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Introduction on UNESCAP's activities in the field of transport facilitation

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Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport

- Lack of a long term vision and comprehensive approach – isolated solutions
 - RSF Adopted at the ESCAP Ministerial Conference on Transport held in Bangkok, March 2012
 - Long term targets to be met through seven modalities
- Serves as a primary policy document on transport facilitation initiatives for member countries and their development partners
 - Increased coordination and reduced inconsistency increased effectiveness of facilitation efforts.

Modalities for facilitation of road transport

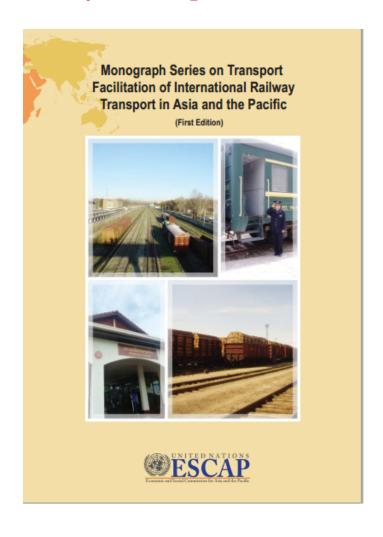
- 1. Effective legal regime
- 2. Wider application of new technologies
- 3. Development of professional training
 - 4. National coordination mechanisms
 - 5. Joint controls at border crossings
 - 6. Economic zones at border crossings
 - 7. Application of facilitation tools



Facilitation of International Railway Transport

•Recommendations:

- 1.Participation in international railway organizations
- 2. Subregional and bilateral agreements
- 3. Technical solutions for break of gauge
- 4. Harmonization of consignment note
- 5.Use of advance passenger/cargo information system
- 6.Standardization of railway infrastructure and rolling stocks
- 7. Coordination of regulatory controls and railway inspections at interchange stations
 - 8. Arrangement for exchange of wagons
- 9.Use of new technologies in train operations as well as in container tracking
- 10.Developing human resources for cross border railway operations



Regional meeting in 2014 discussed findings and agreed on the Regional cooperation framework for the facilitation of international railway transport, ad-hoc EGM finalized it in March 2015

UNESCAP Transport Facilitation Tools

• Four mutually complementary models

- Secure Cross-border Transport Model: providing realtime monitoring <u>en-route</u>
- Model on Integrated Controls at Border Crossings: simplified and streamlined procedures at <u>border crossings</u>
- Efficient Cross-border Transport Model: more efficient transport arrangement <u>across borders</u>
- Time/Cost-Distance Methodology: <u>identifying barriers</u> and <u>monitoring performance</u>

Features

- Provide more flexible, secure, efficient and reliable options for cross-border transport
- Applications to corridors or countries

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