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### **ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT BEIRUT, 22-24 MARCH 2010**

#### **Summary**

The eleventh session of the Committee on Transport was held in Beirut from 22 to 24 March 2010 and discussed the items included on the session agenda. Discussions focused on the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the ESCWA region and follow-up on the implementation of recommendations made during the tenth session of the Committee.

The Committee adopted a paper on the formation of a Working Group on the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the ESCWA region, prepared by the secretariat after introducing agreed modifications made by the representatives of member countries. The Committee adopted a number of recommendations, some of which were general, while others were related to the topics set forth in the session agenda.

This report contains a brief account of the major points raised in the discussions as well as the results and the recommendations adopted by the session. The report was adopted by the Committee at its final meeting, which was held on 24 March 2010.

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## **Introduction**

1. The Committee on Transport held its eleventh session pursuant to Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) resolution 213 (XIX) of 7 May 1997 concerning the establishment of a Committee on Transport within ESCWA, which was endorsed by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in its resolution 1997/11 of 18 July 1997; and in accordance with ESCWA resolution 229 (XXI) of 11 May 2001 concerning the frequency of the sessions of the Committee on Transport within ESCWA.

2. The Committee on Transport wishes to thank H.E. the Lebanese Minister of Public Works and Transportation Mr. Ghazi El-Aridi, represented by the Director General of Land and Maritime Transport, Mr. Abd El Hafeez El Kayssi for holding this session under his auspices. In his address, Mr. El Kayssi welcomed the participants and thanked them for the trust they have in Lebanon and for being in Beirut to take part in the session. He stressed the importance of facilitating transport and procedures to achieve regional cooperation and integration and wished success for the session.

### **I. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT**

#### **A. HARMONIZATION OF INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS AND LEGISLATION IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR IN THE ESCWA REGION**

3. Adoption of the document on the formation of a Working Group on the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the ESCWA region, presented by the ESCWA secretariat, after introducing modifications agreed to by the Committee, according to the form included in annex I to this report.

4. Requesting the ESCWA secretariat to establish dialogue with member countries on the above recommendation by 30 May 2010 at the latest, to encourage them to name their representatives in the Working Group prior to end of August 2010.

#### **B. FOLLOW-UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY THE TENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT**

5. Participants invited member countries to take note of the information contained in document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/4(Part I) regarding the follow-up to the implementation of recommendations adopted during the tenth session of the Committee on Transport, to update it as needed and to send it, along with their observations, to the secretariat by 30 June 2010 at the latest. Should no observations be received from any country, the document will be considered to have been adopted.

#### **C. FOLLOW-UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPORT-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN ESCWA WORK PROGRAMME**

6. Participants invited member countries to take note of the information contained in document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/4(Part II) regarding the follow-up on the implementation of transport-related activities under ESCWA's programme of work, to update it as needed and to send it, along with their observations, to the secretariat by 30 June 2010 at the latest. Should no observations be received from any country, the document will be considered to have been adopted.

#### D. COMPONENTS OF THE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN THE ARAB MASHREQ (ITSAM)

7. The Committee on Transport issued the following recommendations regarding each of the components of the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq:

##### 1. *Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq*

8. Participants invited member countries to take note of the information contained in document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/5(Part I) regarding the progress made in the implementation of the Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq, to update it as needed and to send it, along with their observations, to the secretariat by 30 June 2010 at the latest. Should no observations be received from any country, the document will be considered to have been adopted.

9. Participants called upon Oman to speed up its procedures for accession to the agreement.

10. Participants also called upon the United Arab Emirates to accelerate the ratification of the agreement.

11. Participants called upon the secretariat to clarify some articles of the questionnaire related to the follow-up on the implementation of the Agreement and send the clarification to member countries by 30 May 2010 at the latest.

12. Participants called upon members of the Agreement to update the information included in the questionnaire on the follow-up of the Agreement (paragraph 11 above) and send it to ESCWA by 31 August 2010 at the latest.

13. Participants called upon the secretariat to prepare an information note on the article related to establishment of identification signs on international roads, to be presented to the twelfth session of the Committee on Transport and added to the Agreement.

