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Promoting Regional Integration of Asian Transport Networks

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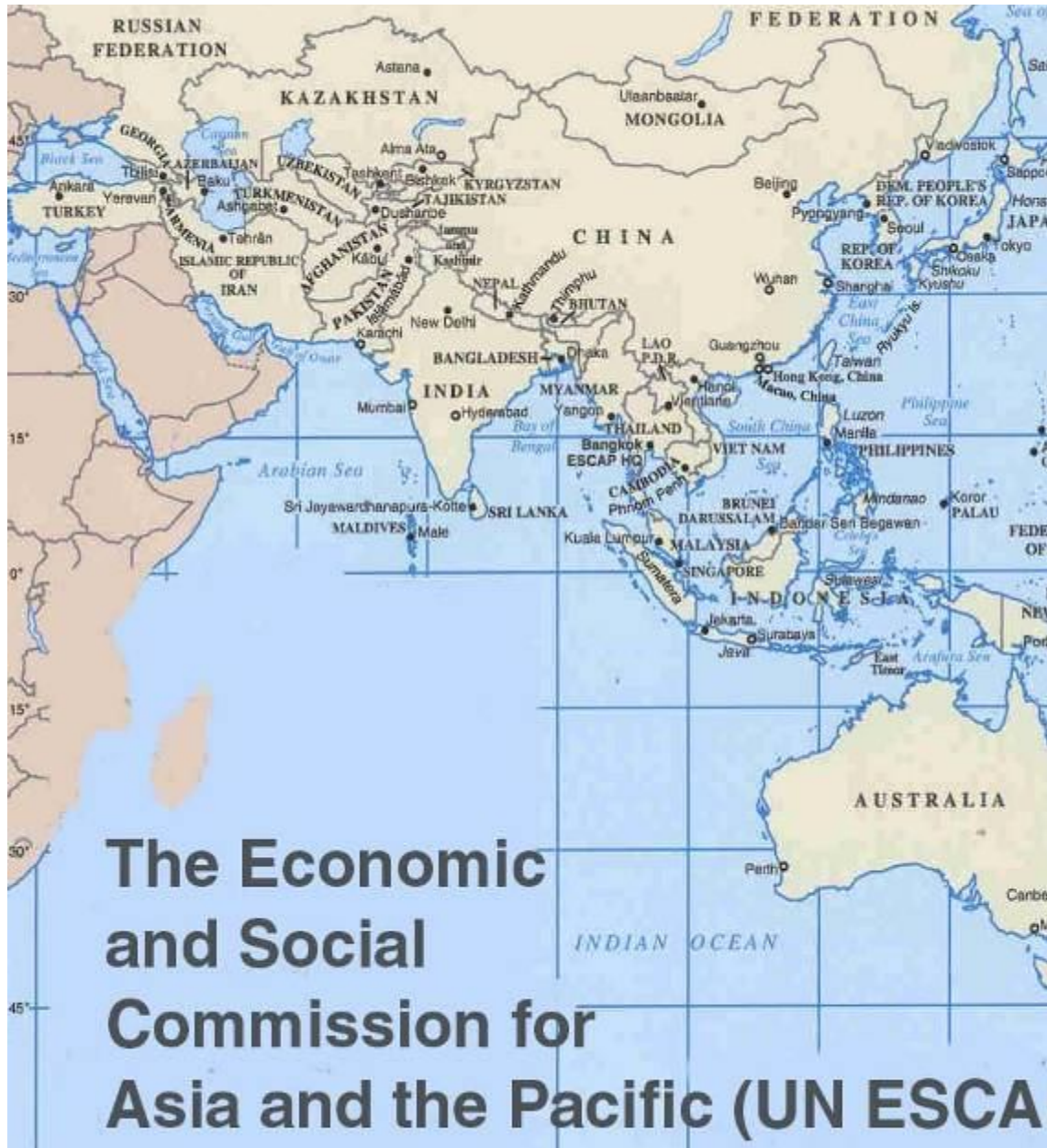
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Outline

- Introduction to ESCAP Region
- Regional Transport Agreements:
 - Asian Highway Network
 - Trans-Asian Railway Network
 - Dry ports
- Integration of Regional Transport Networks
- International Transport Facilitation
- Concluding Remarks

ESCAP Region at a glance:



- 62 member countries
- 12 land locked countries
- 4 billion people (61% of world population)
- 29% of world GDP
- Unbalanced Development
 - Concentrated in coastal areas
 - 635 million people in absolute poverty



