

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Fifth Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting on Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation, 15–16 March 2006, Yin Du Hotel, Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Fifth Meeting of the Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC) of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program was convened on 15–16 March 2006 in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (UAR), People's Republic of China (PRC). Delegations from all eight CAREC countries participated in the Meeting. The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan was welcomed to its first TSCC Meeting as a participant. Representatives of the multilateral institutions (MIs) including the Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) and the World Bank (WB) also attended. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) provided inputs to the Meeting. The Meeting was chaired by the Ministry of Communications (MOC), PRC and co-chaired by ADB. The agenda of the Meeting and the list of delegates are provided in Appendix 1.

2. The TSCC reaffirmed their commitment to regional transport cooperation, and agreed to continue working together to achieve the goals and strategic priorities set in the Regional Transport Sector Road Map for 2005–2010. The Afghanistan delegation in accepting the invitation to the TSCC, acknowledged the Central Asia Regional Transport Sector Road Map for 2005–2010, TSCC's 2006 Work Program and other documents endorsed at previous TSCC meetings.

II. PROGRESS IN REGIONAL TRANSPORT COOPERATION

3. The TSCC reviewed the progress since the Fourth TSCC Meeting in Bishkek on 12–13 October 2005. Regional infrastructure investments and technical assistance projects approved, or in the program for 2005–2007 are listed in Appendix 2. The MI infrastructure investments for 2005–2007 amount to \$1678.0 million, and the MI technical assistance for 2005–2007 amount to \$13.5 million. It is recognized that the MI's assistance program needs to be updated from time to time, as appropriate.

4. The Kyrgyz delegation stated the importance of the PRC-Kyrgyz-Uzbekistan rail link project that would link the railways of PRC, Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan and requested the MIs to consider inclusion of the full feasibility study in the regional investment program to be financed on a grant basis. In addition, the TSCC requested technical assistance in the area of public-private partnerships.

III. HARMONIZATION AND SIMPLIFICATION OF CROSS-BORDER TRANSPORT PROCEDURES, DOCUMENTS AND REGULATIONS (PHASE I)

5. ADB made a presentation on the proposed action plan for harmonizing regional transport regulations and cross-border agreements in the road and railway sub-sectors in CAREC countries. The TSCC supported the proposed action plan framework and provided constructive comments. The Secretariat was requested to incorporate the comments and to

send the revised proposed action plan to the TSCC focal points for further review by 15 April 2006. The CAREC countries will provide comments, through TSCC focal points to the Secretariat by 15 June 2006. The revised draft of the proposed action plan will be submitted to the Sixth TSCC Meeting for consideration and approval.

IV. DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF REGIONAL TRANSPORT

6. The TSCC made country presentations on liberalization of the civil aviation sub-sector. The TSCC made comments on the WB report on the potential for liberalization of the civil aviation sub-sector. The WB made a note of the comments, and requested the TSCC focal points to submit any further comments after the Meeting. These comments will be incorporated into the final report and a proposed action plan prepared by the WB for the Sixth TSCC Meeting.

7. ADB made a presentation on the proposed regional technical assistance for regional road funding and management in CAREC countries. The TSCC members made comments and endorsed the technical assistance proposal for further processing.

8. The Central Asia Congress of Business Associations representative briefed the TSCC meeting on the WB financed Central Asia pilot transport corridor performance measurement study. The TSCC stated the importance of the objective of this study and the practical link to the proposed action plan for harmonizing regional transport regulations and cross-border agreements. The TSCC stated the need to expand the study, improve the methodology taking into consideration their comments and the need to involve the participation of relevant government agencies.

V. OTHER INITIATIVES FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORT COOPERATION

9. ADB presented to the TSCC Meeting on the ADB supported Greater Mekong Subregion transport sector strategy up to 2015. The PRC delegation suggested that TSCC consider developing a similar transport sector strategy under CAREC. UNDP recommended that human development aspects such as prevention of HIV/ AIDS, drug and human trafficking be considered during the development of the transport sector strategy.

10. UN ESCAP presented to the TSCC Meeting on the status of the negotiations on the agreement between the governments of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization member states on facilitation of international road transport. The TSCC expressed appreciation to UN ESCAP and ADB for supporting the negotiation process, and requested both institutions to continue facilitating the negotiations in the future.

