

Workshop on Road Transport Facilitation in Southern Asia along the Asian Highway Network

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Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the Asian Highway Network: a brief overview and prospects of accession by the countries of South Asia

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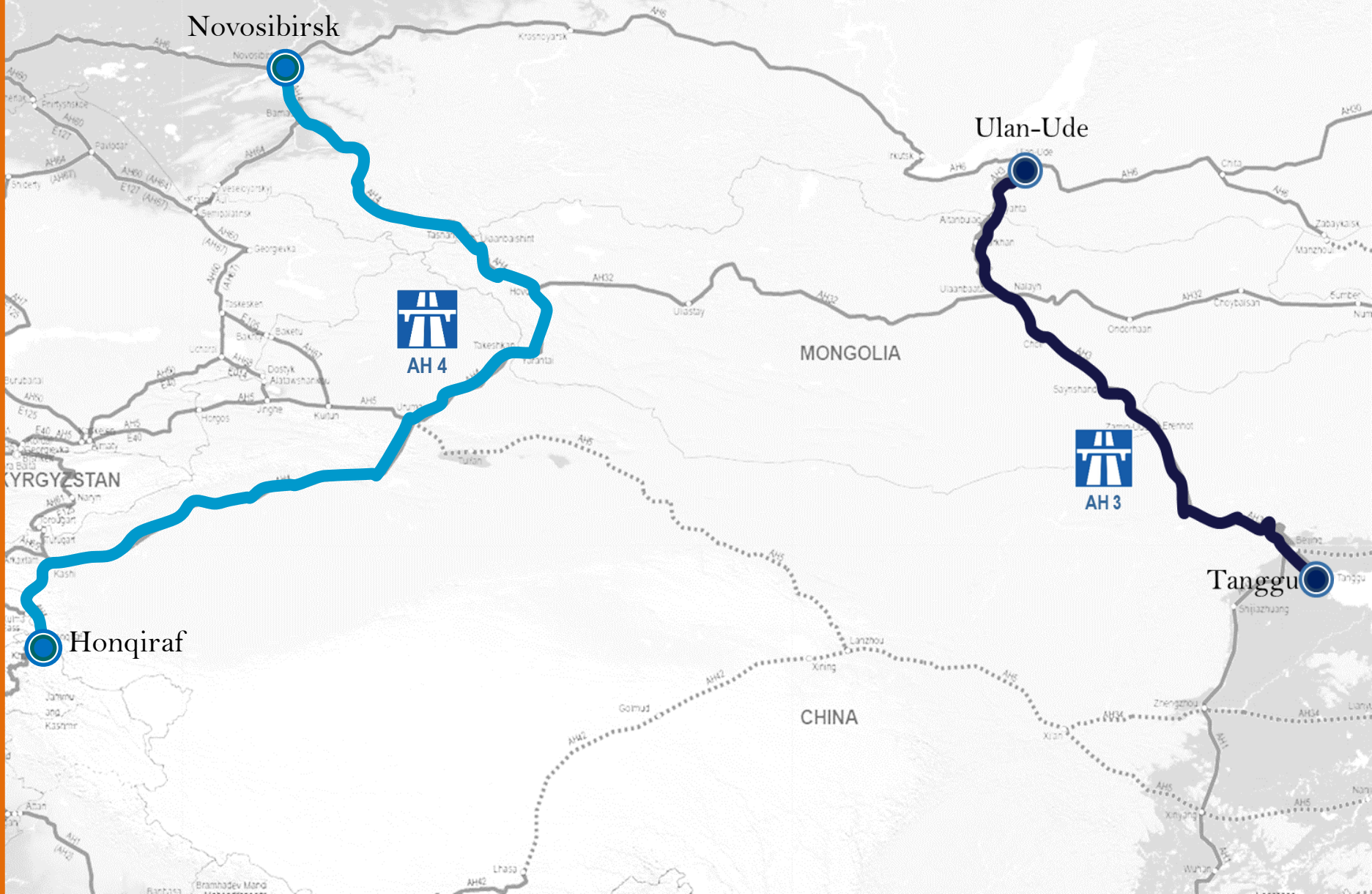
Brief overview

- Signed by China, Mongolia and the Russian Federation on 8 December 2016 in Moscow
- Each country agreed to grant the other two countries traffic rights for international road transport operation on the parts of Asian Highway routes AH3 and AH 4 connecting their respective territories
- Opens AH 3 from Ulan-Ude (Russian Federation) - Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) –Beijing to Tianjin port (China), and AH 4 from Novosibirsk (Russian Federation) – Urumqi (China) – Kashi – Honqiraf (Chinese border with Pakistan)

Structure

- Comprises the main agreement and three annexes
 - Main agreement: covers conditions of granting traffic rights and general provisions
 - Annex 1 covers routes at which the traffic rights are granted
 - Annex 2 covers permits for international road transport
 - Annex 3 covers terms of reference of the Joint Committee on Supervision of Implementation of the Agreement

Map of routes under the Agreement



Implementation and ESCAP secretariat's role

- ESCAP Commission at its 73rd session (May 2017) recognized this agreement as an important initiative to operationalize the AH Network and adopted resolution 73/4, which:
 - requested the secretariat to continue to support its implementation
 - encouraged all Parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the AH Network to consider accession to the Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the AH Network
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Implementation and ESCAP secretariat's role

- The Seminar on Preparation for the Implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the AH Network held in Ulan-Ude, Russian Federation, on 30 – 31 August 2017 recommended that UNESCAP secretariat could serve as the secretariat of the Joint Committee on Supervision of Implementation of the Agreement

Accession

- Once entered into force, the Agreement is open for accession to all ESCAP member States which are parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the AH Network.
- The Government of Viet Nam already expressed its interest in acceding to the Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport along the AH Network and readiness to implement the procedures required for the accession.
- Member countries from South Asia may also be interested to accede to the Agreement and open respective Asian Highway routes on their territories for operation



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