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Asian Land Transport Infrastructure Development

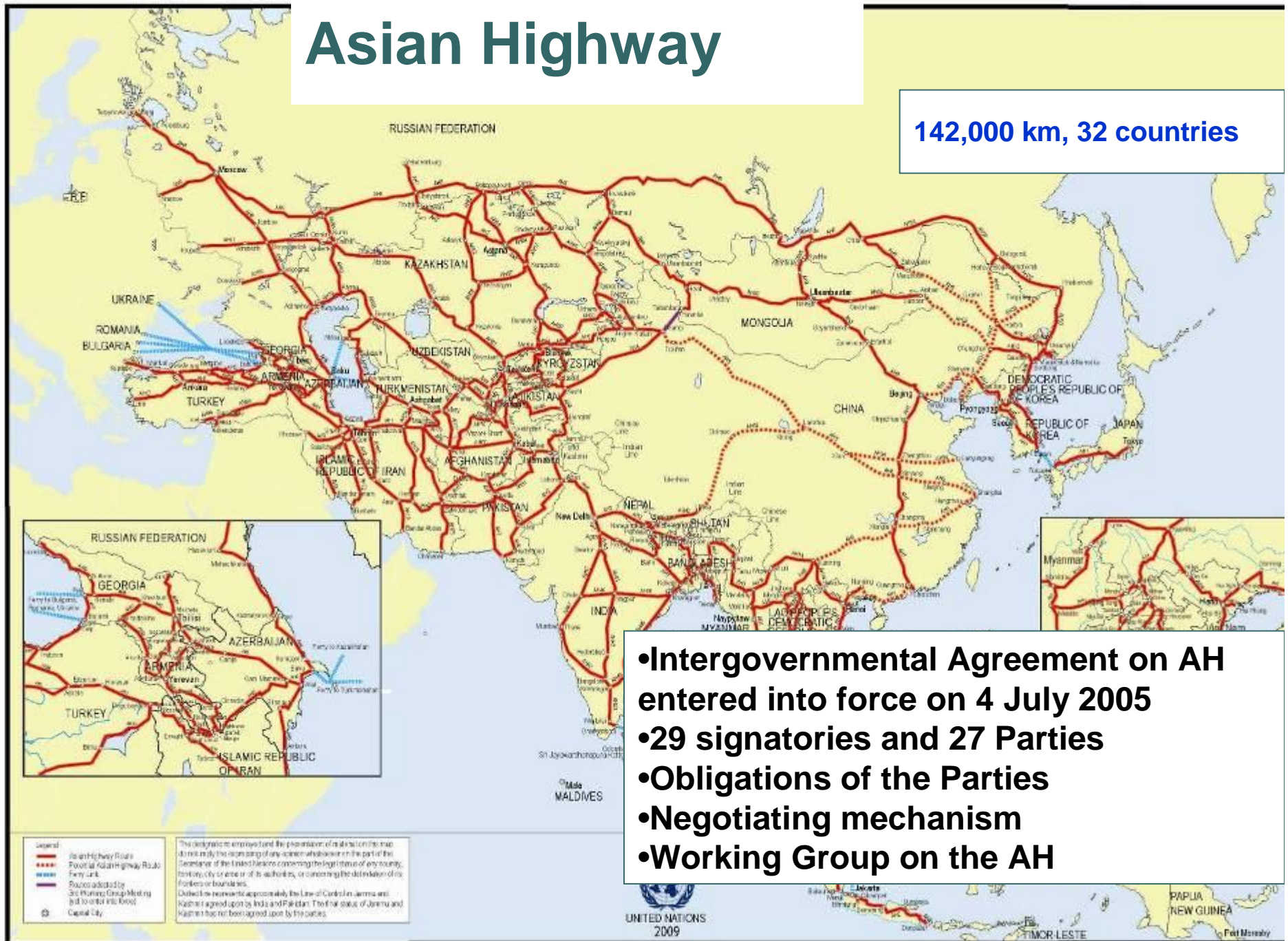
The Vision: international integrated intermodal transport and logistics system

ALTID: Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway and Transport Facilitation

- **Goal: To promote regional cooperation/trade**
- **Criteria for identification of routes:**
 - **Capital to capital links**
 - **Industrial and agricultural centres**
 - **Sea, river and air ports**
 - **Container terminals & depots**
 - **Tourism attractions**
- **Maximize use of existing infrastructure**
- **Coordinated plan for development**

