

Dear Colleagues,

The Federation of Carrier and Freight Forwarders Associations (CFCFA) of the CAREC countries is a collegial body of the respective countries, which, on a systematic basis and taking into account the interests and specificities of the situation of all stakeholders, develops recommendations, following which contributes to a more efficient, namely faster and less costly, movement of people, goods and vehicles across borders. In practical terms, CFCFA is contributing to the modernization of national customs procedures, removing bottlenecks at borders, and developing and implementing procedures to facilitate cross-border trade.

The significance of this work is growing in the context of the processes of globalization and integration that have been dynamically developing in recent decades in the Asia-Pacific region. Central Asian countries face difficult tasks, in particular, such as agreeing mechanisms for legal regulation of transport links, assessing the economic consequences of integration measures and introducing effective digital equipment for specific carriers and forwarders. Our practice shows that in order for the transportation of goods and passengers not to restrain, but to contribute to regional integration and the growth of cargo turnover and the development of the tourism sector, it is necessary to organize the study and systematic tracking of the dynamics of the development of the regional market of transport and logistics services. The next step could be the creation of a computer model of the aforementioned market and the development of practical experience in increasing its efficiency.

The issues of integration of national transport systems and coordination and development of transport infrastructure also deserve increased attention of the regulators of the development of the transport industry in the CAREC countries. Priority issues also include specific issues of technical equipment of border checkpoints, advanced training of customs officers and the creation of "green corridors" that would allow the international transit of goods covered by the customs guarantee of the TIR system without a single paper document. Addressing these issues will help facilitate trade and increase the volume of goods transported in the CAREC region.

CFCFA in general and all national members of our association are pleased to note the valuable contribution that ADB is making to the development of national transport in CAREC member countries and to the regional integration of national transport systems.

We welcome this contribution, this collaboration that brings concrete benefits to the countries of the region, and look forward to supporting our priority projects towards the implementation of the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030.

Thank you for attention.

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