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Sixty-first Session

17 December 2013, Geneva, Switzerland

R E P O R T

PARTICIPATION

1. The 61st session of the TEM Steering Committee took place in Geneva, Switzerland on 17 December 2013. The National Coordinators of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Poland and Turkey as well as the representatives of the Transport Division of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the UNECE Consultant took part in the session. The list of participants is attached to this report as its Annex 1.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. The past Chairman of the Steering Committee, Mr. K. Nemeč (Austria) opened the session and welcomed its participants.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The agenda of the session, as adopted, is attached as Annex 2 to this report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4. Mr. M. Arman (Turkey) was elected as Chairman of the session.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 60th SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

5. On the basis of the discussion on the original text of the report approved on 12 October 2013 and taking into account the subsequent comments of the Polish Government and of the UNECE, the final report of the 60th session of the Committee was approved with original items 7. (TEM Programme of Work for 2014) and 8.(Election of the Project Manager for 2014 and 2015) deleted. This final report will be posted on the UNECE/TEM website.

TEM PROJECT CENTRAL OFFICE AND STAFF

6. The Polish delegation introduced Mr. Andrzej Jerzy Maciejewski, the Deputy General Director of the General Directorate for National Roads and

Motorways as the official candidate for the position of the TEM Project Manager.

7. Mrs. E. Molnar, Director of the Transport Division of the UNECE, welcomed this proposal, stressing the candidate's experience and recommended the Committee to accept it.
8. The Steering Committee elected unanimously Mr. Maciejewski as the TEM Project Manager for the period 2014 – 2015. Its members also pledged to support him in his demanding assignment.
9. Mrs. Molnar appreciated this decision of the Committee and asked for the respective letter of the Polish Minister of Transport to be sent to the Executive Secretary of the UNECE in order to start the final approval process within the United Nations.

TEM PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2014

10. Mrs. M.-S. Fouvez recalled the decision of the 60th session of the Committee, according to which the final TEM Programme of Work for 2014 had to be elaborated taking into account the Polish proposal to be submitted by the end of November 2013.
11. Mr. A. J. Maciejewski introduced this proposal for the period 2014 - 2015, covering 6 basic themes, i.e. (i) managing of EU funds, (ii) road safety management, (iii) maintenance and asset management, (iv) realization of investments, (v) ITS systems and (vi) environmental protection and climate change.
12. In the course of the ensuing discussion, the representatives of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey as well as the representatives of the UNECE voiced their general support for the Polish proposal and promised to make their experience in these issues available to the new Project Manager. In this context, they stressed the importance of items on infrastructure financing including the PPP and BOT schemes, road safety, corridor thinking and multimodal approach as well as of co-operation with the TER Project
13. Mr. Maciejewski was requested to prepare the draft TEM Programme of Work for 2014 taking into account the Polish proposal and accompanied also by questions regarding the expectations and demands of the member countries and send it to the National Coordinators and to the UNECE by the end of January 2014. Based on responses and comments received, the TEM PCO will elaborate the final draft Programme of Work including the detailed action plan to be approved at the next session of the Steering Committee

FINANCING OF THE TEM ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

14. Mrs. M.-S. Fouvez drew the attention of the session to the TEM Cost Plan for 2014 elaborated by the outgoing Project Manager, Mr. H. Meelich, and in this connection assured the session and the new Project Manager that the Project's budget is in a very sound condition. She also explained that should

the final Programme of Work for 2014 or the new Project Manager himself require necessary adjustments of this Cost Plan, the UNECE would be ready to consider such amendments and to recommend them to the Steering Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

15. Mrs. M.-S. Fouvez informed the Committee about the letter of the General Manager of the Romanian National Company of Motorways and National Roads, Mr. N. S. Neaga of 16 December 2013, asking the member countries for standards of costs for motorway construction. She requested the TEM National Coordinators having available such standards to kindly send them to the Romanian TEM National Coordinator at their earliest convenience.
16. The 62nd session of the Committee will be held in April 2014 and its date and place would be set by the new Project Manager, who would send the related information together with the draft agenda to its participants by the end of January next year.
17. The representatives of the UNECE invited the members of the Committee to take part in the 76th Annual Session of the Inland Transport Committee to be held in Geneva on 25 – 27 February 2014. The informal document on TEM and TER projects for the session will be this time elaborated by the UNECE Transport Division and consulted with the new Project Manager.
18. On behalf of all the participants, the Chairman congratulated Mr. A. J. Maciejewski to his election to the post of the TEM Project Manager. Mr. Maciejewski expressed his gratitude to the members of the Committee for the election and assured them that he would do his best to manage and further develop the TEM Project in the years to come.
19. The Steering Committee voiced its thanks to the outgoing Project Manager, Mr. H. Meelich, for his management of the Project in the period 2009 – 2013 and at the same time extended its gratitude to the Chairman of the session for his successful performance and to the Transport Division of the UNECE for its kind hosting of the session.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

20. The report of the session was adopted.

Annex 1. List of participants

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Annex 2.
Draft Agenda of the 61st TEM Steering Committee

Provisional agenda for the sixty-first session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. Room S1
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 December 2013

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Election of Officers
4. Adoption of the draft report of the 60th Steering Committee
5. TEM PC Office and Staff
6. TEM Programme of Work for 2014
7. Financing of the TEM activities and meetings
8. Other Business