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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON THE ASIAN
HIGHWAY NETWORK

BANGKOK, 18 NOVEMBER 2003

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX I OF THE AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

At its first meeting held in Bangkok on 14 and 15 December 2005, the Working Group on the Asian Highway, adopted in accordance with paragraph 4 of article 9 of the above Agreement, amendments proposed by Bhutan and Uzbekistan to Annex I of the Agreement.

The procedure for amending Annex I to this Agreement is set forth in Article 9 of the Agreement which reads as follows:

“Article 9

1. Annex I to this Agreement may be amended by the procedure specified in this article.
2. Amendments may be proposed by any Party after consultation and obtaining consensus with directly concerned neighbouring States except for an amendment relating to domestic alignment that does not change an international border crossing.
3. The text of any proposed amendment shall be circulated to all members of the Working Group by the secretariat at least forty-five (45) days before the Working Group meeting at which it is proposed for adoption.
4. An amendment shall be adopted by the Working Group on the Asian Highway by a majority of the Parties present and voting. The amendment as adopted shall be communicated by the secretariat to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall circulate it to all Parties.
5. An amendment adopted in accordance with paragraph 4 of the present article shall be deemed accepted if during a period of six (6) months from the date of the notification, none of the Parties directly concerned notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of their objection to the amendment.

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned.
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6. An amendment accepted in accordance with paragraph 5 of the present article shall enter into force for all the Parties three (3) months after the expiry of the period of six (6) months referred to in paragraph 5 of the present article.

7. The following shall be considered Parties directly concerned:

(a) In the case of a new, or the modification of an existing, Asian Highway route substantially crossing more than one subregion, any Party whose territory is crossed by that route; and

(b) In the case of a new, or the modification of an existing, Asian Highway route within subregions including those connecting to neighbouring subregions, and routes located within member States, any Party contiguous to the requesting State whose territory is crossed by that route or the Asian Highway route substantially crossing more than one subregion with which that route, whether new or to be modified, is connected. Two Parties having in their respective territories the terminal points of a sea link on the Asian Highway route substantially crossing more than one subregion or routes specified above shall also be considered contiguous for the purposes of this paragraph.

8. For the purpose of objections under paragraph 5 of this article, the secretariat shall communicate to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, together with the text of the amendment, a list of Parties which are directly concerned by the amendment.”

..... A copy of the text of the proposed amendments in the Chinese, English and Russian languages is transmitted herewith.

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