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Continued support to landlocked countries: the Vienna Programme of Action

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MIDTERM REVIEW VIENNA PROGRAMME OF ACTION
FOR LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, 5-6
DECEMBER 2019 NEW YORK



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VPoA for LLDCs, adopted in 2014

Aim: Provides a comprehensive framework to tackle LLDCs' special challenges and improve their integration into the global economy

Six priority areas: transit, infrastructure, international trade and trade facilitation, regional integration and cooperation, structural economic transformation and means of implementation

Adoption of a **High-Level Political Declaration** on the occasion of the VPoA midterm review, New York, 5-6 December 2020 (briefing by UN-OHRLLS)



SIDE EVENT

**Modernization of the transit process
– opportunities offered by TIR**



Shed light on the broad range of tools and instruments at the disposal of LLDCs interested in strengthening their transit transport potential

Particular attention was paid to **TIR & eTIR**, the potential it has for **inter-modality** and the benefits it generates for LLDCs in terms of cost and efficiency gains

A representative of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Advanced Technologies of Azerbaijan presented **experience of Azerbaijan with eTIR**

Workshop on Quantifying Transport Costs for LLDCs

Geneva, 2 September 2019 (in conjunction with WP.5)

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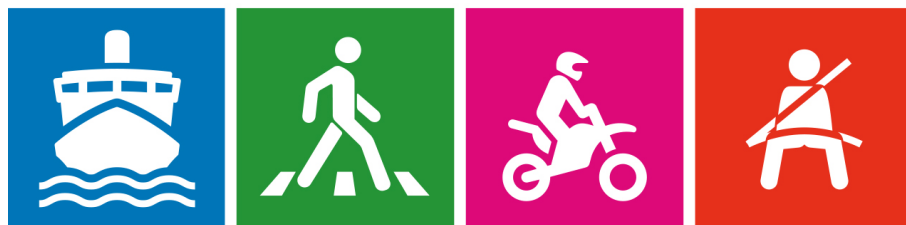


Participants recognized the lack of a harmonized approach and methodology to measure actual transport costs for LLDCs, due to:

- Different approaches and models used
- Limited data availability in LLDCs
- Limitations of data and data modelling
- Different costs associated with different modes of transport
- The lacking of a comprehensive methodology t
- Incorporate both soft and hard infrastructure issues

Participants recommended that WP.5 should do further work on this, in close co-operation with UN-OHRLLS

Potential for follow-up with International Think Tank for LLDCs



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Thank you!