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Extrabudgetary project

**Capacity Building to Promote Accession
to the Additional Protocol to the Convention
on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods
by Road concerning the Electronic Consignment Note (e-CMR)**

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Capacity Building to Promote Accession to the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road concerning the Electronic Consignment Note (e-CMR)		
Expected timing/ duration: September – November 2020		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of project is to improve the knowledge of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan on the use of electronic communications in international transport and trade and application of e-CMR. Electronic communications have the scope to provide significant benefits in terms of speed of exchange of information, global access, and reusability of data. In order to legally facilitate the use of electronic consignment notes, the Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note (e-CMR) was introduced in 2008. Presently, there are 25 contracting parties to e-CMR. With the exception of Iran (Islamic Republic of), the Contracting Party countries are UNECE member States. Accordingly, the objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Organization of two capacity building workshops for Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Tajikistan and Turkey; A2.1. Development of technical specifications for the implementation of e-CMR.		
Expected results of the project: EA1. To raise awareness of beneficiary countries on e-CMR, and the benefits and obligations of accession for contracting parties; EA2. To provide the beneficiary countries with recommended technical specifications for the implementation of e-CMR.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The target group of the project is comprised of senior government officials from the relevant ministries of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project is directly linked to the objective of the Subprogramme 2 “Transport” “to improve sustainable inland transport by making it safer, cleaner, more efficient and more affordable, for both freight transport and personal mobility” of the UNECE Programme budget for 2020.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 5 days of P4/RB; 5 days of P3/RB; 5 days of G4/ RB		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donor	Amount (US\$)	
Islamic Development Bank	48,930	
Project Manager: Kostantinos Alexopoulos 04.05.2020	Section/Division: Sustainable Transport	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron Officer-in-charge 04.05.2020	Approved by EXCOM¹	21.05.2020

¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. To raise awareness of e-CMR, and the benefits and obligations of accession for contracting parties, among Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Tajikistan and Turkey	<p>A1.1. Organization of two capacity building workshops for Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Tajikistan and Turkey</p> <p>Travel of 8 meeting participants x 2 missions x \$1,875/mission 2 missions of 2 staff members x \$1,284.50/mission</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">32,569</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30,000 2,569</p>
EA2. To provide the beneficiary countries with recommended technical specifications for the implementation of e-CMR	<p>A2.1. Development of technical specifications for the implementation of e-CMR (delivered by the international consultant)</p> <p>1 international consultant x \$10,000 (lump sum for three months)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10,000</p>
Budget summary		<p style="text-align: right;">42,569</p>
13% of Programme Support Costs		<p style="text-align: right;">6,361</p>
Total		<p style="text-align: right;">48,930</p>