

TERMS OF REFERENCE
OF
THE TRANSIT TRANSPORT
CO-ORDINATION COUNCIL (TTCC)

Article 1

Mandate and Composition

1. The Transit Transport Co-ordination Council shall be responsible for achievement of the aims of the ECO Transit Transport Framework Agreement (TTFA). It shall monitor, implement and coordinate matters related to transit transport among the Contracting Parties.
2. The Transit Transport Co-ordination Council shall be composed of the Chairmen of national inter-ministerial committees for border-crossing facilitation and promotion of international transport or high-level representatives of the Contracting Parties dealing with Transit Transport matters.
3. The Council may establish its own auxiliary bodies to assist it in performance of its functions.

Article 2

Objectives and functions of the Council

1. Matters related to the settlement of transit transport issues in the context of the Transit Transport Framework Agreement shall be dealt with by the Council which shall:
 - a. Study all matters related to co-operation in the field of traffic in transit which the Contracting Parties agree to promote;
 - b. Seek ways of reaching agreement among the Contracting Parties on matters related to the regional projects in the territories of Contracting Parties aimed at improving conditions of transit.
 - c. Formulate the general principles and provisions governing the traffic in transit among the Contracting Parties;
 - d. Ensure the uniform interpretation and application of the provisions

of the Agreement and its Annexes;

- e. Consider measures aimed at adapting the Agreement to new needs and technological developments;
- f. Co-operate with other international organizations dealing with transit transport matters.

Article 3

Meetings of the Council

1. The Transit Transport Co-ordination Council shall meet at least once a year.
2. At the request of any Contracting Party, forwarded through the Secretariat, the Transit Transport Co-ordination Council and its Auxiliary Bodies may hold extraordinary meetings.
3. The Chairmanship of the Transit Transport Co-ordination Council and Auxiliary Bodies shall rotate among the Contracting Parties on annual basis.
4. Regular meetings of the Transit Transport Co-ordination Council shall be held in each of the Contracting Parties in rotation on hospitality basis. Extraordinary meetings will be held, as may be agreed, in any of the Contracting Parties on the same conditions as above.
5. Chairmen of the Transit Transport Co-ordination Council and the Auxiliary Bodies shall retain their offices during the inter-sessional periods, until the next Chairmen assume their responsibilities.
6. Secretariat functions of the TTCC and its Auxiliary Bodies will be performed by the ECO Secretariat.

Article 4

Decisions by the Council and its Auxiliary Bodies

1. Decisions by the Transit Transport Co-ordination Council shall be taken by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached and if a majority opinion cannot be accepted by a Contracting Party, either the Transit Transport Co-ordination Council, or one of the Contracting Parties may request that the matter be settled through arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Articles 37 to 39 of the Transit Transport Framework Agreement.

2. Decisions by the Auxiliary Bodies of the Council shall be taken by consensus and shall be approved by the TTCC. If consensus cannot be reached the matter shall be referred to the Transit Transport Co-ordination Council for decision.
