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**DATES AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF THE
FORUM OF ASIAN MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT**

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Note by the secretariat

SUMMARY

The present document contains information on the possible dates and venue of a ministerial conference on transport to be held in 2011 in lieu of the next session of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport. The Forum may wish to provide its recommendations on this matter.

Introduction

1. In its resolution 64/5 of 30 April 2008 on the establishment of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport, the Commission requested the Executive Secretary to convene the first session of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport in 2009 and subsequently on a regular basis with the first session deciding its frequency. It also requested the Executive Secretary to coordinate the convening of the Forum with the Committee on Transport, which meets biennially to, inter alia, identify priorities and emerging issues in the transport sector. The first session of the Committee was held in Bangkok in October 2008. Consequently, the second session is scheduled to be held in 2010.

2. Sessions of the Forum would be held at the office of the United Nations in Asia and the Pacific, unless the Forum recommends otherwise.

* The late submission of the present document is due to the time required for further consideration of the convening of a ministerial conference on transport in 2011 in lieu of the second session of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport.

Dates and venue

3. Given that the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific will reach its midpoint in 2011, the Commission, in its resolution 63/9 of 23 May 2007 on the implementation of the Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2007-2011), requested the Executive Secretary to carry out in 2011 an evaluation of the implementation of phase I of the Regional Action Programme as an important and necessary step in the preparation of phase II (2012-2016).
4. Against that backdrop, the Forum may wish to consider proposing that a ministerial conference on transport be held in 2011 in lieu of the second session of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport, to assess and evaluate the implementation of the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2007-2011), to consider preparation of phase II (2012-2016) of the Regional Action Programme, and to establish regional priorities.
5. The Forum may wish to provide the secretariat with guidance in this regard.

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