

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE COORDINATION COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL NORTH - SOUTH TRANSPORT CORRIDOR

According to the Article 6 of Intergovernmental Agreement on International North - South Transport Corridor, the 2nd meeting of the Coordination Council of North - South Transport Corridor was hosted by the Islamic Republic of Iran in Transport & Terminals Organization in Tehran on 29th -30th April 2003.

The meeting was attended by H.E. Khorram Minister of Road and Transportation of I.R.Iran, HE Mr Ismailov, Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation and the members of the North - South Transport Corridor Coordination Council from I.R.Iran , Republic of India and the Russian Federation. Pending their accession to the North – South Transport Corridor, H.E.Nagmanov, Minister of Transport and Communication of Kazakhstan as well as HE Mr Verkhovets, the First Deputy Minister of Transport & Communications of Republic of Belarus, along with their delegations attended as special invitees under Article 4(3)of the Statute of the Coordination Council.

The names of the members of the participating countries delegates are Annexed.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Transport Ministers and heads of delegations from the aforesaid committee delivered speeches and assessed the role of the Corridor in promoting trade and cooperation in the transport sector as vital and crucial. After presentation of the Report by the Depositary State and reviewing the recommendations of Expert-Level meetings in Mumbai & Tehran , the following agreements were reached:

- 1 - The Coordination Council will be presided over by the Iranian side from the date of the Second Meeting of the Coordination Council till the next Coordination Council meeting.
- 2 - The Coordination Council while welcoming the Kazakh & Belarus delegations, requested that they should take measures with regard to

signing the agreement and its submission to the Depository State as well as introducing a maximum of four individuals from each country for the Coordination Council according to article 10.2 of the Intergovernmental Agreement on International North - South Transport Corridor. The copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement on International North-South Transport Corridor to be signed by Ministers of Transport of Kazakhstan and Belarus attached to the Minutes was submitted to the concerned sides.

3- The Coordination Council adopted the recommendations made by the two Expert Groups with the following modifications/observations:

A) With reference to the recommendation of Expert Group (2) that the Secretariat of the Council should monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group, the Council decided that the implementation of the accepted recommendations of both the Expert Groups should be monitored by the Coordination Council itself,

B) The Coordination Council felt that the small "Business Group" recommended by Expert group (1) could also include representatives from the respective Governments, and should study the bottlenecks faced in transiting countries. The Council, however, felt that the size of the Group should be limited, preferably to one representative from each country. The Council further felt that the group may be called a "Study Group" instead of a "Business Group" .

C) The Coordination Council agreed that the two Expert Groups should meet again to deliberate in view of the following:

i) To discuss the issues contained in the report to be submitted by the Study Group, if available

ii) To discuss and to make recommendations in view of further developments/additional issues

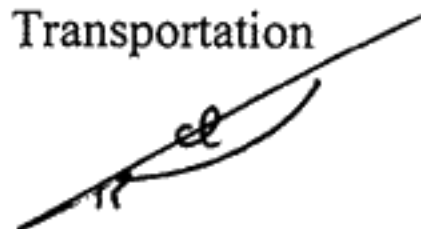
iii) To consider suggestions of the new Member States.

For this purpose, the Coordination Council agreed to extend the mandate of these Groups as agreed at its first meeting in Saint Petersburg in May 2002.

4 - The next Coordination Council meeting of International North - South Transport Corridor will be held in January of 2004 in India and the Expert-Level meetings of the Corridor will be held in October 2003 in Russia.

Done at Tehran in five originals, in English language.

1 - Mr.Masoud Khansari , Deputy Minister of Road and Transportation & Chairman of the Coordination Council, I.R.Iran



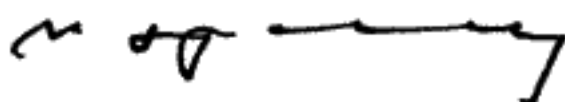
2 - Mr.Tchinguiz Izmailov, Deputy Minister of Transport of Russian Federation.