##### 2. *Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq*

14. Participants invited member countries to take note of the information contained in document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/5(Part II) regarding the progress made in the implementation of the Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq, to update it as needed and to send it, along with their observations, to the secretariat by 30 June 2010 at the latest. Should no observations be received from any country, the document will be considered to have been adopted.

15. Participants called upon countries that have still not signed the Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq (Iraq, Oman and Qatar) to accelerate accession to it.

16. Participants called upon countries that have signed but not ratified the Agreement (the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait) to accelerate their ratification.

17. Participants requested the secretariat and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to cooperate and coordinate in all fields related to the implementation of the railway Arab land linkage (plans, feasibility studies, operations and so on).

##### 3. *Facilitation of Transport and Trade in the countries of the ESCWA region*

18. Participants called upon countries that have still not established national committees for the Facilitation of Transport and Trade (Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates) to accelerate this process, and to seek guidance for this purpose from the guidelines for the establishment of national committees for

the Facilitation of Transport and Trade in the countries of the ESCWA region, prepared by ESCWA in 2003, and to make use of the technical support provided by ESCWA to establish those committees.

19. Participants urged countries that have already established national committees to accelerate their activation through formulating and adopting operational plans of action for each committee, and to make use of the technical support provided by ESCWA for the preparation of plans of action and the activation of those committees.

20. Participants requested the secretariat to draft a regional agreement for the facilitation of transport and trade among the countries of the ESCWA region to be presented to the twelfth session of the Committee on Transport, in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to make use of its experience in this field.

#### E. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

21. The Committee took note of the programme of work for the 2010-2011 biennium in the field of transport, submitted to it in document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/6.

22. The Committee took note of the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013 in the field of transport, submitted to it in document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/7.

23. Participants called upon the secretariat to carry out the implementation of the methodological framework for the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq, including the development of a mechanism to promote cooperation and coordination with all regional and international organizations, bodies and federations, as well as companies, specialized consulting firms, experts, and consultants in order to make use of their expertise.

24. The Committee urged the GCC countries to complete data and information related to the study undertaken by ESCWA on the implementation of the methodological framework for the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq, and to send them to ESCWA no later than 30 May 2010, in order for the secretariat to finalize the study by the end of 2010.

25. The Committee requested member countries to provide ESCWA, by 31 October 2010 at the latest, with two reports: the first on follow-up to the implementation of recommendations adopted at the eleventh session of the Committee on Transport; and the second on the progress made in the transport field monitored in each country during the period extending from 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010.

## II. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION

### A. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON TRANSPORT ISSUES IN THE ARAB MASHREQ: DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP ON THE HARMONIZATION OF INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS AND LEGISLATION IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR IN THE ESCWA REGION

26. Participants reviewed the second draft proposal for the formation of the working group on the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the ESCWA region, based on document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/3. ESCWA prepared this document following the recommendations of the Technical Committee during its tenth session within the framework of completing the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq. The first draft of the proposal was discussed and modified at the Expert Group Meeting on Transport and Trade Facilitation in the ESCWA Region (Beirut, 7-8 December 2009).

27. The secretariat made a detailed presentation on the proposal for the formation of the working group. A thorough discussion followed in which member countries and all regional Arab unions and organizations

participated. Some observations were made on the document, including the membership of the working group, the quorum, the period of time, and the estimated budget of work.

B. PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT SINCE THE  
TENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT

28. The Committee discussed this item in two parts. The first part was based on document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/4(Part I) dealing with the follow-up to the implementation of the recommendations adopted during the tenth session of the Committee on Transport. The second was based on document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/4(Part II), which reviews progress made between the tenth and the eleventh sessions of the Committee on Transport on the implementation of transport-related activities of the programme of work. A thorough discussion on follow-up to the implementation of the recommendations followed.

C. PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN IMPLEMENTING THE COMPONENTS OF THE INTEGRATED  
TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN THE ARAB MASHREQ (ITSAM)

1. *Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq*

29. The Committee considered this sub-item on the basis of document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/5(Part I) and reviewed the progress made with regard to the ratifications of the Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq and the technical assistance offered by ESCWA to member countries in this field.

