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**Development of the** 

# **Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports**





# Ministerial Conference on Transport





"Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific"

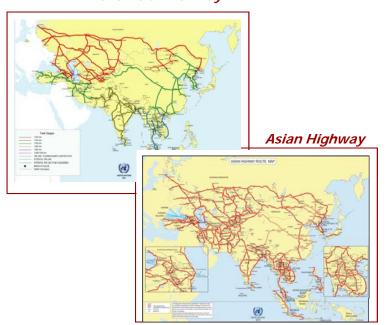
- promoting the development of economic and logistical activities at intermodal interfaces, particularly at production and consumption centres and around seaports and dry ports
- giving priority to investment in Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks, including intermodal interfaces to link them with water and air transport networks
- developing an international integrated intermodal transport system that contributes to long-term objective of regional cooperation in support of international trade





### Justification





- Intergovernmental Agreement on Asian Highway
   Entered into force in July 2005
- Intergovernmental Agreement on Trans-Asian Railway Network Entered into force in June 2009

Need to "bring about connectivity and the integration of the Asian Highway network, the Trans-Asian Railway network and other transport modes"

Resolution 66/4 (19 May 2010) 66<sup>th</sup> Commission session

**Intergovernmental Agreement on dry ports** 





### Milestone events

Consultation with Treaty Section of Office of Legal Affairs at UNHQ in New York

Use of relevant provisions of Intergovernmental Agreements on Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks

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- Regional meeting (November 2010)
   Develops a working draft of the Agreement to be further negotiated through subregional meetings
- Subregional meetings
   Three subregional meetings organized from July through
   December 2011
- Committee on Transport (3<sup>rd</sup> session October 2012) Approves finalized text of the Agreement

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### Milestone events

Vientiane, Lao PDR – July 2011 for countries of South-East Asia

Dhaka, Bangladesh – September 2011 for countries of South and South-West Asia

Dushanbe, Tajikistan – December 2011 for countries of Central and North-East Asia

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#### Finalized draft incorporates

- Inputs received at subregional meetings
- Advice from Office of Legal Affairs at UNHQ in New York

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Signing of Agreement



Signing ceremony on 7 November 2013 during Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport (2<sup>nd</sup> session)

- 14 member States signed the Agreement
   One member State deposited instrument of ratification
- Open for signature at UN headquarters until 31 December 2014
- Procedure for becoming a Party
  - signatory States: through ratification, acceptance, approval
  - non-signatory States: through accession
  - relevant information / model instruments at https://treaties.un.org



Not necessary to become a signatory before becoming a Party





# ental Agreement on Dry Ports

### Structure of Agreement



#### **Preamble**

Requests secretariat to work towards the development of an Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports

### Main text

Articles 1 to 17

#### Annex I

Dry Ports of International Importance in member countries

#### Annex II

Guiding principles for development and operation of Dry Ports

