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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the second session of the Committee on Transport (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The tentative programme for the opening of the session will be announced in due course.

2. Election of officers

The Committee will elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson(s) and a rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/CTR(2)/L.1)

The Committee will adopt its provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

4. Review of the implementation of the Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2007-2011)

Documentation

Review of the implementation of the Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2007-2011) (E/ESCAP/CTR(2)/1)

The review of the implementation of the Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific within the framework of the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2007-2011), focuses on progress since the first session of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport, which was held in Bangkok from 14 to 18 December 2009, particularly in priority areas recommended in the Bangkok Declaration on Transport Development in Asia.

Delegations will be invited to report progress with respect to the implementation of the Regional Action Programme.

5. Issues and challenges in transport related to promoting regional connectivity: transport policy, infrastructure, facilitation and logistics

Documentation

Issues and challenges in transport related to promoting regional connectivity: transport policy, infrastructure, facilitation and logistics (E/ESCAP/CTR(2)/2)

Connectivity across borders is a pivotal element of regional cooperation and integration. While significant progress has been achieved in physical

connectivity in the region, many issues and challenges still need to be addressed in order to enhance capacity and improve efficiency. The secretariat identifies major issues and challenges in transport for promoting regional connectivity and examines various existing and ongoing initiatives at the national, subregional and regional levels to address challenges.

The Committee may wish to provide the secretariat with guidance on activities to address the issues and challenges for promoting regional connectivity.

6. Proposed structure of an intergovernmental agreement on dry ports

Documentation

Proposed structure of an intergovernmental agreement on dry ports (E/ESCAP/CTR(2)/3)

In the Bangkok Declaration on Transport Development in Asia, which was adopted by the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport at its first session and subsequently endorsed by the Commission in its resolution 66/4 of 19 May 2010, the secretariat was requested to bring about connectivity and the integration of the Asian Highway network, the Trans-Asian Railway network and other transport modes by working towards the development of an intergovernmental agreement on dry ports. The secretariat provides a background for the formulation of such an agreement and an outline of the proposed structure and headings for consideration.

The Committee may wish to comment on the structure and headings and provide guidance on the drafting of the agreement with a view to facilitating future negotiations among member countries.

7. Preparations for the Ministerial Conference on Transport, November 2011

Documentation

Preparations for the Ministerial Conference on Transport, November 2011 (E/ESCAP/CTR(2)/4)

In its resolution 66/4 of 19 May 2010 on the implementation of the Bangkok Declaration on Transport Development in Asia, the Commission endorsed the convening of a ministerial conference on transport in 2011 to assess and evaluate the implementation of the Bangkok Declaration and the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2007-2011), and to consider a regional action programme for phase II (2012-2016).

The secretariat now describes the preparatory activities for the ministerial conference and includes a draft provisional agenda for the consideration of the Committee. The secretariat would welcome the guidance of the Committee on the organization of the conference and its draft provisional agenda to ensure the success of the conference.

8. Consideration of future programme focus

Under this agenda item, the Committee is invited to provide guidance on the focus of the short- and longer-term work of the secretariat in the area of transport, taking into account the programme direction and priorities outlined in

the strategic framework for 2010-2011 and the draft strategic framework for 2012-2013, as endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-sixth session, held in May 2010.

The Committee may wish to provide the secretariat with guidance in order to enable the outcome of the Committee's deliberations to be fully integrated in the planning and implementation of the work programme of the secretariat.

9. Consideration of draft resolutions for submission to the Commission at its sixty-seventh session

Under this agenda item, member States will be invited to circulate, in advance, proposals and/or texts of draft resolutions, on priority issues relating to transport development for the consideration of the Commission at its sixty-seventh session.

10. Other matters

The Committee may raise any other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

11. Adoption of the report

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its second session for submission to the Commission at its sixty-seventh session, in 2011.