11. The Mongolian delegation presented to the TSCC Meeting on the course of the negotiations of the transit traffic agreement between the governments of the PRC, Mongolia, and the Russian Federation. Mongolian delegation requested WB and ADB to provide support for the future negotiations on this agreement among the three countries.

VI. TRANSPORT SECTOR REPORT AND NEXT STEPS

12. The TSCC reviewed the draft transport sector report update and made comments. The TSCC made decision to submit the revised transport report update to the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) on 10–11 April 2006, demonstrating the following results:

- Updated MI assistance program for regional transport infrastructure investments and technical assistance for 2006–2007.
- ADB's technical assistance proposal for regional road funding and management.
- The proposal to update the Central Asia Regional Transport Sector Road Map (2005–2010) by including the civil aviation sub-sector.

13. The TSCC will undertake the following activities for presentation at the Sixth TSCC Meeting:

- Update the Central Asia Regional Transport Sector Road Map (2005–2010) by including the civil aviation sub sector, and present the updated Road Map at the Sixth TSCC Meeting.
- Revise the action plan for harmonizing regional transport regulations and cross-border agreements (Phase 1), and finalize the action plan at the Sixth TSCC Meeting.
- ADB will prepare and present the findings of the pre-feasibility study of improving selected regional road corridors for presentation at the Sixth TSCC Meeting.
- Update the MI assistance program for regional transport infrastructure investments and technical assistance for 2006–2007, and extend the program to cover 2008–2009.
- Finalize the technical assistance proposal, and subject to ADB management approval start implementing ADB's TA for regional road funding and management.
- Initiate discussion on study on restructuring and modernizing the railway sub-sector in CAREC countries.

VII. CONCLUDING REMARKS

14. The TSCC noted significant progress achieved in coordinating regional transport cooperation activities among the CAREC countries.

15. The TSCC expressed their appreciation to the People's Republic of China for agreeing to host the 5th TSCC Meeting and for the good arrangements extended by the ADB, MOC and the Xinjiang Communications Department.

16. It was agreed that the 6th TSCC Meeting would be held in August 2006 in Urumqi, Xinjiang UAR, PRC.

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Agenda

14 March 2006 (Tuesday)

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| 1600–1700 | Preparatory Meeting of the International Financial Institutions (Tianchi Hall, 3 rd Floor) |
| 1800–1930 | Registration (Tianchi Hall, 3 rd Floor) |
| 2000–2200 | Welcome Cocktails (Hosted by ADB, Tianshan Hall, Grand Tower, 2 nd Floor) |

15 March 2006 (Wednesday, Western Food Dining Hall, Ground Floor)

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| 0800–0900 | International Financial Institutions’ meeting |
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15 March 2006 (Wednesday, Tarim Hall, Grand Tower, 3rd Floor)

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| 1030–1145 | Opening Session (Chaired by the PRC and Co-chaired by ADB) |
| 1030–1040 | Welcome remarks – Mr. Zhenglin Feng, Vice Minister, Ministry of Communications (MOC), PRC |
| 1040–1050 | Opening remarks – Mr. N. Rayner, Director, Transport and Communications Division, East and Central Asia Department, ADB |
| 1050–1100 | Introduction and endorsement of meeting agenda – Mr. Guangling Li, Deputy Director General, International Department, MOC, PRC |
| 1100–1140 | Country opening statements in alphabetical order (AFG, AZE, KAZ, KGZ, MON, PRC, TAJ, UZE – 5 minutes each) |
| 1140–1210 | Photo Session and Coffee/Tea Break |
| 1210–1310 | Session One: Harmonizing Regional Transport Regulations and Cross-Border Agreements (Chaired by Mr. G. Li, MOC and Co-chaired by Mr. N. Rayner, ADB) |
| 1210–1220 | Presentation on the Draft Action Plan (Phase 1) (by Ms. N. Davis, Transport Specialist, ADB) |

