

The 9th Meeting of the Heads of ECO Railway Authorities

Eight Meetings of the Heads of ECO Railway Authorities (1994-2004) at a glance

(Astana/Kazakhstan, June 13-14, 2007)

1st MHRA	1994 Tehran, 3-6 September	9 Countries Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Meeting set measures for preparation of the ECO railway map and determination of the order of priorities for implementation of railway projects. 		
2ND MHRA	1997 Tehran, 10-12 June	All member states
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting endorsed the recommendation of 1st international conference on transit transport potential of Central Asian region (Transeurasia)- 1997 to set up a working committee under the umbrella of UNESCAP, and ECO and with technical assistance of UIC on existing central courses of Trans-Asian railway with access to port Bandar Abbas and Istanbul. The meeting discussed on the need to establish information network between the railways of the member states until they have implemented ACIS system in their countries. 		
3RD MHRA	1998 Istanbul, 3-5 November, 1998	7 countries Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan + UIC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting considered the possibility of opening of international railway passenger traffic on Almaty-Tashkent-Tehran-Istanbul route and recommended to set up an Expert Task Group to study this matter. The UIC offered to provide technical assistance to this task group. The meeting endorsed the recommendations of the ECO regional workshop on international land transport and transit conventions (Tashkent, June 9-10, 1998) and requested Turkey and Kazakhstan to study the possibility of appointment of a common transport operator for the southern route of the Transasian railway mainline. Turkmenistan placed a reservation on the recommendations. The meeting agreed to establish a working group to come up with recommendations on establishment of a viable common information system for efficient organization of railway transportation in the region. 		
4TH MHRA	1999 Lahore, 26-28 October	6 Countries Iran, Kazakhstan Pakistan Tajikistan Turkey Turkmenistan,
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final draft ECO Railway Network Map was presented. 		

- Measures were agreed to timely return of the wagons after they were unloaded to ensure the use of wagons more effectively.
- The proposal of the Kazakhstan delegation on tariffs was deliberated and it was decided to set up an Experts Group to study and formulate a flexible tariff policy for railway transportation.
- The meeting endorsed the draft texts of the MOUs with OSZhD and UIC.
- The recommendations of the Technical Experts Group Meeting (Tehran- 29-30 August, 1999) on establishment of a Common Information System were considered. Installation of automated-working places at railway interchange stations of Iranian Serakhs and Turkmen Serakhs as well at Azeri Julfa and Iranian Julfa stations were approved.
- The meeting of Iran, Pakistan and Turkey for detailed study of the existing railway information system was agreed to be held in Almaty on 3-7 December, 1999.

5TH MHRA	2000	8 Countries
	Almaty, 19-21 September	Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan

- A Task-Force was agreed to be established, with its headquarters in Tehran to coordinate the opening of the International Passenger Traffic and finalize the draft multilateral Agreement on adjustment of mutual payments
- The meeting recommended that the format of ECO railway tickets on this route should be worked out on the basis of OSZhD's tickets
- The meeting decided to set up the Special Working Group with its office in Almaty to complete all the preparatory work in order to launch the proposed demonstration container train on Almaty-Istanbul route within the current year 2000.
- Experts conclusions (Almaty 6-9 December, 1999) to set up a Working Group for establishment of a Common Information System was endorsed.
- The Report of the 1st EGM-RTP (Istanbul on 10-12 July, 2000) was approved.

6TH MHRA	2001	9 countries
	Baku, 30 Oct–1 Nov	Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

- The revised MOU on the opening of International Passenger Traffic on Almaty-Istanbul route was approved and signed.
- Introduction of the Uniform Tariffs for traveling passengers and transportation of luggage and cargo-luggage by the international passenger train was agreed to be considered after first initial 10 journeys of the train No.19/20.
- The meeting approved the Minutes of the 3rd meeting of ECO Special Working Group on launching demonstration container train
- The meeting endorsed the proposal of the 3rd ECO SWG meeting (Van,Turkey, 3-5 September 2001) on the establishment of a coordinating unit to monitor and ensure the smooth running of container trains.
- The Report of 1st Working Group meeting of Experts (Almaty 9-11 October, 2001) on data transmission and establishment of a common information area and the Concise

Message format for border interchange stations were approved.

- The Plan of Action on establishment of a common information area was approved.

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