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## Report of the Working Group on the Trans-Asian Railway Network on its third meeting

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## I. Deliberations

1. The secretariat introduced the documents under agenda items 4 (E/ESCAP/TARN/WG(3)/1), 5 (E/ESCAP/TARN/WG(3)/2), and 6 (E/ESCAP/TARN/WG(3)/3), which formed the basis for deliberation.<sup>1</sup>

2. Delegations provided updates of Trans-Asian Railway network development programmes and projects, as well as related policies in their respective countries. The Working Group was informed that 22 member States had signed the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network<sup>2</sup> and, of that number, 18 were Parties to it. The delegations of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Malaysia and Turkey informed the Working Group that appropriate processes had been initiated in their respective Governments to

<sup>1</sup> See the annex for the list of documents.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2634, No. 46171.

become Parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network.

3. The Working Group noted that the presentations/statements made by the delegations that had taken part in the deliberations and that had provided copies of their respective presentations/statements to the secretariat would be made available on the webpage of the Transport Division ([www.unescap.org/ttdw](http://www.unescap.org/ttdw)).

## II. Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Working Group encouraged member States that had not yet done so to consider becoming a Party to the Agreement as soon as possible.

5. While considering the proposal by Georgia, the Working Group was informed by the delegation of the Russian Federation, which did not wish to obstruct the proposed amendment by Georgia, that part of the amended route between Gantiadi and Gardabani passed through Abkhazia, which had been recognized by the Russian Federation as a sovereign State. The delegation also pointed out that the city of Gantiadi had been alternatively referred to as “Tsanbdryphsh” by the Government of the Russian Federation. The Working Group adopted the following amendment to annex I of the Agreement:

*With reference to the entry under Georgia, replace:*

### **Gantiadi – Gardabani**

(Veseloe, Russian Federation)

Gantiadi (*border station*)

Senaki (*junction*)

→ Poti (*maritime connection*)

Samtredia (*junction*)

→ Batumi (*maritime connection*)

Tbilisi (*junction*)

→ Sadakhlo (*border station*) –  
(Ayrum, Armenia)

→ [Akhalkalaki (*border station and  
break-of-gauge*) – (Kars,  
Turkey)]

Gardabani (*border station*)

(Beyouk Kesik, Azerbaijan)

*With:*

### **Gantiadi – Gardabani**

(Veseloe, Russian Federation)

Gantiadi (*border station*)

Samtredia (*junction*)

→ Poti – Port of Poti (*maritime  
connection and ferry terminal –  
ferry links to Black Sea ports in  
Bulgaria, the Russian Federation  
and Ukraine*)

Samtredia (*junction*)

→ Batumi – Port of Batumi  
(*maritime connection and ferry  
terminal – ferry links to Black  
Sea ports in Bulgaria and  
Ukraine*)

Tbilisi (*junction*) → Sadakhlo (*border station*) – (Ayrum, Armenia)  
 → [Kartsakhi (*border station*) – Akhalkalaki (*break-of-gauge*) – (Kars, Turkey)]

Gardabani (*border station*)  
 (Beyouk Kesik, Azerbaijan)

6. The Working Group, noting the recent completion of a section of a new line in the Islamic Republic of Iran, adopted the following amendment to annex I of the Agreement:

*With reference to the entry under the Islamic Republic of Iran, insert the following new railway line:*

**Gorgan – Incheboroun**

Gorgan – Incheboroun (*border station*) – (Gudriolum, Turkmenistan)

7. The Working Group, noting the extension of the line from Nongkhai in Thailand to Thanaleng in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, adopted the following amendment to annex I of the Agreement:

*With reference to the entry under the Lao People's Democratic Republic, replace:*

**[Thanaleng – Mu Gia]**

[(Nongkhai, Thailand)

Thanaleng (*border station*)

Vientiane (*junction*) → [Boten (*border station*) – (Jinghong, China)]

Thakhek (*junction and border station*) → [Nakhon Phanom, Thailand]

Mu Gia (*border station*)  
 (Mu Gia, Viet Nam)]

*With:*

**[Thanaleng – Mu Gia]**

(Nongkhai, Thailand)

[Thanaleng (*border station*)

Vientiane (*junction*) → [Boten (*border station*) – (Jinghong, China)]

Thakhek (*junction and border station*) → [Nakhon Phanom, Thailand]

Mu Gia (*border station*)  
 (Mu Gia, Viet Nam)]

8. The Working Group, noting the developments in Viet Nam, adopted the following amendments to annex I of the Agreement:

*With reference to the entry under Viet Nam, insert between Tan Ap and Danang:*

Dong Ha (*junction*) → [Lao Bao (*border station*)<sup>2</sup> – (Lao People's Democratic Republic)]  
 → [My Thuy (*maritime connection*)]  
 2. *Exact location to be decided.*

*With reference to the entry under Viet Nam, replace:*

Ho Chi Minh City (*junction*) → [Vung Tau (*maritime connection*)]  
 → [Loc Ninh<sup>3</sup> (*border station*) – (Kratie, Cambodia)]  
 3. *Exact location to be decided.*

*With:*

Ho Chi Minh City (*junction*) → [Vung Tau (*maritime connection*)]  
 → [Loc Ninh<sup>3</sup> (*border station*) – (Kratie, Cambodia)]  
 → [Can Tho]  
 3. *Exact location to be decided.*

*With reference to the entry under Viet Nam, replace:*

Cai Lan

*With:*

Cai Lan

*With reference to the entry under Viet Nam,*

<i>Replace</i>	<i>With</i>
Yên Viên	Yen Vien
Gialam	Gia Lam
Haiphong	Hai Phong
Halong	Ha Long
Danang	Da Nang
Hanoi	Ha Noi

9. In accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, the adopted amendments would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for circulation to all Parties.

10. Noting that the Trans-Asian Railway database was being updated, the Working Group requested member States to provide the secretariat with

information on the status of the Trans-Asian Railway network in their respective countries, so that the database could be updated accordingly.

### **III. Other matters**

11. A representative of the secretariat made a presentation on the benefits of making provision for laying information and communications infrastructure, such as fibre optics, alongside the Trans-Asian Railway network when upgrading existing railway lines or developing new ones.

### **IV. Adoption of the report**

12. The Working Group adopted the present report on 6 November 2013.

### **V. Organization of the meeting**

#### **A. Opening, duration and organization**

13. The third meeting of the Working Group on the Trans-Asian Railway Network was held in Bangkok on 5 and 6 November 2013. The Director of the Transport Division of ESCAP delivered an opening statement.

#### **B. Attendance**

14. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following member States: Armenia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Cambodia; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nepal; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Thailand; Turkey; and Viet Nam.

15. The meeting was also attended by representatives of: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Centre for Regional Development; Asian Institute of Transport Development; secretariat of the Greater Tumen Initiative; secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia; and Global Infrastructure Fund Research Foundation Japan.

#### **C. Election of officers**

**预览已结束，完整报告链接和二维码如下：**

[https://www.yunbaogao.cn/report/index/report?reportId=5\\_5588](https://www.yunbaogao.cn/report/index/report?reportId=5_5588)

