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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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