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Trade Facilitation in the Transition Economies:

Russian project in support of:

- Public-Private Cooperation for TF &**
- the Single Window Concept in Russia**

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Trade Facilitation & the Single Window

Background: successful projects on PPP for TF, SW, and data harmonization in SE Europe and Central Asia (5th tranche UN Development Account project)

– national projects launched (using Recs 4, 33, etc.) + work on data harmonization and legal aspects of the SW(Rec.35)

Request by Russia for studies on the readiness of the RF.



1. Pilot Study on a “Single Window” at Vnukovo
2. Study on the technical exchanges of information
3. Study on the legal environment (Rec.35)



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Study: Trade info exchange in Ru **(by end Dec.2010)**

Examined already:

- Standard systems, codes, EDIFACT, etc. used in Russia
- Data and document harmonization (on the example of 14 agencies)

First conclusions:

- Not yet a unified system of codes and standards, nor a single body leading trade information harmonization
- MIAIS (interagency system in Ru): no lead agency, etc.
- И И С В В Т – integrated IT system of the Customs Union (planned)

What to do:

- Establish an interagency coordination mechanism
- Harmonize standards, codes and systems of info exchange



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Study: on the readiness of the Russian legal system for the adoption of a SW (by Mar.2011)

Examined already:

- Existing legislation and regulations in Russia related to int'l trade procedures, document flows and e-commerce
- link bet. laws, rules and procedures in Russia and in the Customs Union of Russia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan
- Options for selecting a lead agency for a SW in Russia

Next steps:

- Identify legal impediments for establishing a SW in Russia
- Identify needs for adjustment of legislation / drafting new legislation enabling the creation of a Single Window
- Analyze the level of implementation of international instruments related to the establishment of a SW in Russia



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**Thank you, and we look forward
to cooperating with you!**

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