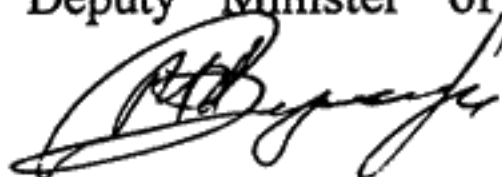
3 - Mr.R.K.Jain , Joint Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Republic of India.



4 - Mr.Nagmanov, Minister of Transport and Communication of Kazakhstan



5 - Mr.Verkhovets, the First Deputy Minister of Transport & Communications of Belurussia



List of Delegation of I.R.Iran

- 1- H.E. Khorram Minister of Road and Transportation
- 2- H.E. Khansari Deputy Minister & the Head of Transportation & Terminals Organization
- 3- H.E. Donyamali Deputy Minister & Managing Director of Ports & Shipping Organization
- 4- H.E Saeed –nejhad Deputy Minister & Director of I.R.Iran Railway
- 5- Mr. Yahyavi Deputy of Legal Affairs of I.R.I.C.A
- 6- Mr. Najafi Deputy Director General of Port affairs & Specific Areas of Shipping Organization
- 7- Mr. Aliabadi Deputy of Operation of Railway of I.R.Iran
- 8- Mr Sadeghifar Director General of Port Affairs of Ports & Shipping Organization
- 9- Mr Hanzakiyan Director General of Transit Supervision of I.R.I.C.A
- 10- Mr.Kheiri Expert . Ministry of Foreign affairs
- 11- Mr.Naderi Expert. Ministry of Foreign affairs
- 12- Mr Atrchian Head Secretariat of International North – South Transport Corridor
- 13- Ms. Niazadeh Expert

List of Russia Delegation

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| 1- Tchinguiz Izmailov | Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation |
| 2- Georgy Krylov | Councillor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation |
| 3- Igor Aleksandrov | Trade Representative of the Russian Federation in Islamic Republic of Iran |
| 4- Viacheslav Parfenov | Deputy Head of Department of International Cooperation of Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation |
| 5- Boris Sitkov | Head of section of Department of External Relations of Ministry of Railway Transport of the Russian Federation |
| 6- Vasily Bogoslovskiy | Chairman of Board of Vagna JSC Shipping Representative of Astrakhan Region Authorities |
| 7- Alexander Litvinov | Deputy Chief of Makhachkala port |
| 8- Vladimir Mozes | Deputy Chief of Makhachkala port |
| 9- Alexander Melnikov | General Director of Astrakhan Branch of Jsc VAGNA- Shipping |
| 10- Viacheslav Petrenko | First Deputy Head of Center of Firm Transport Service of Ministry of Railway Transport of the Russian Federation |
| 11- Oleg Karakchiev | Deputy General Director of JSC SOVFREIGHT |

List of Delegation of India

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| 1- H.E. R.K. Jain | Joint Secretary (Ports), Ministry of Shipping |
| 2- Mr.Anil Wadhawa | Joint Secretary(C.E.E), Ministry of External Affairs |
| 3- Mr.P.K.Mahapatra | Director , Ministry of Commerce and industry |
| 4- Mr.SS. Rangnekar | Director (L&PS), Shipping Corporation of India |
| 5- Mr. N.K.Singh | Councillor , Embassy of India , Tehran |

List of Delegation of Kazakhstan

- 1- H.E. Kazhmurat Nagmanov
Minister of Transport and communications of
Kazakhstan
- 2- H.E. Kaltay Sambetov
Deputy of the Head of Kazakh Railway
- 3- Mr. Kasymbek
Director of Marine Transportation Department
Ministry of Transport of Kazakhstan
- 4- Mr. Abylgazin
Head of Aktau Sea Port
- 5- Mr. Okunev
Head of Marketing Department of Kazakh Railway
- 6- Mr. Moustafin
Head of Foreign Policy Administration of Kazakh
Railway

List of Belarus Delegation

1. H.E.Nikolai Verkhovets **The First Deputy Minister of Road & Transportation**
2. Leonid Rachkov **The Ambassador of The Republic of Belarus**
3. Genady Korsak **Executive Secretary of The Belarus Association of
International Road Carriers**
4. Victor Chikilevsky **The First Secretary of Belarus Embassy**