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REPORT

PARTICIPATION

1. The 58th session of the TEM Steering Committee took place in Geneva, Switzerland on 5 to 7 November 2012. The representatives of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Turkey 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. Mr. H. Meelich, the TEM Project Manager, opened the session. Mrs. M.-S. Fouvez, the UNECE Regional Advisor, welcomed its 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. V. Lipkevicius (Lithuania) and Mr. M. Arman (Turkey) 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 the last meeting of the Committee. 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) in March 2012, the

results of which were greatly appreciated by all its participants, the TEMSTAT meeting held in Warsaw, Poland in April 2012, his mission to Ukraine, Romania and Turkey which followed immediately afterwards, the TEM/HEEP Area V annual meeting, which took place in Opatija, Croatia in June this year. The delegates of Lithuania and Romania informed the Steering Committee on the HEEP International Conference held in Montgomery, Alabama, USA in September 2012. The Project Manager's report was endorsed by the session.

2012 PROGRESS REPORT ON RESULTS OF MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEM MASTER PLAN REVISION

6. The progress report, summarizing the results of monitoring the implementation of the TEM Master Plan Revision in 2011 in the fields of backbone network status, Master Plan Revision projects and backbone network traffic development, was introduced by Mr. P. Pospisil, the UNECE Consultant. The Steering Committee took note of the results of the report, established the deadline for sending the contingent comments to it to the TEM PCO and to the of Project Manager of 30 November 2012 and requested all the member countries to submit the 4 filled in monitoring templates reflecting the progress reached in 2012 to the TEM PCO and to the Project Manager by 31 May 2013 at the latest.

STATUS OF TEM TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2012

7. Under the next item of the agenda, Mrs. M.-S. Fouvez reported on the status of the 2012 TEM Trust Fund contributions. She expressed her thanks to the 10 member countries which had already fulfilled their 2012 obligations towards the Fund and requested the remaining 5 member countries to follow suit at their earliest convenience, but not later than by the end of 2012, including the outstanding contributions of Georgia and Slovakia from the past.

TEM STATUS 2012

8. Mr. P. Pospisil reported on the actual TEM network status, covering all the TEM member countries except Armenia, since the TEM network in that country has not been approved by the Steering Committee yet. According to the communication received from the member countries at the 2012 TEMSTAT Data Collection and Mapping Meeting held on 17 – 18 April in Warsaw, Poland and also after that meeting, the total length of the TEM network amounted to 25 003 km (Annex 3).
9. The TEMSTAT 2012 maps of all participating countries and of the whole TEM region, elaborated in accordance with the conclusions of the TEMSTAT meeting in Warsaw in April 2012, were distributed to the representatives of member countries and would be also uploaded to the UNECE TEM website and sent to the National Coordinators by e-mail.
10. The participating countries were requested to communicate their comments to the status table as well as to the TEMSTAT maps to the TEM PCO and to the Project Manager by 30 November 2012 at the latest.

TEM PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2013

11. The TEM Project Manager presented and explained the draft TEM Programme of Work for 2013, which was made available to the participants in both electronic and paper formats.
He also answered the questions and comments of the Croatian and Romanian

delegations regarding the connections of the TEM Master Plan revised backbone network to the major maritime and river ports and compatibility of this network with the EU core network. In this context, he expressed the willingness to organize a special meeting on these topics in Austria in 2013, if requested.

12. Following the discussion, the Committee approved the draft Programme proposed by the PCO as submitted and asked the Project Manager to include in it also the new and prospective topic of elaboration of the Intelligent TEM Network, based on the electronic information, communication and toll collection systems.
13. The Steering Committee requested that, in future, since the TEM Project Manager is considered in his position as the Director of HEEP Area V constituency, he takes an active part in the annual HEEP International Conference.

TEM COST PLAN FOR 2013

14. The UNECE representative and the TEM Project Manager introduced the proposed TEM Cost Plan for 2013, amounting to Grand Total of USD 213.760, out of which the Programme Support together with the Operating Reserve represented altogether USD 46.760 and Group Training USD 62.000. The cost plan was approved by the Steering Committee upon additional explanation of the representatives of the UNECE Finance Division of the purposes of the above sum of USD 46.760.
15. The Steering Committee also approved the supplementary Trust Fund contribution for 2013 at the level of USD 2,500 per country and requested the UNECE to send special letters to National Coordinators of the participating countries, asking both for regular and supplementary 2013 Trust Fund contributions, explaining at the same time the breakdown of the figure USD 10,000 and dispatch them by the end of December 2012 at the latest.

