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**FUTURE PRIORITIES WITHIN 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), AND THE DRAFT
BANGKOK DECLARATION ON TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA**

(Item 6 of the provisional agenda)

1. In adopting resolution 64/5 of 30 April 2008 on the establishment of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport, the Commission was convinced that the Forum would play a significant role in providing strategic guidance for the development of transport and transit and the improvement of transport capacity, including promoting cooperation, contributing to regional integration and enabling countries to benefit from globalization, thereby further supporting the growth of output, trade and investment in the region.
2. It has been proposed that a declaration on transport development in Asia be adopted. Such a declaration would identify and elaborate on a number of priority areas within the Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific¹ and the Regional Action Programme, phase I (2007-2011).²
3. The main text of the draft declaration (E/ESCAP/FAMT/SGO/L.4) was developed in cooperation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission (ACPR) and was further refined during an informal session of ACPR held on 9 November 2009.

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* The late submission of this document is due to the time required for further consideration of the draft declaration by the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission.

¹ E/ESCAP/63/13, chap V.

² Commission resolution 63/9, annex.