Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs: legal frameworks for transit cooperation

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Efficient road transport

1. Good infrastructure

2. Harmonised legislative frameworks to facilitate trade and international road transport

3. Service excellence
Global transit frameworks

WTO TFA – legal framework for trade facilitation
- Article 11: Freedom of Transit

WCO Revised Kyoto Convention – legal framework for simplified, harmonised customs procedures
- Specific Annex E: standards & guidelines on Transit

UN Harmonisation Convention – legal framework for simplified, harmonised control procedures for international movement of goods
- Chapter III: provisions concerning Transit
- Annexes: customs, sanitary, phytosanitary, veterinary, standards, vehicles, drivers, rail
- International Technical Inspection Certificate
- International Vehicle Weight Certificate

UN TIR Convention – legal and procedural/operational framework for Transit
Global transit frameworks
Acceding to a Convention is a critical first step – but the benefits only come from effective implementation

- TRIE in West Africa

- $1320, $720 or $100 in transit fees for a movement of tyres from Mombasa to Kigali?
Facilitating the safe movement of specific goods

Some goods are particularly vulnerable to burdensome control measures

- **ADR Agreement** – sets safety standards for the transport of dangerous goods, but ensures facilitation for transports complying with ADR

- **ATP Agreement** – sets standards for movement of perishable foodstuffs
Facilitating transport contracts

It can be complicated, and costly, for a shipper in an LLDC to negotiate (or dispute) a transport contract.

- **CMR Convention** – fixes the conditions governing the contract for the international carriage of goods by road. Establishes liability between carrier and shipper.
Private sector-driven solutions

Additional charges – e.g. container deposits

Professionalism – driver training can improve fuel efficiency 5%-20%

5% improvement could equal $1200 per year per truck

Rwanda: 500 trucks = $600,000 per year