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MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT OPERATORS AND LOGISTICS SERVICE  
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## **I. MAIN CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FORUM**

1. The Forum recognized the important role of the Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport in mobilizing resources and synchronizing the efforts to reduce non-physical barriers for international transport.
2. The Forum reiterated the importance of setting up the minimum standard and code of conduct for freight forwarders, non-vessel operating common carriers (NVOCCs) and multimodal transport operators (MTOs) in enhancing professionalism and capacity of the industry and called for a similar study for logistics service providers.
3. The Forum stressed the importance of modern technologies and streamlined process of documentation and procedures for improving efficiency and security of border crossing.
4. The Forum recognized the importance of inter-governmental collaboration and public-private partnership in developing logistics information system.
5. The Forum noted the national public information sharing platform for transportation and logistics, and the Northeast Asia Logistics Information Services Network developed by China, Japan and the Republic of Korea.
6. The Forum discussed the logistics and supply chain risks and pointed out that the liability and insurance issues should be adequately addressed by the industry.
7. The Forum reviewed the development trends of green transport and logistics and discussed, among others, modal shift policy, collaborative green logistics system, logistics infrastructure and green logistics facilities, vehicles and equipment.
8. The Forum examined the region's outlook as it recovered from the global economic crisis and assessed the region's policy response to remaining and emerging vulnerabilities.
9. The Forum reviewed the commodity price volatility and its short and long-term impacts on poverty, living and inflation.

## **II. SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

10. The Forum comprised the following substantive topics.

### **A. Updating of the latest work by UNESCAP with relevance to freight forwarders, multimodal transport operators and logistics service providers**

11. In this session, Mr. Li Yuwei, Chief, Transport Facilitation and Logistics Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP, briefed the participants on the major conclusions drawn

at the Ministerial Conference on Transport held at Bangkok, on 12-16 March 2012 and explained the Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport. He pointed out that the Regional Strategic Framework would provide the member countries with a long-term strategic direction for further improving international transport by road.

12. Mr. Tengfei Wang, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Facilitation and Logistics Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP, presented the key points of the Guidelines for Minimum Standard and Code of Conduct for Freight Forwarders, NVOCC and Multimodal Transport Operators and introduced the idea on developing the similar guidelines for logistics service providers.

13. Mr. Fedor Kormilitsyn, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Facilitation and Logistics Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP, presented the main findings of the recent study by UNESCAP on integrated use of modern technologies and streamlined workflow at land border crossings aimed at facilitation of border-crossing formalities for the users. He reviewed the existing technologies, equipment and solutions used at border crossings; the conceptual design of the workflow at land border crossings for cargo, passenger and private vehicles; the evaluation of potential costs and benefits of its implementation with modern technological equipment and solutions, and presented the set of recommendations for the countries on the implementation of the model.

14. Mr. Sandeep Jain, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Facilitation and Logistics Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP, presented the key features and functioning of the secure cross-border transport model. He indicated that non-physical barriers were the major challenges to growth in intra-regional trade and transport in Asia and the Pacific and the developments in information and communication technologies offer tremendous potential to deal with these barriers in cross-border and transit transport. Various technologies already in use to secure and track the movement of vehicles and goods, could be used in cross-border and transit transport. He explained the salient feature of the Secure Cross-Border Transport Model developed by UNESCAP that uses technologies such as satellite positioning systems, cellular communication systems, geographical information systems, radio frequency identification, advanced web based software(s), electronic seals and computer network. He emphasized that the system built on the basis of the model could enhance the confidence of control authorities in opening cross-border transport.

## **B. Logistics and supply chain risk management**

15. Mr. Mark Millar, Managing Partner, M Power Associates, Hong Kong, China, made a presentation on logistics and supply chain risk management. His presentation focused on three aspects: supply chain dynamics, supply chain risk and risk mitigation strategies. He prescribed seven-point checklist for risk mitigation, namely, supply chain mapping, vulnerability assessment, what if scenario modeling, contingency plans, sense and respond, build resilience, and clear leadership.

16. Mr. Pramual Chanceewa, Pramuanchai Law Office Co. Ltd., Thailand, discussed some legal issues relating to the ASEAN Framework on Multimodal Transport, especially the enforcement and recognition of judgment and discussed the regime of liability of freight forwarder under FIATA B/L focusing on localized damage.

**C. Emerging issues and the latest developments on freight forwarding, multimodal transport and logistics**

17. Mr. Wu Yizhou, Zhejiang Electronic Port, China, through video conference, provided an overview of the Northeast Asia Logistics Information Services Network (NEAL-NET) which included data elements, code sets and interface format. He pointed out the successful implementation of NEAL-NET would greatly enhance the logistics efficiency of China, Japan and Republic of Korea.

