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Consideration of proposals for amending the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports

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Note by the secretariat

Summary

In the present document, the procedures are recalled for amending the main text of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports as well as annexes I and II to the Agreement. The document also contains proposals made by Thailand and Turkmenistan, which are parties to the Agreement, to amend annex I thereto.

The Working Group may wish to consider adopting the proposals.

I. Introduction

1. The Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports¹ entered into force on 23 April 2016, which was 30 days after the requisite number of States had ratified, accepted or approved it. Currently, 13 member States are parties to the Agreement, namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Viet Nam.

2. In accordance with article 6 (1) of the Agreement, the Working Group on Dry Ports was established to consider the implementation of the Agreement and any amendments proposed. Accordingly, the secretariat has informed member States of the scheduled date of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group and requested the parties to the Agreement to submit amendment proposals for consideration by the Working Group.

3. Thailand and Turkmenistan have proposed amendments to annex I to the Agreement. The proposed amendments are outlined below. In accordance with article 8 (3) of the Agreement, the secretariat circulated the text of the proposed amendments to all members of the Working Group at least 45 days before the Working Group meeting.

* E/ESCAP/DP/WG(2)/L.1.

¹ Commission resolution 69/7, annex.

II. Proposals to amend annex I to the Agreement

4. In conformity with article 8 (2) of the Agreement, Thailand has proposed an amendment as follows:

In annex I to the Agreement, under the entry for Thailand, *delete* the following from the list:

[Natha, Nong Khai]

5. In conformity with article 8 (2) of the Agreement, Turkmenistan has proposed an amendment as follows:

In annex I to the Agreement, between the entries for Turkey and Viet Nam, *add* the following entry:

Turkmenistan

Akbugday Etrap
Sarakhs Autoyellari
[Ymamnazar Autoyellari]
Gypjak
Turkemenbashi
Mary
Turkmenabat
Dashoguz
Razyezd N 161
Talimarjan
Farap
Tahiatash
Serhetabat
Ymamnazar
Sarakhs
Ak-Yayla
Artyk
Serhetyaka

III. Issues for consideration by the Working Group

6. The Working Group may wish to consider the above-mentioned proposals in accordance with article 8 of the Agreement. Member States are reminded that proposals for amending the Agreement may be submitted to the secretariat at any time between meetings of the Working Group. Member States are encouraged to use future meetings of the Working Group to propose amendments to the Agreement that reflect ongoing developments related to the establishment of dry ports in their respective territories. In particular, given the importance of integrating dry ports into land transport infrastructure networks with a view to promoting the emergence of international intermodal transport corridors, member States are encouraged to update the list of dry ports contained in annex I to the Agreement, with a focus on dry ports located along the routes of the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks.