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Regional Preparatory Expert Meeting of Euro-Asian Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries for the Mid-Term Review of the Almaty Programme of Action

22-23 April 2008
Bangkok, Thailand

Tentative Programme

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:45 Opening remarks:
Mr. Shigeru Mochida, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Mr. Robert Nowak, UN Economic Commission for Europe
Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg, Office of the High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

09:45 – 10:00 Election of chairperson, vice-chairperson and rapporteur

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

10.15 – 10:45 Progress in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action in the Asia-Pacific Region and Europe: The Secretariats’ perspective
• Presentation by ESCAP
• Presentation by UNECE

10:45 – 12:00 Progress in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: The perspective of landlocked countries (cont’d)
• Presentations by Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

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12:00 – 13:30  Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:30  Progress in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: The perspective of landlocked countries
  • Presentations by Afghanistan, Bhutan, Lao PDR, Nepal, and Azerbaijan
  • Q&A

15:30 – 15:35  Break
15:35 – 16:30  Progress in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action:
  • Presentations of transit countries: China, Islamic Republic Iran, Russian Federation
  • Q & A

Wednesday April 23, 2008

09:00 – 10:30  Statements from other international/regional organization in support of the implementation of Almaty Programme of Action

10:30 – 11:30  Strategy for the follow-up implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action and adoption of the outcome document
  • Presentation of ESCAP
  • Presentation of UNECE

11:30 – 14:30  Lunch

14:30 – 15:30  Briefing on benefits and obligations of trade agreements and treaty laws to LLDCs and transit countries. Presentations by OLA, OHRLLS, ESCAP and ECE

15:30 - 16:00  Closing Session
  Statements by
  • Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
  • Mr. Cheikh Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

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