18. Mr. Hong-Seung Roh, The Korea Transport Institute, Republic of Korea, introduced the opportunities for developing compatible efficient logistics system with the sustainable transport. He pointed out that sustainable transport or green logistics could be achieved through addressing the environmental issues.

**D. Macro economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific**

19. Messrs. Shuvojit Banerjee and Clovis Freire, Economic Affairs Officers, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, UNESCAP, presented the key points from the UNESCAP flagship publication “Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2011” on macro economic and social issues in the Asian and Pacific region.

20. Mr. Banerjee provided a review of the region’s outlook as it recovered from the global economic crisis and assessed the region’s policy response to remaining and emerging vulnerabilities. Areas of economic and social policy discussed included growth, inflation, trade and investment, financial markets, employment, migration and remittances. Key challenges ahead were addressed and policy responses recommended for countries in order to sustain their development.

21. Mr. Freire informed that commodity price volatility had raised global concerns about inflation, hunger and poverty, but in the longer term, rising commodity prices had long lasting and even deeper consequences. Commodity markets had been experiencing a boom since the turn of the century driven mainly by the rise of Asian economies. The boom had ended a secular decline in commodity terms of trade at the cost of exporters of manufacturers. The key message was that mitigating these risks requires national and international action and diverse development strategies to enable countries to make best use of their natural resources, build productive capacity and boost agricultural productivity while protecting the poor from the effects of higher prices by strengthening social protection.

#### **E. Integrated logistics liability insurance programme**

22. In this session, Federation of Malaysia Freight Forwarders (FMFF) invited Aktiv Aspac to present the integrated logistics liability insurance programme.

### **III. ORGANIZATION OF THE FORUM**

#### **A. Opening statements**

23. Mr. Li Yuwei, Chief, Transport Facilitation and Logistics Section, Transport Division, delivered the opening statement on behalf of Mr. Dong-Woo Ha, Director, Transport Division, UNESCAP. He highlighted the work carried out by UNESCAP in assisting the industry such as publication of Guidelines for Minimum Standards and Code of Conduct for Freight Forwarders, Non-vessel Operating Common Carriers and Multimodal Transport Operators. He emphasized that that UNESCAP would continue to work together with the industry in the future.

24. Mr. Chris Kanter, Chairman of the FIATA Asia-Pacific Region, briefed the participants of the main events for freight forwarders in the region. He pointed out the collaboration between UNESCAP and FIATA had greatly helped the industry to grow and develop.

25. Mr. Suwit Rattanachinda, Chartered President and Director, Thai International Freight Forwarders Association (TIFFA), welcomed the participants. He reviewed the close collaboration between TIFFA and UNESCAP and indicated that TIFFA would continue to work with other associations and UNESCAP in the future.

#### **B. Organization and duration**

26. UNESCAP Regional Forum of Freight Forwarders, Multimodal Transport Operators and Logistics Service providers was organized by UNESCAP in association with FIATA, hosted by TIFFA, in Bangkok on 13 June 2012.

27. The Forum was organized in conjunction with FIATA RAP Meeting on 12 June 2012 and the UNESCAP Meeting of Chief Executives of National Associations of Freight Forwarders, Multimodal Operators and Logistics Service Providers, Morning, 14 June 2012.

28. The programme of the Forum is attached in Annex I.

### **C. Attendance**

29. The Forum was attended by the participants from the following member countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
30. The representative of the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) attended the Forum.
31. The list of the participants is attached in Annex II.

## Annex I. Programme of the Forum

**0900 – 0915 hrs.    Opening session**

**0915 – 1045 hrs.    Updating of the latest work by UNESCAP with relevance to freight forwarders, multimodal transport operators and logistics service providers**

- **Summary of outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Transport held at Bangkok, Thailand, on 12-16 March 2012 (15 min)**

*The UNESCAP secretariat will brief the participants on the major conclusions drawn at the Ministerial Conference on Transport held at Bangkok, Thailand, on 12-16 March 2012.*

- **Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport (15 min)**

*The UNESCAP secretariat will explain the Regional Strategic Framework for the Facilitation of International Road Transport adopted by the Ministerial Conference on Transport held at Bangkok, Thailand, on 12-16 March 2012 .*

- **Publication of the “Guidelines for Minimum Standards and Codes of Professional Conduct for Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers and Multimodal Transport Operators” (30 min)**

*The UNESCAP secretariat will present the key points of the Guidelines for Minimum Standard and Code of Conduct for Freight Forwarders, NVOCC and Multimodal Transport Operators. The secretariat will also introduce the plan on developing guidelines for logistics service providers and invite the participants to provide comments.*

- **Integrated Control at Border Crossings Based on Modern**

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