30. Delegations took note of what has been done regarding the agreement. The secretariat stressed the importance of accurately completing the questionnaire on the follow-up to the implementation and requested some member countries to clarify details regarding some articles of the questionnaire.

31. The installation of identification signs on international roads was highlighted, as well as the importance of clarifying this point to all member countries.

2. *Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq*

32. The Committee reviewed document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/5(Part II) on progress made in the follow-up to the ratification of the Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq, as well as the technical support provided by ESCWA to member countries in this respect.

33. The Committee urged countries that have still not signed the Agreement to accelerate the procedures of accession, as it urged countries that have signed but still not ratified to accelerate ratification procedures.

34. A thorough discussion took place on the importance of cooperation and coordination between the ESCWA secretariat and the League of Arab States secretariat with regard to the implementation of the plan of the Arab railway linkages within the framework of expanding the Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq to include all Arab countries, adopted at the Arab Economic, Social and Development Summit (Kuwait, 19-20 January 2009).

35. The Committee took note of the statement by the GCC general secretariat on the successful completion of the economic feasibility study of the railway project in GCC countries and the transition to the following phase (detailed studies).

3. *National Committees for the Facilitation of Transport and Trade in the Countries of the ESCWA Region*

36. The Committee on Transport acknowledged the efforts exerted by the GCC to establish a committee for the facilitation of transport between GCC countries in order to eliminate all hindrances in transport-related activities and in the implementation of related decisions. The representative of the GCC general secretariat proposed to make use of the experience of the GCC in the facilitation of transport and follow-up to the implementation of decisions and agreements, and expressed a willingness to cooperate and coordinate with the ESCWA secretariat in this context.

4. *Visual presentations of member countries on the follow-up to the implementation of the components of the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq (ITSAM)*

37. The representative of Saudi Arabia made a visual presentation on the follow-up to the implementation of the components of the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq in Saudi Arabia. Member countries were encouraged to make similar visual presentations at future sessions of the Committee.

D. PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2010-2011  
IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT

38. The Committee reviewed document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/6 related to the ESCWA programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 in the field of transport.

E. PROPOSED STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2012-2013  
IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT

39. The Committee reviewed document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/7 related to the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013 in the field of transport.

F. DATE AND VENUE OF THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT

40. The Committee recommended convening the twelfth session in Beirut in the first quarter of 2011, unless a member country expresses a desire to host it.

G. OTHER MATTERS

41. No topics were discussed under this item.

**III. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT**

42. In its final meeting convened on 24 March 2010, the Committee on Transport adopted the report of its eleventh session as presented in document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/8/Report.

**IV. ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

A. DATE AND VENUE OF THE SESSION

43. The eleventh session of the Committee on Transport was held at the United Nations House in Beirut from 22 to 24 March 2010. Its work was divided into six meetings.

## B. OPENING

44. At the beginning of the opening session, Mr. Nabil Safwat, Chief of the Economic Development and Globalization Division (EDGD) of ESCWA, welcomed the participants and thanked them for their participation.

45. Mr. Mahmoud Khaled, representative of Palestine which chaired the tenth session of the Committee on Transport, welcomed the participants and thanked ESCWA for its continued interest in transport issues in the Arab Mashreq. He highlighted the most important issues that were discussed during the previous session, in particular the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the Arab Mashreq, and the request by the Sudan to accede to the three ESCWA transport-related agreements. He also referred to the recommendations made by the Committee at the end of the tenth session, and he commended measures taken by Palestine in this field, namely the ratification of the three transport-related agreements, completing the questionnaires sent by ESCWA and preparing a report on good practice in the field of road safety. Mr. Khaled finally wished the best of luck to the participants, and to Qatar, chair of the eleventh session.

