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**Thematic Working Group on Sustainable Transport, Transit and  
Connectivity (TWG-STTC)**

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**Progress report on the development of the SPECA TWG-STTC transport databases**

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1. The importance of transport as an enabler of national competitiveness and sustainable growth has increased dramatically over recent decades. In addition, transport plays a critical role in the 2030 Development Agenda, with targets and indicators spread across multiple goals, highlighting its cross-cutting role in issues such as health, energy access, decent work, gender equality, climate change and more. It is therefore crucial that all countries produce data on transport that are accurate, timely, comparable and impartial.
2. Transport statistics availability for Central Asian countries have improved in recent years, but there is still much to do. For example, as of October 2017 three SPECA countries had already provided to UNECE a road accident fatality figure for 2016, and five countries had provided this figure at least once since 2012. Data for road infrastructure, vehicle fleet and traffic are less complete, but still two countries provided data for these, up to 2015. This positive trend for data availability is welcome, but having top-level figures only tells half the story. To understand road safety or transport policy, detailed numbers are required, and for every year going forward.
3. As a follow up of the discussions during the last SPECA Thematic Working Group and SPECA TWG-STTC Programme of Work 2016-17, UNECE organized SPECA Workshop on Road Transport and Road Safety Statistics. The workshop was kindly hosted by the Government of Turkmenistan on 8-9 September 2016 in Ashgabat. The Workshop aimed to strengthen the capacities of SPECA and East-European countries for gathering reliable and comprehensive road transport and road safety statistics. As such, the capacity building workshop focused on how to gather relevant statistics and share them in such a way as to allow

national policy makers to make informed decisions. The Workshop sought to assist in understanding the methodology for gathering Road Transport and Road Safety Statistics as well as how best to make this information available to decision-makers, the road transport community and the general public. The data collection process at UNECE level and the Web Common Questionnaire (WebCoQ) was presented, and invited experts presented European best practices in road transport and road safety data collection. Regional Road Safety Goals, Targets and Indicators for Asia and the Pacific were presented by ESCAP. Representatives of SPECA and East-European countries also shared their national data collection mechanisms and key successes/difficulties in data collection, generating a fruitful discussion.

4. This workshop has resulted in the improved data dissemination (described above), and in addition some countries have registered as data providers in the WebCoQ. As a follow-up, the SPECA Workshop on Transport Related SDGs in Astana is planned for 2-3 November 2017. It is hoped that this workshop can build upon the success of the previous workshop, cement progress in data provision, and again encourage countries to improve their data, through sharing their experiences and learning from regional and international best practices.

5. It should be noted that the setting up of a special database on transport and border crossing activities for the SPECA countries has been recommended since the creation of the TWG-STTC as indicated in the original Terms of Reference. Availability of accurate data is indeed essential for planning infrastructure development and for securing future investments. To progress on this issue, it has been proposed to the SPECA members to provide basic information on key border crossing points by filling for their countries the Annex I attached to the present document. The border crossing points proposed were selected based on their location along the Asian Highway network. Such cross-border transport data seem nevertheless currently not readily available. They would however provide valuable input for future transport activities in the region.

**The Thematic Working Group may wish to**

- Welcome SPECA Workshop on Transport related SDGs which will be held back-to-back with the SPECA TWG-STTC meeting and encourage SPECA countries to use the Workshop conclusions;
- Agree on a template and on the frequency for providing data on transport and border crossing activities as well as where these data should be made available (e.g. website).



Name	COUNTRY	Freight			Passenger		Opening hours	Comments
		Traffic Intl (vehicles/year)	Traffic local (vehicles/year)	Containers (per year)	Traffic Intl (persons/year)	Traffic Local (persons/year)		
Zarang (Border of Iran)	Afghanistan							
Speenboldak (Border of Pakistan)	Afghanistan							
Torkham (Border of Pakistan)	Afghanistan							
Islam Qala (Border of Iran)	Afghanistan							
Tourghondi (Border of Turkmenistan)	Afghanistan							
Shirkan Bandar (Border of Tajikistan)	Afghanistan							
Hairatan (Border of Uzbekistan)	Afghanistan							
Astara (Border of Iran)	Azerbaijan							
Ordubad (Border of Armenia)	Azerbaijan							
Aghband (Border of Armenia)	Azerbaijan							
Sadarak (Border of Armenia)	Azerbaijan							
Uzuntala (Border of Armenia)	Azerbaijan							
Krasny Most - RedBridge (Border of Georgia)	Azerbaijan							
Samur (Border of Russia)	Azerbaijan							
ZhibekZholy (Border of Uzbekistan)	Kazakhstan							
Border of Turkmenistan (Zhanaozen)	Kazakhstan							
Border of Kyrgyzstan (Merke)	Kazakhstan							
Kordai (Border of Kyrgyzstan)	Kazakhstan							
Khorgos (Border of China)	Kazakhstan							
Tazhen (Border of Uzbekistan)	Kazakhstan							
Dostyk (Border of China)	Kazakhstan							
Kotaevka (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Bakhty (Border of China)	Kazakhstan							
Zhaisan (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
KrasnyAul (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Border of Russia (Kamenka)	Kazakhstan							
Pogodaevo (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Pnirtyshskoe (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Kaerak (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							

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Karakuga (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Chistoe - Jana Jol (Border of Russia)	Kazakhstan							
Karamyk (Border of Tajikistan)	Kyrgyzstan							
Irkeshdam (Border of China)	Kyrgyzstan							
TorougartPass (Border of China)	Kyrgyzstan							
Border of Uzbekistan (Osh)	Kyrgyzstan							
Chaldovar (Border of Kazakhstan)	Kyrgyzstan							
Georgievka - AkZhol (Border of Kazakhstan)	Kyrgyzstan							
Border of Afghanistan (NizhiniyPanj)	Tajikistan							
KulmaPass (Border of China)	Tajikistan							
Border of Uzbekistan (Tursunzade)	Tajikistan							
Chanok (Border of Uzbekistan)	Tajikistan							
Serkhetabat (Border of Afghanistan)	Turkmenistan							
Sarabs (Border of Iran)	Turkmenistan							
Gudurolum (Border of Iran)	Turkmenistan							
ChovdanPass (Border of Iran)	Turkmenistan							
Farap (Border of Uzbekistan)	Turkmenistan							
Khairaton (Border of Afghanistan)	Uzbekistan							
Sariosiyo (Border of Tajikistan)	Uzbekistan							
Alat (Border of Turkmenistan)	Uzbekistan							
Aybek (Border of Tajikistan)	Uzbekistan							
Chernyavka (Border of Kazakhstan)	Uzbekistan							
Daut-ota (Border of Kazakhstan)	Uzbekistan							