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**The Agreement among the governments
of the SCO member states on international
road transportation facilitation**

- **The drafting and signing of the Agreement**

- Upon the initiative of the Government of the PRC, UNESCAP and the SCO Secretariat, with the aim of developing international road transportation in the member States, the SCO initiated the formulation of a draft The Agreement among the governments of the SCO member states on international road transportation facilitation.
- This Agreement was carefully negotiated over several years and was signed by the Transport Ministers of the SCO Member States at a meeting of the Council of Heads of SCO member states in 2014 in Dushanbe.

- **The Purpose Of The Agreement**

- The main purpose of the Agreement is the creation of favorable conditions for international road transport through the simplification and harmonization of documentation, procedures and requirements of the Parties concerning international road transportation.
- The agreement will facilitate the development of road transportation in the SCO region, increase the transit potential of Member States, boost the volume of mutual trade and investment.

- **The main provisions of the Agreement**

- The agreement consists of **the introduction**, 27 articles and three appendices.
- In accordance with the provisions of the Agreement, the Parties shall provide carriers with the right to perform international road deliveries on the territory of their States in vehicles registered by a state of one of the Parties.
- The right of the carrier to the performance of international road transportation is confirmed by a single standard permit, issued by the competent authority of a state of the Parties and being valid on the territories of all parties to the Agreement.

- Upon presentation of the permit, the carriers of the Parties on the basis of reciprocity are exempt from the payment of fees and charges related to the possession or use of vehicles, as well as to the use or maintenance of roads of a state of the other Party.
- According to the Agreement, international road transportation is carried out along the routes and through the checkpoints across the state borders envisaged in Appendix 1.

- **The Implementation Of The Agreement**

- With a view to practical implementation of the Agreement, the competent authorities of the Parties shall establish within 6 months from the date of entry into force of the Agreement a Joint Committee, main tasks and functions of which include:
 - - monitoring and coordination of activities for a coherent and consistent application of the provisions of the Agreement and settlement of issues arising during the implementation of the Agreement;

- - consideration of amendments and/or supplements to the routes and/or checkpoints across the state borders related to the Agreement, subject to approval by the Parties;
- - agreeing the quota for permits for international road transportation;
- - assessment of the use of permits and preparation of reports on the functioning of the licensing system;
- - consideration of proposals for the implementation of joint investment projects aimed at the development of transport corridors connecting the territories of the Parties.
- - discussion of other issues related to the Agreement.

- **Relevance to other international agreements**

- This provision does not affect the application of bilateral and multilateral international treaties, parties to which the States are, providing for the performance of international road transportation without defining routes and checkpoints across the state borders or other routes and border crossings.

- **Validity and entry into force of the Agreement**
- The Agreement is concluded for an unspecified period and enters into force after 30 days from the date of receipt by the Depositary of the last written notification on the completion by the Parties of internal state procedures necessary for the validation of Agreement.

- **Accession to the Agreement**

- After its entry into force the Agreement is open for accession by any state willing to join it by forwarding an accession paper to the Depositary.
- As regards an acceding state, who is a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Agreement enters into force after 30 days from the date of receipt by the Depositary of an accession paper.
- As regards an acceding state, who is not a member of the SCO, the Agreement enters into force after 30 days from the date of receipt by the Depositary of the last written notification of the SCO Member States on their consent to such accession.
- The text of the Agreement will be posted on SCO Secretariat's official website after its entry into force (due in 2015).

Thanks for attention!