Mid-term Review of the Almaty Programme of Action: Status and problems of implementation with particular reference to activities relating to PWG-TBC

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The context

- secure **access to and from the sea**
- increase **LLDC's exports competitiveness**;
- reduce the delivered **costs of imports**;
- address problems of **delays;**
- **develop adequate national networks;**
- reduce loss, damage and deterioration;
- open the way for **export expansion**; and
- improve road transport **safety and security.**

UNECE and Almaty Programme of Action

- facilitate international transport while improving its safety, security and environmental performance

- active in the area of trade and trade facilitation

- 57 international agreements and conventions which, if promoted, used and properly implemented, can assist landlocked and transit countries in overcoming their special disadvantages.

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- Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) projects.

- harmonization of transport investments in the context of Euro-Asian Transport Linkages (EATL) project.

Inter-agency consultative meeting in Geneva on 2 March 2009

- Objectives of two folds:

    – assessing the outcome of the midterm review and

    – mapping the contributions by the United Nations system and other relevant organizations towards the accelerated implementation of the goals of APA.

Outlook for 2009

- Promote the use of transport agreements outside of the UNECE region by cooperating with other Regional Commissions

- Promote transit facilitation in support of landlocked countries both through the TIR system and multimodal facilitation approaches.

Outlook for 2009 (ctd)

- Conduct a regional TIR seminar for ECO countries, including Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC) of Central Asia. Result: more effective implementation of the TIR Convention to the benefit of LLDC

- Disseminate in the LLDCs the UNECE report about the methodological basis for the definition of bottlenecks, missing links and quality of service in transport infrastructure networks

- Develop and publish a joint UNECE-OSCE Handbook of Best Practices at Borders.