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Note by the secretariat

Summary

The present document contains proposals made by Azerbaijan, Bangladesh and Uzbekistan, which are parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network, for amendments to annex I of the Agreement. The Working Group may wish to consider adopting the proposals.

I. Introduction

1. The Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network¹ was opened for signature on 26 April 2004, during the ministerial segment of the sixtieth session of the Commission, which was held in Shanghai, China. On that occasion, 26 member States signed the Agreement. Malaysia signed the Agreement on 24 September 2004 and the Philippines signed it on 2 November 2005.

2. The Agreement entered into force on 4 July 2005, 90 days after the requisite number of States had definitively signed, ratified or approved it. Currently, 29 member States are parties to the Agreement, namely Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Georgia, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

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

* E/ESCAP/AHWG(6)/L.1.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2323, No. 41607.

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 member States of the proposed date of the Working Group meeting and requested that proposals be submitted for consideration by the Working Group.

5. Azerbaijan, Bangladesh and Uzbekistan have proposed amendments to annex I to the Agreement, as outlined below.

6. In accordance with article 9(3), the secretariat circulated the text of the amendment proposals from the parties to all members of the Working Group 45 days before the Working Group meeting.

II. Proposal by Azerbaijan

7. In conformity with article 9(2) of the Agreement, Azerbaijan has proposed an amendment to the itineraries of Asian Highway routes AH5, AH81 and AH83. The proposal is to change the names of places as described below:

Under route number AH5, *replace* the current itinerary:

... ferry – Baku – Alat – Gazi Mammed – Ganja – Kazakh – Red Bridge – Tbilisi...

with:

... ferry – Baku – Alat – Hajigabul – Ganja – Gazakh – Red Bridge – Tbilisi...

Under route number AH81, *replace* the current itinerary:

... Sadarak – Nakhchivan – Julfa (– Jolfa) – Ordubad – Agarak – Meghri Aghband – Goradiz – Gazi Mammed – Alat – Baku – ferry – Aktau

with:

... Sadarak – Nakhchivan – Julfa – Ordubad – Agarak – Meghri Aghband – Horadiz – Hajigabul – Alat – Baku – ferry – Aktau

Under route number AH83, *replace* the current itinerary:

Kazakh – Uzungala – Paravakar – Yerevan

with:

Gazakh – Uzungala – Paravakar – Yerevan.

III. Proposal by Bangladesh

8. In conformity with article 9(2) of the Agreement, Bangladesh has proposed an amendment to the itineraries of Asian Highway route AH41, as listed below:

Under route number AH41, *replace* the current itinerary:

Border of Myanmar – Teknaf – Cox's Bazar – Chittagong – Katchpur – Dhaka – Hatikamrul – Jessore – Mongla

with:

Border of Myanmar – Teknaf – Cox's Bazar – Chittagong – Madanpur – Bhulta – Joydebpur – Hatikamrul – Jessore – Mongla.

IV. Proposal by Uzbekistan

9. In conformity with article 9(2) of the Agreement, Uzbekistan has proposed amendments to the itineraries of Asian Highway routes AH5, AH62, AH63 and AH65. The proposals (sent in Russian language) to change the names of the places, and adding additional details are as described below:

Under route number AH5, *replace* the current itinerary:

... Chernyavka (Чернявка) – Tashkent (Ташкент) – Syrdaria (Сырдарья) – Samarkand (Самарканд) – Navoi (Навои) – Bukhara (Бухара) – Alat (Алят)...

with:

... Yallama (Ялама автодорожный) – Tashkent (Ташкент) – Syrdaria (Сырдарья) – Samarkand (Самарканд) – Navoi (Навои) – Bukhara (Бухара) – Alat (Алат)...

Under route number AH62, *replace* the current itinerary:

... Chernyavka (Чернявка) – Tashkent (Ташкент) – Syrdaria (Сырдарья) – Samarkand (Самарканд) – Guzar (Гузар) – Termez (Термез)...

with:

... Yallama (Ялама автодорожный) – Tashkent (Ташкент) – Syrdaria (Сырдарья) – Samarkand (Самарканд) – Guzar (Гузар) – Termez (Термез)...

Under route number AH63, replace the current itinerary:

... Beyneu (Бейнеу) – Daut-ota (Даут-ота) – Nukus (Нукус) – Bukhara (Бухара) – Guzar (Гузар)

with:

... Beyneu (Бейнеу) – border between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan (граница между Казахстаном и Узбекистаном) – Daut-ota (Даут-ота) – Nukus (Нукус) – Bukhara (Бухара) – Guzar (Гузар)

Under route number AH65, replace the current itinerary:

... Tursunzade (Турсунзаде) – Sariosiyo (Сариосийо) – Termez (Термез)

with:

... Tursunzade (Турсунзаде) – border between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan (граница между Таджикистаном и Узбекистаном) – Sariosiyo (Сариосийо) – Uzun (Узун) – Termez (Термез) – border of Afghanistan (граница Афганистана).

V. Recommendation

10. The Working Group may wish to consider the above proposals in accordance with article 9 of the Agreement.