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**To: Ministry of Transport,  
Maritime Affairs and  
Communications of the  
Republic of Turkey**

Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan presents its compliments to the Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Turkey and has the honor to inform as follows.

Being situated on the intersection of the main trade routes Turkey actively develops transport logistics sector paying special attention on development of interconnection between the export and transport logistics sector and increase of competitiveness of logistics branch. The large-scale work on creation of national intellectual transport system in Turkey is conducted, the Marmarai project on construction of an underwater railway tunnel under the Bosphorus is implemented, construction of the third bridge across the Bosphorus and the tunnel in the mountains of North-East Turkey which will allow to connect the Black Sea part of the Turkey with Mediterranean part of the country, Caucasus States, countries of the Persian Gulf, Central Asia and Iran is carried out. Also, great attention is paid to development of aircraft service and airports.

Taking into account the fact that the Republic of Kazakhstan is a land-locked country, Kazakhstan is interested in building relationships with the countries having an outlet to the sea. Being situated between China and Europe, Kazakhstan is ready to become a peculiar bridge and to offer the opportunities for cargo transportation.

At the same time seeking for strengthening of trade and economic cooperation and attaching great importance to development of the international corridors and logistics, our countries conduct work on implementation of the Silk Wind project.

Throughout joint successful work, within implementation of the Plan of measures to the Joint economic program "New Synergy" under patronage of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev and the President of the Republic of Turkey Abdullah Gül for 2012-2015 it is proposed to organize a meeting with participation of the interested government bodies and representatives of a business community for the purpose of discussion of the following questions:

1. Creation of transport and logistic commodity distribution systems of Kazakhstan and Turkey (dry ports, Caspian, Mediterranean, Black Seas, seaports of Turkey).

2. Stimulation of the Kazakhstan and Turkey business communities for creation of the joint transport and logistics company, studying of the advanced international experience in implementation the projects in the sphere of logistics, particularly, logistics centers in Edirne province near Turco-Bulgarian border, Artvin and Ardahan provinces on the border with Georgia and in the Şanlıurfa province on the border with Syria with its further implementation in Kazakhstan.

3. The proposal of the Minister of Economy of the Republic of Turkey Mr. N. Zeybekci on signing of the intergovernmental agreement on cooperation in the sphere of transport and logistics.

Besides, we propose to consider a question of participation of the Turkish investors in construction of the transport and logistics centers (TLC) in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

In current year it is planned to commence the construction of internal network of TLC in the places of consolidation and distribution of transit freight traffics and export marketing activities.

Within development of the feasibility study on construction of TLC in the Republic of Kazakhstan there were conducted marketing researches according to the results of which the most promising regions for the TLC construction were determined.

Place of location, parameters and freight orientation of the TLC were determined.

Alongside with that, currently the project on creation of special economic zone (SEZ) 'Khorgos – Eastern Gate' which will serve as transshipment hub for the China freight advancing to the Europe countries is realized now.

Basic elements of SEZ are the Khorgos International Centre of Boundary Cooperation JSC as a network of the trade-and-exhibition complexes and platform for negotiations, logistics area including a dry port as the transport logistics complex of international level and industrial area as the complex of industrial enterprises.

The project will make it possible to create powerful industrial-and-logistics hub in technological linkage with Zhetygen-Korgas railway and "Western Europe-Western China" motor road corridor.

Aiming to attract the potential investors the tax and customs privileges and preferences are provided on the territory of SEZ.

Today the investors have opportunity to select multiple entities for their investments, from hotels and trade-and-exhibition centers up to the office premises and terminals of temporary storage, processing and completing set of commodities etc.

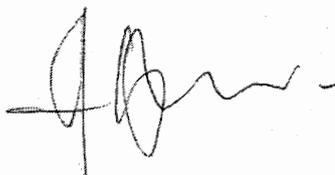
Together with the world leader in the sphere of operation of logistic infrastructure the Dubai Port World company (United Arab Emirates) and logistics operator NC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy JSC, the general line of the transport

interaction with Aktau seaport (“Western Gate” of Kazakhstan) and its linkage with the “Khorgos – Eastern Gate” project is built for organization of the global supplies and integration of the Kazakhstan infrastructure service into the world trade and transport chain.

Upon completion of the project on the Aktau seaport extending to the North within frameworks of which it is provided to construct 3 dry bulk terminals with capacity of 2,5 mln. tons and new railway lines Zhezkazgan-Beineu and Akhalkalaki – Kars, the role of Aktau seaport and its potential in attracting the cargo flows through Kazakhstan between the markets of China, Turkey and Southern Europe by the trans-Caspian transport corridor will grow significantly.

Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Turkey the assurances of its highest consideration and expresses hope for further fruitful cooperation.

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