kazakhstan and PRC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyrgyz and Tajik Customs chair the Working Group; • Support the first consultation meeting on the proposed transit agreement between the Kazakh and Kyrgyz Customs in February; • Support the institutional arrangement/requirements for the implementation of the Kyrgyz/Kazakh Transit Agreement including consultation meetings with the relevant stakeholders as suggested by the Kazakh Customs; • Support the consultation meeting between the Kyrgyz and Tajik Customs; a proposal is expected to be submitted to the Secretariat in Mid April; • A consultant will be recruited to undertake the comparative studies on ICT systems as requested by Ministers.
<p>II. Data-sharing Initiatives (SOM called for promotion of transparency of customs regulation/procedures and data-sharing through ICT.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promotion of signing of a data-sharing agreement between the Kyrgyz Republic and PRC; 2. Support the implementation of the data-sharing agreement between the Kazakh and PRC Customs signed in 2003; 3. Develop a joint proposal for data sharing including the scope of data and the IT language; 4. Support the establishment of a website (including secured and public sessions) to promote sharing of customs regulations and procedures, and sharing of customs data for declaration and transit movement. 5. Support individual countries' customs modernization efforts to provide the enabling infrastructure for data-sharing and transit movement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support informal consultation between the Kyrgyz and PRC Customs planned in February 2004. • Support the signing of an agreement between the Kyrgyz and PRC Customs (Target: April, 2004) • Support a CCC consultation meeting on data-sharing tentatively in late April. • Undertake a feasibility study on the joint proposal from KAZ/PRC to establish a website. • Proposed project support for customs modernization in Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic.
<p>III. Capacity building and Knowledge Dissemination (To support member countries' accession to major international conventions, promote modern customs practices such as risk management, and share experiences in modernizing customs services through ICT and border development.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide regional training on the Revised Kyoto Convention; 2. Support PRC's accession to TIR Convention subject to the establishment of a national working group for TIR accession consisting of the Ministry of Transport and Customs; 3. Support concerted efforts in customs reforms and modernization to maximize the regional benefits of individual countries' efforts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support a regional training workshop on the Revised Kyoto Convention tentatively to be organized by the UZB Customs • Support in-country training for the PRC to prepare for the TIR Convention. • Support a regional forum to share experience and lessons-learned in customs reforms and modernization tentatively to be hosted by the PRC Customs