- 1220–1310 Open Discussion
- 1310–1545 Session Two: Development and Maintenance of Regional Transport Corridors** (Chaired by Mr. G. Li, MOC and Co-chaired by Mr. N. Rayner, ADB)
- 1310–1410 Country Reports on Liberalization of the Civil Aviation Sub-Sector (by Mr. Graham Smith, Lead Transport Specialist, World Bank. AFG, AZE, KAZ, KGZ, MON, PRC, TAJ, UZE – 5 minutes each)
- 1410–1545 Lunch (**Western Food Dining Hall, Ground Floor**)
- 1545–1900 Session Two: Development and Maintenance of Regional Transport Corridors (cont.)**
- 1545–1600 Presentation on ADB's Proposed Technical Assistance for Regional Road Funding and Management (by Ms. N. Davis, ADB)
- 1600–1645 Open Discussion
- 1645–1715 Coffee/Tea Break
- 1715–1725 Multilateral Institutions' Assistance Pipeline for Regional Transport Cooperation (by Ms. N. Davis, ADB)
- 1725–1800 Open Discussion
- 1800–1820 Presentation on the WB proposed Central Asia Pilot Transport Corridor Performance Measurement Study (by Mr. Temirbek Shabdanaliyev, Central Asia Congress of Business Associations)
- 1820–1900 Open Discussion
- 2000 Dinner (Hosted by the Ministry of Communications, PRC)**

16 March 2006 (Thursday Tarim Hall, Grand Tower, 3rd Floor)

- 1030–1145 Session Three: Transport Sector Report** (Chaired by Mr. G. Li, MOC and Co-chaired by Mr. N. Rayner, ADB)
- 1030–1045 Presentation on the Transport Sector Report (by Mr. Hong Wang, Principal Economist, ADB)
- 1045–1145 Open Discussion
- 1145–1400 Session Four: Other Initiatives for Regional Transport Cooperation** (Chaired by Mr. G. Li, MOC and Co-chaired by Mr. N. Rayner, ADB)
- 1145–1215 Presentation on the Greater Mekong Subregion Transport Sector Strategy (by Ms. N. Davis, ADB)

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| 1215–1230 | Open Discussion |
| 1230–1300 | Coffee/Tea Break |
| 1300–1315 | Briefing on the Agreement between the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Member States on Facilitation of International Road Transport (by Mr. Yuwei Li, Economics Affairs Officer, UNESCAP) |
| 1315–1330 | Briefing on the Transit Traffic Agreement between the Governments of the People’s Republic of China, Mongolia, and the Russian Federation (by Mr. Javchig Sereeter, Head, Road Transport Division, Ministry of Road Transport and Tourism, Mongolia) |
| 1330–1400 | Other Businesses |
| 1400–1600 | Lunch (Western Food Dining Hall, Ground Floor) |
| 1600–1700 | Session Five: Summary of Discussions (Chaired by Mr. G. Li, MOC and Co-chaired by Mr. N. Rayner, ADB) |
| 1600–1700 | Review of Draft Summary of Discussions |
| 1700–1730 | Coffee/Tea Break |
| 1730–1900 | Closing Session (Chaired by Mr. G. Li, MOC and Co-chaired by Mr. N. Rayner, ADB) |
| 1730–1745 | Confirmation of the Summary of Discussion of the Meeting |
| 1745–1830 | Country closing statements in alphabetical order (AFG, AZE, KAZ, KGZ, MON, PRC, TAJ, UZE – 5 minutes each) |
| 1830–1900 | Closing remarks by multilateral institutions (EBRD, UNDP, UNESCAP, World Bank, ADB – 5 minutes each) |
| 1900 | Closure of the Meeting |

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List of Participants

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| | 21. Mr. Abdurashid Tagirov Head, Transit and International Cooperation Department, Uzbek Association for Transport and Transport Communications |
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**Multilateral Institutions' Assistance for Regional Cooperation in the Transport Sector
For Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Countries¹ (Draft Version)**

