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## Key Outcomes of the Ministerial Conference on Transport Bangkok, 12-16 March 2012

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### Key Outcomes

- **Ministers reaffirmed their vision of an international, integrated, intermodal transport and logistics system**
- **Ministers adopted Ministerial Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, including two annexes:**
  - ➔ **Regional Action Programme for Transport Development, phase II (2012-2016)**
  - ➔ **Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport (RSF)**

## 10 Thematic Areas of Regional Action Programme

- ➔ Policy guidance at the ministerial level
- ➔ Transport infrastructure development
- ➔ Transport facilitation
- ➔ Transport logistics
- ➔ Finance and private sector participation
- ➔ Sustainable transport development
- ➔ Road safety
- ➔ Transport and the Millennium Development Goals
- ➔ Inter-island shipping
- ➔ Connecting subregional transport networks

## Elements of Example Thematic Areas

### ○ Transport infrastructure development

#### ○ Objective:

- To promote regional and interregional connectivity and cooperation through the further development and upgrading of the Asian Highway (AH) and Trans-Asian Railway (TAR) networks as well as Euro-Asian transport linkages and dry ports

#### ○ Activities:

- Meetings of working groups on AH and TAR
- Intergovernmental agreement on dry ports
- Studies, meetings and capacity-building on integrated transport development, upgrading and maintenance of AH, TAR, dry ports and seaports
- Studies on international intermodal transport corridors serving inter- and intraregional trade
- Updated information and data measuring progress in the development of regionally important transport infrastructure and operations
- Activities within the joint UNESCAP-UNECE project on the development of Euro-Asian transport links

## Elements of Example Thematic Areas

### ○ Transport facilitation

#### ○ Objective:

- To promote efficient and smooth movement of goods, passengers and vehicles by road and rail across the region, including at border crossings

#### ○ Activities:

- Establishment of regional network of legal & technical experts on transport facilitation and development of action plan for implementation of RSF
- Workshops/studies on regional and subregional cooperation
- Study to identify issues surrounding regional cooperation for facilitation of international railway transport
- Assistance in acceding to and implementing international transport facilitation conventions and in formulating & implementing subregional agreements related to facilitation of international transport by road/rail
- Advisory services/workshops on establishment or strengthening of national facilitation coordination mechanisms and on joint controls at borders to facilitate international road/rail transport
- Studies/workshops on application of ICT and other new technologies as well as time/cost distance toolkit to facilitate international road/rail transport

## Elements of Example Thematic Areas

### ○ Transport logistics

#### ○ Objective:

- To assist countries in developing transport logistics policies and in enhancing the professionalism and competence of logistics service providers

#### ○ Activities:

- Guidelines for development of transport logistics policies
- Guidelines for establishment of minimum standards and codes of conduct for logistics service providers
- Regional meetings of freight forwarders, multimodal transport operators and logistics service providers and their national associations
- Technical assistance and support to the industry and to governments for a sustainable training programme

Thank you.

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