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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT

(Item 5 of the provisional agenda)
Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network entered into force on 4 July 2005. Currently 20 member States are Parties to the Agreement, namely: Afghanistan; Armenia; Azerbaijan; Bhutan; Cambodia; China; Georgia; India; Japan; Kyrgyzstan; Mongolia; Myanmar; Pakistan; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Sri Lanka; Tajikistan; Thailand; Uzbekistan; and Viet Nam.

2. In accordance with article 7(1) of the Agreement, a Working Group on the Asian Highway has been established to consider the implementation of the Agreement and any amendments proposed.

3. The first meeting of the Working Group on the Asian Highway was held in December 2005 in Bangkok and adopted corrections and amendments proposed to annex I of the Agreement. The depositary notifications issued by the Secretary General of the United Nations relating to the acceptance of corrections and amendments are compiled as an information paper.

4. Articles 8(2), 9(2) and 10(2) of the Agreement state that amendments may be proposed by any Party. In this connection, the secretariat informed the member States of the scheduled date of the second meeting of the Working Group on the Asian Highway, requesting the Parties to the Agreement to submit proposals for the consideration of the Working Group.

5. Parties to the Agreement have not submitted any proposals for consideration of the Working Group.

6. The member States may wish to update the Working Group on new developments which could potentially be part of the Asian Highway in near future.

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