

Statement of  
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## **4- Activities of other organizations (ECO Activities)**

### **ECO Transport Ministerial Meeting**

#### **Follow up actions**

- **ECORMT Project**
- **Implementation of TIR in Afghanistan**
- **Iran and Turkey Training workshop on TIR for Afghanistan**
- **ITI Corridor**
- **Uzun – Barkat – Einche Bron –Gurgan Corridor**
- **Gazvin – Astara- Baku Corridor**
- **ECOLPAF**
- **Initiating ECO –UNECE Workshop on harmonization Convention**

# ECO RMT Project

- the mid-term results of the joint [IRU-ECO Regular Monitoring of Trucks / NELTI 3](#) were presented, revealing that on average, 29.9% of transport time is lost at borders, while 28.3% of transport costs, excluding fuel, are due to ‘unofficial payments’.
- Such compelling findings clearly confirm the need to urgently implement the key UN trade and road transport facilitation instruments such as the Harmonization and TIR Conventions

# Implementation of TIR in Afghanistan

- 23-24 Feb 2012 workshop and demonstration of Trucks

# Iran and Turkey Training workshop on TIR for Afghanistan

- Turkey will organize a workshop beginning of March 2012
- Iran will organize a workshop beginning of April 2012

# ITI Corridor

- Islamabad – Tehran – Istanbul transport corridor proposed to be held on 16 April 2012 in Islamabad

# Uzun – Barkat – Einche Bron – Gurgan Corridor

- Field visit propose to be held at the end of Feb 2012

# Gazvin – Astar- Baku Corridor

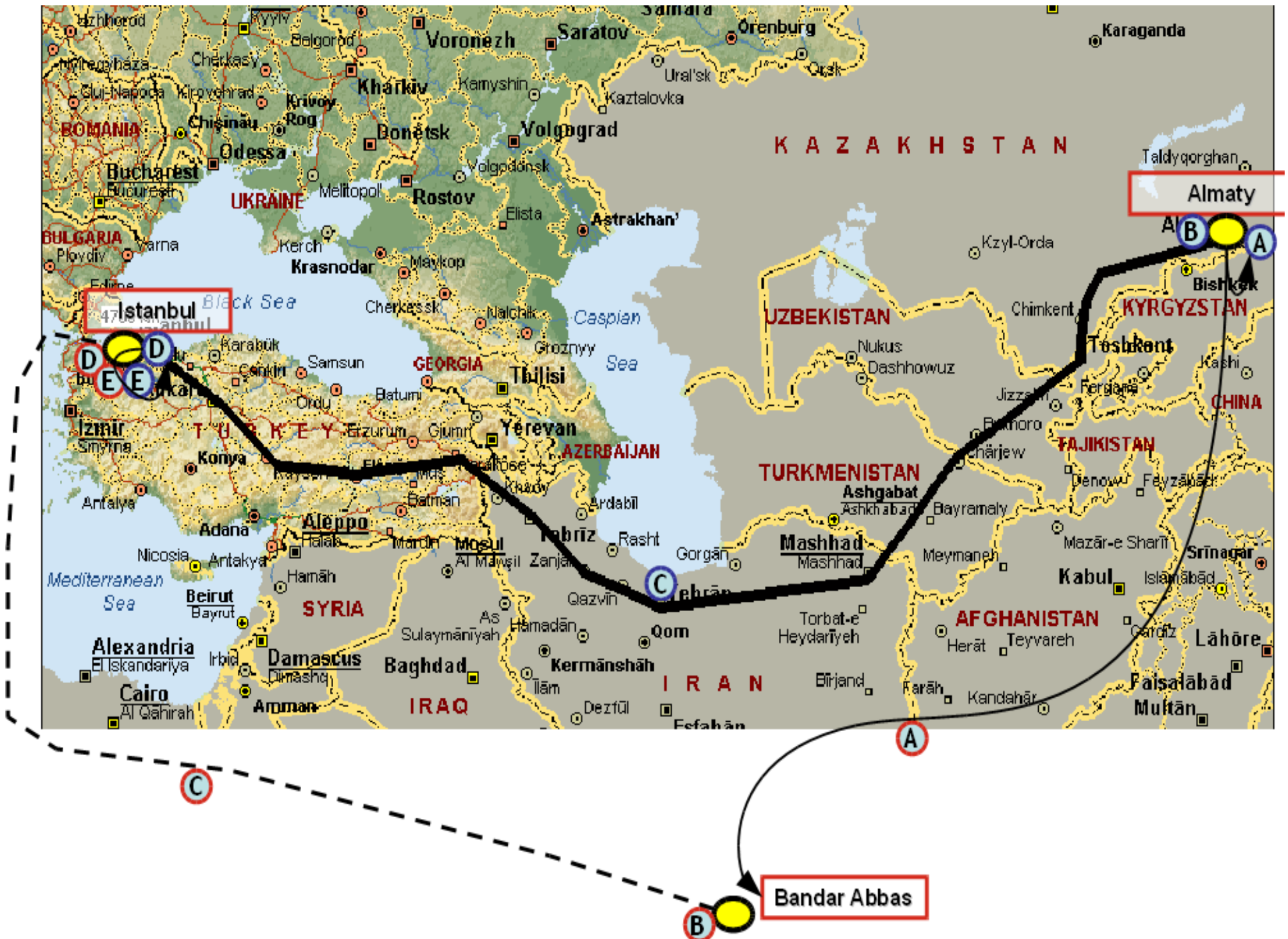
- The technical meeting suppose to be held next week in ECO Secretariat



# ECOLPAF

- The Status of ECO transport associations signed and the first General assembly suppose to be held on September in Islamabad





# Bandar Abbas Recommendations follow up actions

## Railway Networking

- ECO demonstration train along Bandar Abbas-Almaty route needs to be converted into regular commercial train
- all available options for attraction of investment, including Public Private Partnership (PPP) may be considered by the enroute Member States on constructionKyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan-Afghanistan corridor
- Further steps for international Rail Convention that would further facilitate rail operations

# Bandar Abbas Recommendations follow up actions(Cont,d)

- Take necessary action on time construction of the railway line between Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran
- Connection between Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul (ITI) Container train and Bandar Abbas-Almaty Container train
- Reducing running time of Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul ECO Container train
- Establishment of corridor management mechanism

# Bandar Abas Recommendations follow up actions(Cont,d) Road Networking

- Remove bottlenecks were found by the ECO\IRU Demonstration Truck Caravan 2010, and the ongoing project for Regular Monitoring of Trucks, launched in 2011
- to consider the application of IRU risk management tools RTS and TIR EPD to assure the fast and secure exchange of data between customs authorities

# Bandar Abas Recommendations follow up actions(Cont,d)

- Organizing Conference on ECO Silk Road Transit Corridor Plus China in 2012 with active participation of the Member States, and in partnership with China, IRU and other relevant institutions.
- Final steps on drafting ECO Common Visa Sticker for Drivers and Other Persons Involved in Transit Operations

# Bandar Abbas Recommendations follow up actions(Cont,d)

- Using UNCTAD on Capacity Building Project for Control Authorities and Transport Operators to Improve Efficiency of Cross-border
- UNCTAD conducts functional and technical analysis for advantages and disadvantages of integration of ASYCUDAWorld/TIR
- UNECE- ECO joint works to assist Afghanistan, Pakistan and Turkmenistan, who are not yet a party to Custom Harmonization Convention to join it



Thanks