



## **Minutes of the Meeting of CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations**

**1 March 2010, Almaty · Kazakhstan**

### **A. Introduction**

1. About 50 representatives from seventeen carrier, forwarder and logistics associations participated in the Meeting. Kazakh Vice Minister of Transport and customs officials also participated. The Meeting is to ratify the CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA) Constitution, elect officials, and discuss the 2010-2011 work program. Most of member associations of CFCFA are gathering data for the CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) activity.

2. In his welcoming remarks, Mr. Dulat Kuterbekov, Vice-Minister for Ministry of Transport and Communications of Kazakhstan emphasized that barriers to trade such as lack of coordination of border control agencies need to be addressed. He acknowledged the contributions of the private sector to the development of the transport and trade sectors in Kazakhstan and gave an overview of development efforts of Kazakhstan to improve the transport sector.

3. Mr. Guanghui Li, ADB Country Director for Kazakhstan commended the efforts of CFCFA to help the governments improve trade. He cited the need to strengthen regional cooperative efforts and ensure optimal participation of all stakeholders particularly private-public sector collaboration. He encouraged CFCFA members to exchange ideas, help one another and commended their efforts to organize an international non-profit organization with a well- defined vision and a sense of community and mutual trust. He assured the participants of ADB's support for CFCFA.

4. Mr. Ying Qian, Lead Professional (Regional Cooperation) provided background on the establishment of CFCFA and summarized outcomes of past events in this effort. A Memorandum of Association (MOA)<sup>1</sup> was signed during a meeting of ADB CPMM partner associations in Seoul, Korea in October 2009. Mr. Qian presented a diagram depicting CAREC governing bodies and the transport and trade facilitation institutions that interact with them. For example, the linkages between CAREC coordinating bodies and their reporting arrangement to Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) and Ministerial Conference (MC). He also informed the participants about the establishment of the Regional Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Committee (RJC) in 24 February 2010 in Tashkent. CFCFA will be represented in RJC to give private sector's voice.

5. Prior to the discussions on the constitution and by-laws, addition member associations who haven't signed the MOA of the CFCFA, including Kyrgyz Freight Forwarders Association, Union of International Road Carriers of the Republic of Kazakhstan (KAZATO) and the Uzbekistan International Forwarders Association, signed the MOA of the CFCFA to allow them to officially join the processing of the meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Attached as Appendix 1.

## B. CFCFA Constitution and Rules of Procedure<sup>2</sup>

6. The participants discussed the suggested revisions to the draft Constitution and By-Laws and agreed on the following changes:

- Article 1: CFCFA will be registered in the Kyrgyz Republic;
- Article 4: Admission to membership will be recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the General Assembly;
- Article 10: 60% of member attendance in General Assemble will constitute quorum;
- Article 12: There will be 10 Executive Board members, including 8 members representing each country plus the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected by the General Assemble; and
- Article 18: In the interim period, ADB will serve as the secretariat for the CFCFA with assistance from the resident missions until CFCFA decides to establish a permanent secretariat office in the CAREC region.

## C. Election of Officials

7. The following were nominated for the post of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of CFCFA:

Chairperson:	Mr. Nigmatzhan Kabatayevich Issingarın, Kazakstan Freight Forwarders Association (KFFA) Mr. Sambuu Demberel, Mongolia National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MNCCI) Mr. Kakhramon Sydiknazarov, Association of International Road Carriers of Uzbekistan (AIRCUZ)
Vice- Chairperson:	Capt. Lin Zhong China International Freight Forwarders Association (CIFA), Peoples' Republic of China (PRC)

8. Election was carried out by the General assembly 15 members of the CFCFA. One member, XUAR Trade Logistics Association was absent. Election results were:

Mr. Nigmatzhan Kabatayevich Issingarın, KFFA	8 votes
Mr. Sambuu Demberel, MNCCI	4 votes
Mr. Kakhramon Sydiknazarov, AIRCUZ	3 votes
Capt. Lin Zhong, CIFA, PRC	15 votes

9. The following were endorsed by the respective members to represent their countries to the executive board:

Afghanistan	Mr. Abdul Halim Yousuf Association of Afghanistan Freight Forwarders Companies
Azerbaijan	Dr. Ramiz Akhundov, Azerbaijan International Road Carriers Association
Kazakhstan	Mr. Makhsat Saktaganov, Union of International Road carriers of Kazakhstan
Kyrgyz Republic	Mr. Shabdanaliev Temirbek, Kyrgyz Freight Operators Association

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<sup>2</sup> Attached as Appendix 2.

Mongolia	Mr. Sambuu Demberel, MNCCI
PRC	Mr. Zhang Haifeng, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Logistics Association
Uzbekistan	Mr. Kakhramon Sydiknazarov, AIRCUZ

**D. Message of the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson**

10. Mr. N. K. Issingarin, Chairperson of CFCFA thanked the members for their confidence in him and announced that the executive Board elected Dr. Nikolay Kuznetsov of AIRCUZ as Secretary and Ms. Tsevelsaikhan Sharbandi of MNCCI as treasurer. The secretary shall coordinate the operations of the secretariat while the treasurer will audit the funds of the Federation.

11. Capt. Lin Zhong also thanked the members for unanimously voting him as Vice-Chairperson and assured the members that he will serve to the utmost of his capability. He emphasized he will need the cooperation of everybody. He also cited several initiatives to make the work of CFCFA relevant such as need to establish a platform for exchange of communication to communicate with other countries and develop Central Asia as transit hub and promote trade with Japan, Korea and the PRC; harmonization of documents; and establish data base.

12. The proposed work program for 2010-2011 was presented and the members agreed to have the Executive Board review the work program.