46. Mr. Nabil Safwat, Chief of the Economic Development and Globalization Division (EDGD) of ESCWA, representing Mr. Bader Omar Al-Dafa, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA, made a statement in which he welcomed the participants. He thanked the Lebanese Minister of Transport and Public Works, Mr. Ghazi El-Aridi for his patronage of the session. Mr. Safwat noted the remarkable development of the transport sector in the Arab Mashreq, in particular in infrastructure, transport systems and means, highlighting the necessity to intensify efforts to harmonize the institutional structures and legislation in the field of transport and to develop land, rail and maritime transport in order to achieve development and regional integration. Mr. Safwat reviewed the objectives of this session as he pointed to the most important achievements accomplished to date in the field of transport, in particular the completion of approximately 70 per cent of the plan of work on the implementation of the Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq. He concluded his statement expressing his gratitude and appreciation for participating delegations hoping for the discussion to lead to the agreement on a final version of the document on the formation of a working group on the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the ESCWA region.

47. Mr. Abd El Hafiz El Kayssi, Director General of Land and Maritime Transport in the Ministry of Public Works and Transport in Lebanon, made a statement on behalf of Mr. Ghazi El-Aridi, in which he welcomed the participants in Beirut and thanked ESCWA for the role it undertakes in the field of transport through providing necessary technical support to member countries. He praised the achievements registered so far in this field. Mr. Kayssi stressed the importance of harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation related to transport in Western Asia and its positive impact on achieving partnership between the public and the private sectors. He pointed to the measures taken by Lebanon in this regard, in particular the preparation of two draft laws to establish a public committee for land transportation and another one for maritime transport, the issuance of a law for the establishment of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, in addition to related regulatory decrees. He then pointed to the importance of learning from the experience of major economic blocs that have risen in several regions of the world through laying the foundations of a unified Arabian territory based on partnership between Arab countries after the removal of restrictions on the transition of persons from one Arab country to another, and goods through land, maritime and air borders.

## C. ATTENDANCE

48. The meeting was attended by representatives of all ESCWA member countries, namely: Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

49. Attending as observers were representatives of the Arab Union of Railways, Arab Federation of Shipping, Arab Sea Ports Federation, Arab Federation of Chambers of Shipping, Arab Federation for Freight Forwarders and Logistics, International Transport and Logistics Institution, Lebanese Forwarders Syndicate, Civil Aviation Affairs in Bahrain, Kuwait Ports Authority, Gezairi Transport in Lebanon, Holding Company for Maritime and Land Transport in Egypt, Islamic Development Bank in Saudi Arabia, League of Arab States, and Gulf Cooperation Council. The full list of participants is contained in annex II of this report.

#### D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

50. Rule 18 of the Terms of Reference and the Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia states: "Member countries shall assume the chairmanship of the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on a rotating basis, in the Arabic alphabetical order employed by the United Nations." Accordingly, Mr. Saad Ahmad Al-Mousned, head of the Infrastructure Affairs Department at the Qatari Public Works Authority, assumed the chairmanship of the session. In conformity with procedures adopted in previous sessions of the Committee on Transport, the Committee elected Mr. Mahmoud Khaled, the representative of Palestine, and Mr. Fahed El-Massoud, representative of Kuwait, as Vice-Chairmen. Mr. Ali El-Masri, representative of Lebanon, was elected as Rapporteur.

51. The drafting committee was presided over by the Rapporteur Mr. Ali El-Masri, and included Mr. Zahem El-Muteiri from Saudi Arabia, with the participation of Mr. Saad Ahmad Al-Mousned, representative of Qatar and chairman of the eleventh session, and of the ESCWA secretariat.

#### E. AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

52. In its first session, the Committee adopted the agenda of the eleventh session as set forth in document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/L.1. The adopted agenda was as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
4. General discussion on transport issues in the Arab Mashreq: draft proposal for the formation of a working group on the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the ESCWA region.
5. Progress achieved in the field of transport since the tenth session of the Committee on Transport:
  - (a) Follow-up on the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its tenth session;
  - (b) Follow-up on the implementation of transport-related activities under the ESCWA programme of work.
6. Progress achieved in implementing the components of the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq (ITSAM):
  - (a) Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq;
  - (b) Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq.
7. Programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 in the field of transport.
8. Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013 in the field of transport.

