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**“Transportation in the OSCE area: Secure transportation networks
and transport development to enhance regional economic**

Co-operation and stability”

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**Lady and Gentleman,
Dear Chairman,**

Let me welcome you and express my gratitude to the organizers of this conference, namely to Organization for security and Co-operation in Europe for the provision to discuss development issues, to exchange opinions for making contribution on defining further activities meeting transport needs.

Preparatory conference to the 14th Economic Forum: “Transportation in the OSCE area: Secure transportation networks and transport development to enhance regional economic co-operation and stability” holded in Vienna, January 2006, was a logical continuation of discussing themes stated on the first preparatory conference hold in Dushanbe on November 2005 and which is predetermined ideology of cooperation development in transport sphere in OSCE area.

It is generally known that all issues regarding to transport development is system integrated into transport complex and offers in conceptual form on a basic foundation of ecological dispatching and security in big aspects.

Thus, analyzing transport development, ecology and security it is necessary to consider and analyze on a system base the immediate short-term and long-term tasks specifying and analyze the way of their implementation.

In my opinion to analyze the realistic scenario of Euro Asian and trans-Asian cooperation development to 2015 and to develop an international recommendation on challenge and threaten respond and development of transport potential of the Central Asian region, as well as to develop the Almaty action Program, is a issue of current importance.

In order to efficient fight against modern threats on a mentioned conference it is important to develop and complete the provisions of Almaty action program; to compare them with requirements and needs of

states of the central Asian regions in the frame of their geopolitical role of transit countries for the trade-economic line between states of Asian and Eurasian continent. The region countries' concern to the all type of challenges, which face these countries and concernment of Eurasian and world community to strengthen the protection of regional thruway of central Asia from using them by organized crime and terrorist organizations will be reflected in a new program.

At present Tajikistan has joined to the Agreements in transport sphere with the far and neighboring countries.

Regarding to provisions of Intergovernmental Agreement on Asian highway network, country is engaged to create safe and comfortable conditions for transportation meeting international standards within 5 years.

In the republic are determined three main transit-transport corridors, which include into Asian highway network as international route. Two of these corridors run from East to the communication with the neighboring states as Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and with China are provided.

In order to provide regional security by the Government of republic of Tajikistan several norms and legal documents accepted, namely: Transport Law, highway and road maintenance Law; road traffic Law and several Republic of Tajikistan Government's regulations accepted by which order and status of transport corridors functioning determined.

It is necessary to note the fact that Tajikistan at present has joined to 4 international convention regulating road transportation. Among them; Convention on road traffic and signs, Convention on international road transportation of freights (CRTF) and Custom convention on transportation of freights using TIR-carnet.

Today we certainly can note that foreign investors circle in transport complex of Tajikistan every year is increasing. From 2000 till 2005 in Tajikistan were realized 4 projects on construction and rehabilitation of highways to the sum total US \$ mln. 84. 13 projects to the sum US \$ mln. 468 are at the stage of realization.

All these facts are evidence that Tajikistan is convinced and sequential participant of international efforts directed on providing of security and cooperation both in Europe and Asian continent.

On the preparatory conference in Dushanbe we initiated holding international conference on transport transit issues on theme "Development perspective of transasian and eurasian transportation

through Central Asia till 2015". As we noted it is necessary for optimization transport communication and for fight against terrorism in other words it is security and cooperation issue.

After proposing this issue we got into contact with OSCE Secretariat and were passed specified works, specifically at present we worked out design of Conception on theme "Development perspective of transasian and eurasian transportation through Central Asia till 2015" .

One of the themes of combined declaration of Economic Forum in Prague on behalf of 5 Central Asian states (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) which will be today considered is holding of this arrangement. We expect that Council of Ministers in Brussels will take decision about holding the conference in 2007 in Dushanbe.

In our opinion preparation to such important international conference is require serious spade-works and in this connection showing anxiety we consider near primary making decisions on holding this conference in Dushanbe.

We excellently understand that guarantee of any productive economic cooperation is peace. Tajikistan understands it very well and with certainty can declare that can provide enough level of security for trade-economic cooperation and staff. In conclusion I would like to express the assurance that our OSCE Forum will work effectively and its taking decisions will contribute to further development of transport-economic connections among states and accelerate the procedure of formation, mutually beneficial system of international relations for the welfare of the people of all states of space.

We are ready to joint search of development ways of international transport dialogue, establishment of associated relations among subjects of transport market and users of transport services on the basis of confidence and cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.