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Dear Mr. Segal,

**Regional Framework for the Development of Dry Ports  
of International Importance for North and Central Asia  
Capacity building Workshop - Almaty, Kazakhstan, 31 May - 1 June 2018**

Under the above project, ESCAP prepared a Regional Framework for the Development, Design, Planning and Operation of Dry Ports of International Importance. After discussion with government officials from the region, the framework was reviewed and presented at the Second Meeting of the Working Group on Dry Ports, Bangkok, 14-15 November 2017. The Regional Framework identifies fundamental issues related to the development and operation of dry ports and for each of these issues proposes a related target and provides guidance on ways to reach each target.

With the above in mind, I am pleased to inform you that ESCAP will conduct a capacity-building workshop on the application of the Regional Framework at the Ramada Almaty Hotel, Almaty, Kazakhstan on 31 May and 1 June 2018.

The workshop (tentative programme attached) is aimed at building the capacity of transport policy makers and dry port operators of ESCAP member countries to plan, design, develop and operate dry ports of international importance utilizing the approaches suggested in the Regional Framework and will include training sessions, case studies and practical exercises.

ESCAP will cover the local costs of the workshop, including meeting room, interpretation and equipment, as well as lunches and coffee breaks served on the days of the workshop. ESCAP will also finance travel of delegates from land-locked developing countries to Almaty.

Knowing your Association as our reliable partner in Kazakhstan on transport-related activities, I would like to request for your kind assistance in identifying and inviting local participants to the Seminar, including dry port operators, freight forwarding companies and other stakeholders who may be interested in the topics to be discussed at the workshop.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Mr. Fedor Kormilitsyn, Tel: (66-2) 288 2496, Fax: (66-2) 288 3050, E-mail: kormilitsyn@un.org.

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We are looking forward to receiving the nominations of the local participants at the earliest and to their active participation in the workshop. I am convinced that our combined efforts will further contribute to the goal of achieving sustainable transport connectivity in the region.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hong Joo Hahm", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hong Joo Hahm  
Deputy Executive Secretary and  
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cc: Mr. Timur Akhmetzhanov, Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative to ESCAP