

ECO PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT (FORM)

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| 1. Project Category/Code: | TC/R/SPP-7/2019 |
| 2. Project Title: | “Resumption of regular operation of the ITI Container Train” |
| 3. Inclusion in ECO Project List: date of approval of ECO Work Program by Regional Planning Council (RPC) | <p>- 7th Ministerial Meeting on Transport on 17 - 18 April 2008 in Antalya, Turkey.</p> <p>Trilateral Ministerial Meeting of Iran, Pakistan and Turkey on ECO Container Train on ITI Route (Tehran, 1st March 2009) called on the en-route countries to start operationalizing this new route.</p> <p>The 1st Test run of the container train implemented on 14 August 2009 and the regular runs of container train started on 2 October 2010. It was continued till 2012.</p> <p><i>Work Programme 2019, B Sector: Transport and Communications, paras10-37, Report of 29th RPC (13-17 December 2018, ECO Secretariat).</i></p> <p><u>10th High Level Working Group Meeting (HLWGM) on Istanbul-Teheran-Iran (ITI) Container Train</u> (20-21 August 2019, Ankara, Turkey)</p> <p>11th HLWGM on ITI Container Train (27 October 2020, ECO Secretariat, virtual mode).</p> |
| 4. Project Objective(s): | Dispatch of regular run of the ITI Container Train. |
| 5. Project Budget (US\$): | The 150 th meeting of CPR (July 2009) approved US\$ 30,000 from the FGPF for field survey during the test-run of the demonstration train. |
| 6. Project Funding Source: | FGPF, project was fulfilled based on in-kind contribution of Member State. |
| 7. Coordinating Country/Organization: | Enroute countries of the Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Railway route |
| 8. International/Regional Partner: | - |
| 9. Duration of Project- In Proposal (Months): | 12 months |
| 10. Project Starting Time (M/Y): | October 2019 |
| 11. Project Completion Time (M/Y): | January 2021 |
| 12. Duration of Project-Actual (Months):: | 13 months |
| 13. Results of the Project: | |
| <u>Completion of implementation of Project’s outputs:</u> | |
| 1. Tariffs discussed, accorded, and unified. | |

2. Time schedule of the run of the ITI container train suggested and agreed.
3. National Focal Points on ITI Container Train to be responsible for operation of the ITI Train appointed.
4. The time of first dispatch agreed to be in 2020. However due to the situation caused by spread of COVID-19 it was not materialized.
5. The exact time of dispatch of the IT container train decided by the 11th HLWGM on ITI Container Train, to be in January 2021.

14. Date of completion: January 2021.

15. Lessons learnt from Project: Need to publicize the information about the ITI Train's dispatches so that the forwarder companies/undertakings could take actions on timely cargo mobilization. New construction project proposals in regard of ITI Railway may be submitted, accordingly on: (1) "Construction of a new standard railway line from Zahidan to Mirjaveh"; (2) "Rehabilitation of Quetta – Taftan railway "; (3) "a new small sized project on needs-based financial and technical assessment for installing the transshipment facilities, instruments and tools in Taftan railway station".

CHAIRMAN'S (SECRETARY GENERAL) RECOMMENDATION ON PROJECT:

Date of Project Monitoring Group Meeting: 24.11.2020., 13th Project Monitoring Group Meeting, ECO Secretariat.

Acceptance of completion: January 2021

Recommended steps forward: As per endorsement of the 30th Regional Planning Council (*ECO Secretariat - Tehran, January 14-16, 2020*) which requested the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to secure provision of necessary wagons to be reached at Zahedan on time (Paragraph-13, B. Sector: Transport and Communications, Work Programme 2020).

Note: The announcement on the launch of the ITI Container Train has been made through mass media.