

COMMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
ON ITEM 3- REVIEW OF ISSUES PERTINENT TO THE SUBSIDIARY
STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE WORK OF THE
REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS / (C) TRANSPORT

Turkey is of the view that transport is central to sustainable development and sustainable transport achieves better integration of the economy. There is no doubt that transport plays a vital role in the promotion of international trade. It also has a vital role to play in economic and social development. Taking this into consideration Turkey has actively participated in the work of preparing a draft agreement on Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports, which, in our view, together with the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway networks will constitute an important building block of a sustainable international transport and logistics system. At this juncture we would like to inform that Turkey is in the advanced stage of domestic ratification process of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Trans-Asian Railway Network. The said Agreement has recently been submitted for ratification to the Plenary of the Turkish Grand National Assembly.

As to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports, we hope that the Commission will adopt the Agreement during its 69th Session. While referring to the said Agreement on Dry Ports, we would like to declare and register the intention of Turkey that Turkey will not consider itself bound by the provisions of the Article 13 relating to reconciliation of the said Agreement. This declaration of intent will be duly referred to in the national ratification process.