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Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Working Group on Dry Ports

3rd meeting Bangkok, 13 and 14 November 2019 Item 6 of the provisional agenda^{*} **Consideration of proposals for amending the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports**

Proposals for amending the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports

Note by the secretariat

Summary

The present document contains proposals by the parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports to amend the Agreement. The Governments of Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation have proposed amendments to annex I to the Agreement. The Working Group on Dry Ports may wish to consider adopting the proposals.

I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to article 7, paragraph 2 and article 9, paragraph 2 of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports, amendments may be proposed by any party. In accordance with article 8, paragraph 2, amendments to annex I can be proposed by any party in whose territory the subject of the proposed amendment is located. As stipulated in article 6, paragraph 1, the Working Group on Dry Ports is the competent body to consider any amendments proposed. In this connection, and in line with standing practice, the secretariat informed member States of the proposed date of the Working Group meeting and invited all parties to submit to the secretariat proposals for amending the Agreement, by means of a note verbale dated 10 June 2019.

2. The secretariat received proposals for amending annex I to the Agreement, which are subject to the procedure stipulated in article 8 of the Agreement. In keeping with its obligations under article 8, paragraph 3 of the Agreement, the secretariat circulated the proposals to be considered at the 3rd meeting of the Working Group 45 days before the opening of the meeting. The Working Group will be invited to consider the proposals as contained in the annex to the present document.



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3. During the deliberations of the Working Group, the secretariat may provide clarifications on technical matters and on points of procedure related to the Agreement as and when requested by members of the Working Group. In line with the relevant article of the Agreement, after the meeting of the Working Group, the secretariat will communicate all adopted amendments to the Secretary-General in his capacity as depositary, for circulation to all parties and subsequent entry into force.

II. Proposed amendments to annex I to the Agreement

Proposals by Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation

4. In conformity with article 8, paragraph 2 of the Agreement, the Governments of Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation proposed amendments to annex I to the Agreement.

5. According to article 8, paragraph 4 of the Agreement, a proposed amendment to annex I shall be deemed adopted if the party in whose territory the subject of the proposed amendment is located reconfirms the proposal after consideration of the proposal at the Working Group meeting.

6. Therefore, the delegations of Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation will be invited to reconfirm their proposals. In line with standing practice, the reconfirmation shall be reflected in the report of the Working Group on its 3rd meeting.

7. The texts of the amendments as proposed are contained in the annex to the present document. The Working Group may wish to consider the amendments to annex I as proposed and decide on their adoption, in line with the procedure stipulated in article 8, paragraph 4 of the Agreement.

III. Issues for consideration by the Working Group

8. The Working Group may wish to consider the texts of the proposed amendments as contained in the annex to the present document, in accordance with the procedures stipulated in article 8 of the Agreement. The Working Group may wish to note that, in accordance with article 8, paragraph 4, the amendment as adopted shall be communicated by the secretariat to the Secretary-General, who shall circulate it to all parties.

9. The Working Group may further wish to recall that, in accordance with article 8, paragraph 5, amendments to annex I to the Agreement, as adopted by the Working Group, shall be deemed accepted and shall enter into force for all parties after a period of 45 days following the date of the circular notification of the Secretary-General.

Annex

Proposals to amend annex I to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports

1. Amendment proposal from the Government of Kazakhstan

In annex I to the Agreement, under the entry for Kazakhstan, replace the list of dry ports with the following:

Continental Logistics Transport and Logistics Centre, Nur-Sultan

Astyk Logistics, Nur-Sultan

KTZE-Khorgos Gateway Dry Port, Almaty Region

Continental Logistics Shymkent Transport and Logistics Centre, Shymkent

2. Amendment proposal from the Government of the Russian Federation

In annex I to the Agreement, under the entry for the Russian Federation, add the following:

Vorsino Transport and Logistics Centre, Moscow Region