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Fifty-seventh Session

16 – 17 April 2012, Warsaw, Poland

R E P O R T

PARTICIPATION

1. The 57th session of the TEM Steering Committee took place in Warsaw, Poland on 16 and 17 April 2012. The representatives of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine as well as the representative of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the TEM and TER Project Manager and the UNECE Consultant took part in the session. The list of participants is attached to this report as its Annex 1.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. The outgoing Chairman of the Steering Committee, Mr. K. Nemec, welcomed the participants and expressed his conviction that the session would meet full success.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The agenda of the session, as adopted, is attached as Annex 2 to this report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4. Mr. Z. Cyndrowski (Poland) and Mr. K. Nemec (Austria) were elected as Chairman and Rapporteur of the session, respectively.

REPORT OF THE PROJECT MANAGER

5. Mr. H. Meelich, the TEM and TER Project Manager, presented his report on the development and achievements of the Project as well as about his own activities in the reporting period from October 2011. He reported on the Workshop on Research and Development, Intelligent Transport Systems,

Road/Rail Intermodal Innovations and Road Safety, organized by the TEM and TER Projects in close co-operation with the UNECE and the Turkish Government in Ankara (Turkey) on 26 – 31 March 2012, the results of which were greatly appreciated by all its participants, followed by the 2nd Meeting of the Joint Rail and Road/Motorway Follow-up Expert Group.

6. He briefly summarized the importance of the TEMSTAT data collection, processing and mapping activity, expressing his hope that the results of the 2012 TEMSTAT meeting to be held also in Warsaw in the days to follow, would contribute further to the development of the TEM Project and to its important position within the UNECE transport activities.
7. He went on describing the fruitful collaboration with the Ukrainian representatives, namely with Mr. Z. Broyde, regarding the Baltic – Black Sea road and rail connections between Poland and Romania through the territory of Ukraine. His next mission to this region was planned to take place on 19 April just after the 57th session of the Committee.
8. Concluding his report, he informed the session that the next Steering Committee session as well as the 3rd Meeting of the Joint Rail and Road/Motorway Follow-up Expert Group would be held in conjunction with the 19th World ITS Congress to be organized in Vienna, Austria on 22 – 26 October this year.

TEM FINANCIAL REPORT / STATUS OF TEM TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

9. Under the next item of the agenda, Mrs. M.-S. Fouvez, the UNECE representative, reported on the TEM financial status as of 1 January 2012 and on the 2012 TEM Trust Fund contributions. The total unencumbered fund balance and reserve as at the above date amounted to USD 286,578. As in the meantime 5 member countries (Croatia, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Poland and Romania) transferred their 2012 contributions to the Fund, the total funds available at the time of the session (including the programme support costs and operating reserve) represented USD 334,038. The Steering Committee approved the financial report and extended its thanks to the Project Manager for his able management of the project budget.
10. Mrs. M.-S. Fouvez expressed her thanks to the countries which had already fulfilled their 2012 obligations towards the Fund and requested the remaining member countries to follow suit at their earliest convenience. She also stressed the need for the TEM to formulate its mid- and long term goals, objectives and strategy as soon as possible, since the present term of the Project Manager would terminate at the end of 2013.
11. On the basis of her comments, the Steering Committee requested the member countries to communicate to the TEM PCO their ideas, visions and proposals regarding the development of the Project in the future by the end of September 2012 at the latest and set also the intermediate deadline for PCO at the end of June 2012 for conveying a respective special reminder to the countries on this topic.

TEM MASTER PLAN REVISION FOLLOW-UP EXPERT GROUP (REPORT)

12. Mr. P. Pospisil, the UNECE consultant, informed the Committee of the results of the 2nd Meeting of the Joint Rail and Road/Motorway Follow-up Expert Group, held on 29 March 2012 in Ankara, Turkey.
13. He recalled the decision of the last meeting of the Group which took place in Salzburg, Austria in October 2011 to distribute the monitoring templates, developed and endorsed at that meeting, to all participating countries and the deadline of 31 May 2012 established there for returning them filled in to the TEM Project Central Office. In the meantime, the TEM and TER PCOs received communication from some participating countries regarding changes that occurred in that period and also some new information related to the Master Plan Revision. The data and information thus obtained had been summarized in the document „New data and requirements related to the TEM and TER Revised Master Plan Final Report“, examined by the Group.
14. The 2nd meeting of the Group also recommended to elaborate every year the annual Attachment to the Master Plan Final Report, reflecting the progress reached in implementation of the TEM and TER Master Plan Revision in the year in question, to be submitted to the sessions of the TEM and TER Steering Committees for examination.

OTHER BUSINESS

15. Under the other business item of the agenda, the representative of Austria presented the official proposal of his Government to reintroduce the annual Project Manager's fee amounting to USD 3,600, which had been paid to all previous TEM Project Managers, accompanying it with the convincing justification. The Steering Committee accepted this proposal and approved the respective fee for Mr. H. Meelich for the year 2012.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

16. The report of the session was adopted.
17. The Steering Committee extended its thanks to the Polish Government and to the General Directorate of National Roads and Motorways in Warsaw for their kind hosting of the session and at the same time expressed its gratitude to the Chairman and Rapporteur for their able performances, which greatly contributed to the success of the session.