Shanghai Cooperation Organization: Cooperation in transport sphere

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**SCO Member States:**

India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

**SCO Observer States:**

Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran, Mongolia

**SCO Dialogue Partner States:**

Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Turkey
The key mechanisms of interaction within the SCO in the transport sector are:

- Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the SCO Member States.

- Meeting of the heads of railway administrations of the SCO member states.

The Meeting of Ministers of Transportation of the SCO Member States

Its functions:

• Develops suggestions and recommendations for further interaction within the SCO in the relevant field;

• Organize implementation of decisions of supreme SCO structures – Council of Heads of States and Council of Heads of Governments;

• Draw up different programs and international documents in the relevant field;

• Exercise coordinating and controlling function in implementation of such programs, projects and treaties.
Meeting of the heads of the railway administrations of the SCO member states

- The goal of interaction between the railway administrations is to develop joint decisions and create favorable conditions for increasing the level of railway transportation and the development of railway transport of the SCO member states.
Special Expert Working Group on development of transportation potential

• The Workgroup provides the opportunity to exchange views and discuss the issues of development of transport infrastructure, system of transit transportation, including pilot projects on developing regional transportation routes.

• Meetings of this group are organized annually.
The Agreement between the Governments of the SCO Member States on creating favorable conditions for international road transportation (Dushanbe, 2014)

The 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.

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 SCO international documents regulating transport sphere

- The SCO Development Strategy 2025 (2015);
- The Multilateral trade and economic cooperation Programme of the SCO member states (2019);
- Intergovernmental Agreement on cooperation and mutual aid in customs issues (2007);
- Intergovernmental Agreement on creating favorable conditions for international road transportation (2014);
- The concept of interaction between the railway administrations (railways) of the SCO member states (2019).
Thanks for attention!