

Pakistan

Agenda Item 3(c)

Transport

Pakistan fully recognises the importance of transport in trade and development especially the land locked countries. In this regards, we would like to state that Pakistan has a number of bilateral and multilateral transport agreements with regional countries including land locked countries. Government of Pakistan signed the Inter-governmental Agreement on Asian Highway network on 26th of April 2004 and Instrument of Ratification signed on 9th September 2005.

The Asian Highways routs passing through Pakistan are,

AH 1 Torkham- Lahore-Wahga border India

AH 2 Lahore-Quetta-Taftan-Iran

AH 4 Karachi-Rawalpindi-Khunjrab pass-China

AH5 Karachi-Quetta-Chaman- Afghanistan

Government of Pakistan has also signed and ratified Trans Asian Railways Network Agreement in November 2009.

Pakistan has Transit Trade Agreement with Afghanistan (Afghanistan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA) 2010 to provide access to land locked countries including Afghanistan and Central Asian states. A Transit Trade Agreement has also been signed and ratified with the Government of Uzbekistan. Such agreements are being negotiated with Turkmenistan and Tajikistan. In order to facilitate trade we are also discussing with the Customs Authorities of Afghanistan to establish an Electronic System for processing of Customs Documentation on Afghanistan side.

To enhance the regional connectivity, UNESCAP may arrange a Regional Workshop in Pakistan for the South Asian and West Asian Countries.