Table 1: Approved and Planned Program for Infrastructure Investments, 2005–2007

| Project Title | Country Involved | Lending Agency | Amount (US\$ million) |
|---|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2005/2006 APPROVED | | | |
| 1. Qaisar-Bala Murghab Road (ADF Grant) | AFG | ADB | 55.0 |
| 2. North-South Corridor (Baku-Samur) Improvement (Samur-Russian border) | AZE | EBRD Czech EXIM | 100.0 180.0 |
| 3. Highway II Project (Alat-Masally; Baki-Shamakhi) | AZE | WB | 200.0 |
| 4. East-West Highway Improvement (Yevlah-Ganja and Qazah-Georgian border) | AZE | IsDB | 10.4 |
| | | SFD | 11.0 |
| | | ADB | 52.0 |
| 5. Reconstruction of the Taraz-Talas-Suusamyr Road (phase I) | KGZ | IsDB | 9.2 |
| 6. Dushanbe-Kyrgyz Border Road Rehabilitation (phase II) | TAJ | ADB | 29.5 |
| 7. Shagon-Zigar Road Reconstruction (phase II) | TAJ | IsDB | 9.5 |
| 8. TSA Air Fleet Upgrade | TAJ | EBRD | 4.9 |
| Subtotal Approved for 2005/2006 | | | 661.5 |
| 2006 PLANNED | | | |
| 1. North-South Corridor | AFG | ADB | 140.0 |
| 2. Southern Road Corridor Improvement (Masally-Astara) | AZE | ADB | 100.0 |
| 3. Locomotive and Track Renewal | AZE | EBRD | 50.0 |
| 4. Baku-Astara Road Reconstruction | AZE | IsDB | 10.0 |
| 5. Osh-Irkeshtam Road Rehabilitation (phase I) | KGZ | IsDB | 10.5 |
| 6. Osh-Batken-Isfana | KGZ | WB | 20.0 |
| 7. Shagon-Zigar Road (phase III) | TAJ | IsDB | 10.0 |
| 8. Rehabilitation of Railway Network (Termez-Galaba Bridge) | UZB | IsDB | 9.0 |
| Subtotal Planned for 2006 | | | 349.5 |
| 2007 PLANNED | | | |
| 1. Rehabilitation of Regional Airports II | AFG | ADB | 40.0 |
| 2. Highway III | AZE | WB | 150.0 |
| 3. Rail Trade and Transport Facilitation | AZE | WB | 100.0 |
| 4. Secondary Roads Improvement | AZE | ADB | 50.0 |
| 5. Reconstruction of the Taraz-Talas-Suusamyr Road (phase II) | KGZ | IsDB | 10.0 |
| 6. Regional Transport Corridors Road Maintenance and Safety | KGZ | ADB | 20.0 |
| 7. Western Regional Road Development | MON | ADB | 32.0 |
| 8. Urban Infrastructure in Ulaanbaatar (with Transport element) | MON | WB | 20.0 |
| 9. Xinjiang Regional Road Development | PRC | ADB | 150.0 |
| 10. Dushanbe-Kyrgyz Border Road Rehabilitation (phase III) | TAJ | ADB | 20.0 |
| 11. Regional Infrastructure (Roads) | UZB | ADB | 25.0 |
| 12. Regional Traffic Enhancement | Regional | ADB | 50.0 |
| Subtotal Planned for 2007 | | | 667.0 |
| TOTAL (2005-2007) | | | 1678.0 |

¹ Criteria for classification attached.

