Strengthening Roles and Contributions of the Private Sector in Trade Facilitation

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- 1. Time being lost and expenses being incurred in activates on CAREC Corridors are still large.
- Delays at BCPs, by Activity

In 2011, the total time to clear borders improved, averaging 7.9 hours, compared to 8.7 hours in the previous year. Among activities, waiting in queues and loading are very time consuming.

Cost at BCPs, by Activity

- The total cost of border clearance declined substantially from an average of \$186 in 2011 to \$156 in 2010.
- Customs clearance, loading, and repairs were the three most costly activities.



- There is no effective channel for complaints from private sector
- **❖** Cooperation between and among countries in the regional are on many levels and involve many government agencies, but coordination between and among coordinators of all the Departments should be improved.
- It is difficult for local agencies to coordinate the activities within their home country due to the large number of agencies being involved.

- ❖ Bilateral and multilateral transport facilitation agreements are only applicable to the government agencies and transportation routes, license covered by the agreement. Too often technical details on implementation of facilitated cross-border transport are not being provided.
- Too much focus is put on investment in infrastructure compared to investment at the technical and business levels.



Private sector needs to have a better appeals channel to timely address concrete problems incurred during trade and transport operations. Such as carrying out the rules similar to seamen's permit in order to get the driver's visa to be solved.



- 3. No major breakthroughs have been made in traditional transport system
- Rail transport is still the leading mode in Central Asia. Without major breakthroughs in traditional transport system, the full potential of economic and social benefits from transport will not be tapped.
- Cargo distribution channels and multi-modal transport are not smooth connection and more needs to be done to achieve standardization of trading terms, delivery modes, and technical issues in the region.

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