9. Date and venue of the twelfth session of the Committee on Transport.
10. Other matters.
11. Adoption of the report on the eleventh session of the Committee on Transport.

53. At the same session, the Committee agreed to the proposed organization of work as presented in document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2010/IG.1/L.2.

#### F. LIST OF DOCUMENTS

54. Annex III of this report includes the list of documents presented to the eleventh session of the Committee on Transport.

## Annex I

### **FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP ON THE HARMONIZATION OF INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS AND LEGISLATION IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR IN THE ESCWA REGION**

#### *1. Definition of the working group*

The working group is responsible for the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the ESCWA region through presenting recommendations to the ESCWA Committee on Transport with respect to the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the countries of region. The working group includes representatives from member countries and the ESCWA secretariat.

#### *2. Objectives*

The working group presents recommendations to the Committee on Transport on the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in ESCWA member countries, as it aims:

(a) To increase awareness of the importance of harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the ESCWA region and to highlight its benefits and role in achieving regional integration among the countries of the region;

(b) To study the conditions of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the countries of the region and make recommendations for the harmonization of these frameworks and legislation.

#### *3. Tasks*

The working group undertakes the following tasks to achieve the above objectives:

(a) To identify all entities and bodies related to transport from within or beyond the sector and the means to coordinate among them;

(b) To prepare a matrix of responsibilities related to institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the countries of the region;

(c) To cooperate with ESCWA to identify successful experiences and learned lessons from member countries and other countries advanced in this field;

(d) To make proposals to develop regulatory institutional frameworks within the transport sector and beyond it in relevant sectors and to identify ways to coordinate among them;

(e) To develop a matrix of future responsibilities with the probable review of some scenarios consistent with the general framework for developing the transport sector in each country and the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation between those countries;

(f) To reach a consensus on a set of proposals, common to the countries of the region or country-specific according to their needs, to develop institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector (and if possible in relevant sectors);

(g) To present appropriate recommendations to the ESCWA Committee on Transport in its successive sessions for the adoption of what it deems appropriate in this regard;

(h) To follow-up the implementation of recommendations adopted by the Committee on Transport on this issue.

#### *4. Membership*

(a) The working group comprises two delegates from each of the ESCWA member countries, having expertise and competence in the field of organization and harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector;

(b) ESCWA participates as a member in the working group;

(c) The working group may invite any international or regional organization and body as well as companies, specialized consulting firms, experts and consultants to participate in any of its meetings.

#### *5. Technical secretariat*

The working group includes a joint technical secretariat comprising two members of the representatives of member countries (to be named yearly, according to the alphabetical order of member countries), and the ESCWA secretariat. Work mechanisms are to be decided in coordination among the members of the technical secretariat.

#### *6. Meetings*

(a) The working group holds a regular meeting once a year, and may hold other special meetings at the request of the technical secretariat of the group or at least three member countries;

(b) The technical secretariat of the working group calls for the convention of regular and special meetings;

(c) The working group holds its meetings at the headquarters of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), unless a country expresses its willingness to host the meeting;

(d) The quorum of the meeting shall be half plus one of the ESCWA member countries;

(e) Recommendations of the working group are issued by the majority of present countries;

(f) The technical secretariat of the working group notifies the Committee on Transport of all its activities and recommendations through ESCWA.

#### *7. Chairmanship*

Chairmanship of the working group shall be for one year and rotates among member countries participating in the group in the alphabetical order of the names of countries. The chair of the group shall be a member of the technical secretariat.

#### *8. Plan of action, budget and period of time*

(a) The working group starts its tasks as soon as it is formed, according to the available contributions and offerings in kind from the ESCWA secretariat;

(b) The ESCWA secretariat prepares a proposed action plan and an estimated budget for the working group to be submitted to the group in the early stages of its work, in order to make it easier for member countries to provide financial support indispensable to activate the work of the group and to enhance its capacities;

(c) The working group continues to implement its activities until the completion of the tasks entrusted to it.

## Annex II

### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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