Table 2: Approved and Planned Program for Technical Assistance, 2005–2007

| Project Title | | Country Involved | Donor Agency | Amount (US\$'000) |
|--|--|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 2005/2006 APPROVED | | | | |
| 1. | Preparing the Southern Road Corridor Improvement Project | AZE | ADB | 700.0 |
| 2. | Transport Sector Development Strategy | AZE | ADB | 350.0 |
| 3. | Transport Sector Strategy | KAZ | WB | 450.0 |
| 4. | Pre-Feasibility Study of Western Regional Road Corridor Development | MON | ADB | 150.0 |
| 5. | Infrastructure Strategy (with Transport element) | MON | WB | 195.0 |
| 6. | Tajikistan Air Transport Study | TAJ | WB | 125.0 |
| 7. | Transport Sector Strategy Study | UZB | ADB | 400.0 |
| 8. | Facilitation of Transport Cooperation Among Member Countries of CAREC (phase I) | Regional | ADB | 650.0 |
| 9. | Transport and Trade Facilitation Workshop | Regional | WB | 110.0 |
| 10. | Central Asia Air Transport Liberalization Study | Regional | WB | 50.0 |
| Subtotal Approved for 2005/2006 | | | | 3180.0 |
| 2006 PLANNED | | | | |
| 1. | Preparing the Road Network II Project | AFG | ADB | 2000.0 |
| 2. | Preparing the Secondary Roads Improvement Project | AZE | ADB | 500.0 |
| 3. | Preparing the Regional Transport Corridors Road Maintenance and Safety Project | KGZ | ADB | 500.0 |
| 4. | Feasibility Study on Issyk-Kul Ring Road Reconstruction | KGZ | IsDB | 350.0 |
| 5. | Preparing the Western Regional Road Development Project | MON | ADB | 650.0 |
| 6. | Preparing the Xinjiang Regional Road Development Project | PRC | ADB | 600.0 |
| 7. | Preparing the Dushanbe-Kyrgyz Border Road Rehabilitation Project (phase III) | TAJ | ADB | 500.0 |
| 8. | Feasibility Study on Kafanigan-Yavan Railway Line | TAJ | IsDB | 250.0 |
| 9. | Preparing the Regional Infrastructure (Roads) Project | UZB | ADB | 300.0 |
| 10. | Regional Road Funding and Management in Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Countries | Regional | ADB | 600.0 |
| 11. | Preparing the Regional Traffic Enhancement Project | Regional | ADB | 600.0 |
| 12. | Harmonization of Cross-Border Initiatives for Transport in Central Asia | Regional | ADB | 850.0 |
| 13. | Transit Performance Measurement | Regional | WB | 106.0 |
| Subtotal Planned for 2006 | | | | 7806.0 |
| 2007 PLANNED | | | | |
| 1. | Preparing the Road Network III Project | AFG | ADB | 1000.0 |
| 2. | Preparing the Yevlax-Balaken-Georgia Border Road | AZE | ADB | 500.0 |
| 3. | Preparing the Bishkek-Torughart Road Rehabilitation Project | KGZ | ADB | 600.0 |
| 4. | Regional Road Development Study (for 2006-2010 in the Northwestern Regions, including Xinjiang, PRC) | PRC | ADB | 400.0 |
| Subtotal Planned for 2007 | | | | 2500.0 |
| TOTAL (2005-2007) | | | | 13486.0 |

ADB=Asian Development Bank; ADF=Asian Development Fund; AFG=Islamic Republic of Afghanistan; AZE=Azerbaijan; CZECH EXIM=Czech Export-Import Bank; EBRD=European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; IsDB=Islamic Development Bank; KAZ=Kazakhstan; KGZ=Kyrgyz Republic; MON=Mongolia; PRC=People's Republic of China; SFD=Saudi Fund for Development; TAJ=Tajikistan; UZB=Uzbekistan; WB=World Bank

**CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CAREC) PROGRAM
CRITERIA FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS AND STUDIES AS
REGIONAL COOPERATION**

(Endorsed Version)

4th TSCC Meeting, 12-13 October 2005, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

I. The transport sector comprises the following sub-sectors: roads, rail, civil aviation, water, pipelines, and urban transport. The investment projects and studies classified as regional cooperation involve at least one of the following:

- (i) The development or enhancement of policies, regulations, and agreements related to facilitating efficient movement of freight and passengers between more than one CAREC member countries.
- (ii) The preparation of feasibility studies or designs of transport corridors linking more than one CAREC member countries.
- (iii) The construction or improvement of transport infrastructure on the transport corridors linking more than one CAREC member countries.
- (iv) Projects aimed at facilitation of transport logistics centers and information systems for monitoring transit freights with regional implications.
- (v) National interventions in CAREC member countries (e.g. feeder roads to primary delineated transport corridors, sustainable road maintenance, human resources development) with regional implications.
- (vi) Projects aimed at construction or rehabilitation (upgrade of technical capacities) of mechanical engineering facilities (enterprises for manufacturing and repair of rolling stocks) with regional implications.

II. The investment projects and studies are classified as regional cooperation, if at least 30% of the following components are addressing regional issues:

- (i) the total cost of investment projects; or
- (ii) the total consulting inputs for studies.

III. The investment projects and studies under the CAREC program cover the following countries: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, People's Republic of China (Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region), Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.