DRAFT INTEGRATED REPORT ON COMPARISON OF THE REVISED TEM AND TER MASTER PLAN BACKBONE NETWORKS WITH THE EU CORE NETWORK, UNECE AGR AND AGC NETWORKS AND WITH THE EURO-ASIAN TRANSPORT LINKS

16. Mr. P. Pospisil informed the Steering Committee about the content and outcomes of the draft Integrated Report on Comparison of the Revised TEM and TER Master Plan Backbone Networks with the EU Core Network, UNECE AGR and AGC Networks and with the Euro-Asian Transport Links, elaborated in accordance with the recommendations of the 2nd Meeting of the Joint Rail and Road/Motorway Follow-up Expert Group held on 29 March 2012 in Ankara, Turkey and supported by 3 road maps of the region, distributed at the session.
17. The conclusions drawn from these comparisons were that almost all the links of the TEM and TER Master Plan revised backbone networks were at the same time parts of the other respective international networks in the member countries. A few new links, which according to the results of the analysis in the report might qualify for consideration as the potential additional revised backbone links, were listed in the report.

18. The Committee requested the participating countries to send their comments to the draft report and maps to the TEM PCO and to the Project Manager by 30 November 2012 at the latest.
19. The Project Manager was also requested to add to the introductory part of the document a statement, explaining that the report reflected the status of the respective international transport networks as of 1 January 2013 and that any major change of these networks (caused e.g. by the accession of Croatia to the EU or by finalization of the EU core network and Euro-Asian linkages) would be reflected in its updated version.

FINANCING OF THE TEM ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

20. The Steering Committee took note of the report of the Project Manager on the topic and requested him to elaborate and send to the participating countries the draft schedule of the TEM meetings in 2013 for their comments and to prepare on their basis the final list of these meetings.
21. In the context of this topic, the future TEM participation in the HEEP was discussed. Based on the results of this discussion, the Steering Committee decided to continue the TEM participation in this program and asked the Project Manager to organize the HEEP Area V annual meeting in the TEM region in the first half of 2013 and to take part in person in the HEEP International Conference to be held in September next year in the USA.

TEM CO-OPERATION TRUST FUND AGREEMENT ATTACHMENT FOR 2013 - 2016

22. The TEM PCO prepared the draft final Project Document (Attachment to the TEM Co-operation Trust Fund Agreement) covering the next Project phase 2013 – 2016. The document was introduced by the Project Manager with additional explanations provided by Mr. P. Pospisil.
23. The Steering Committee asked the UNECE to send the document, accompanied by the covering letter as soon as possible to the National Coordinators of the participating countries, asking them to communicate their comments to the UNECE Transport Division with a copy to the Project Manager by end of November 2012.

PCO LOCATION AND STAFF SITUATION

24. The representative of Poland informed the Steering Committee about the decision of the Polish Ministry and the General Directorate of National Roads and Motorways (GDDKiA) to move the TEM PCO to the new position in the central part of Warsaw. The GDDKiA will inform in written form the UNECE Executive Secretary and the participating countries about the new address and coordinates of the PCO.
25. Before the Office is moved, the Polish side was requested to prepare the list of all the equipment and documents available in the PCO as at 1 December 2012 and send it to the UNECE Secretariat in Geneva and the Project Manager for their decision how to deal with these items before and during their transfer to the new premises.
26. In connection with this item of the agenda, the UNECE representative drew the attention of the participants in the meeting to the fact that the next session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC) to be held in February 2013

would consider the positions of the TEM and TER Projects also in the light of the situation regarding Projects Central Offices and that the contract of the present Project Manager would terminate at the end of 2013. By the time of the ITC, the future TEM managerial situation should be clarified. Written proposals will be drafted regarding this topic and sent in advance to the participating countries for their examination. Contributions from the Project Manager and the Member countries will be requested in written by 1st December, 2012.

OTHER BUSINESS

27. Under the other business item of the agenda, the participants in the session had the opportunity to attend the Workshop of the UNECE Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) on the ITS – Opportunities and Challenges for Intermodal Transport, held in the UN premises on 6 November in the afternoon.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

28. The report of the session was adopted.

29. The Steering Committee extended its thanks to the UNECE Transport Division for its kind hosting of the session and at the same time expressed its gratitude to the Chairman and Rapporteur for their able performances and to the Project Manager for the outstanding organization of the session.

Annexes: 3