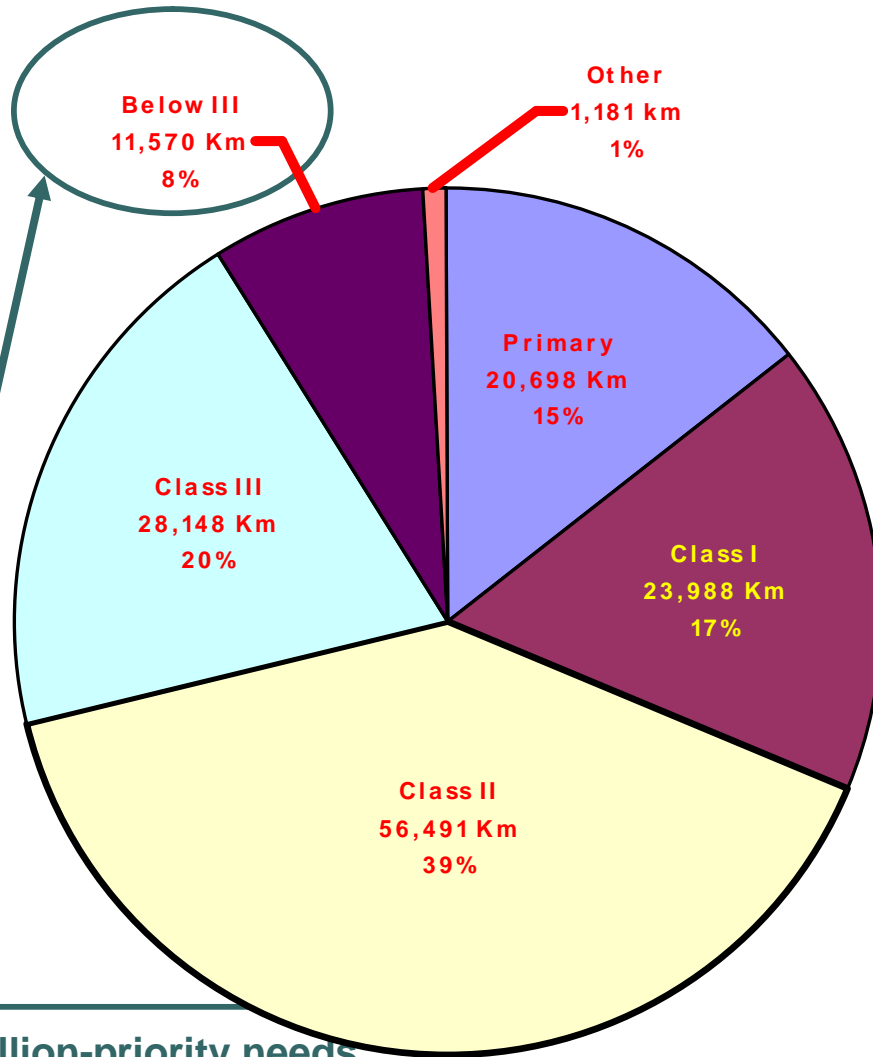
Asian Highway

142,000 km, 32 countries

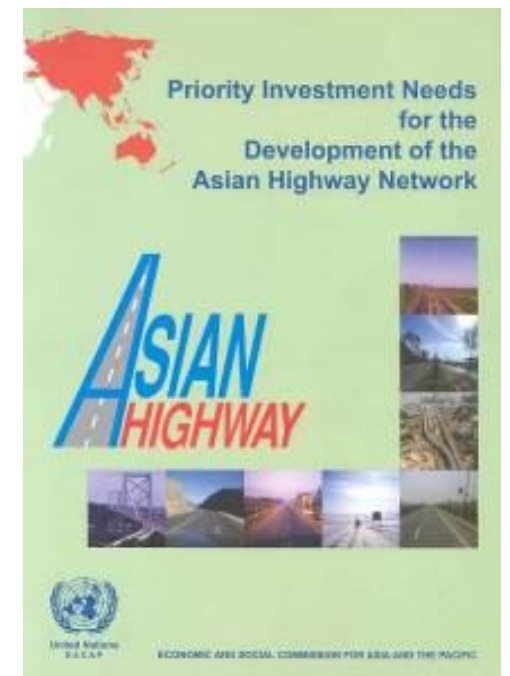


- Intergovernmental Agreement on AH entered into force on 4 July 2005
- 29 signatories and 27 Parties
- Obligations of the Parties
- Negotiating mechanism
- Working Group on the AH

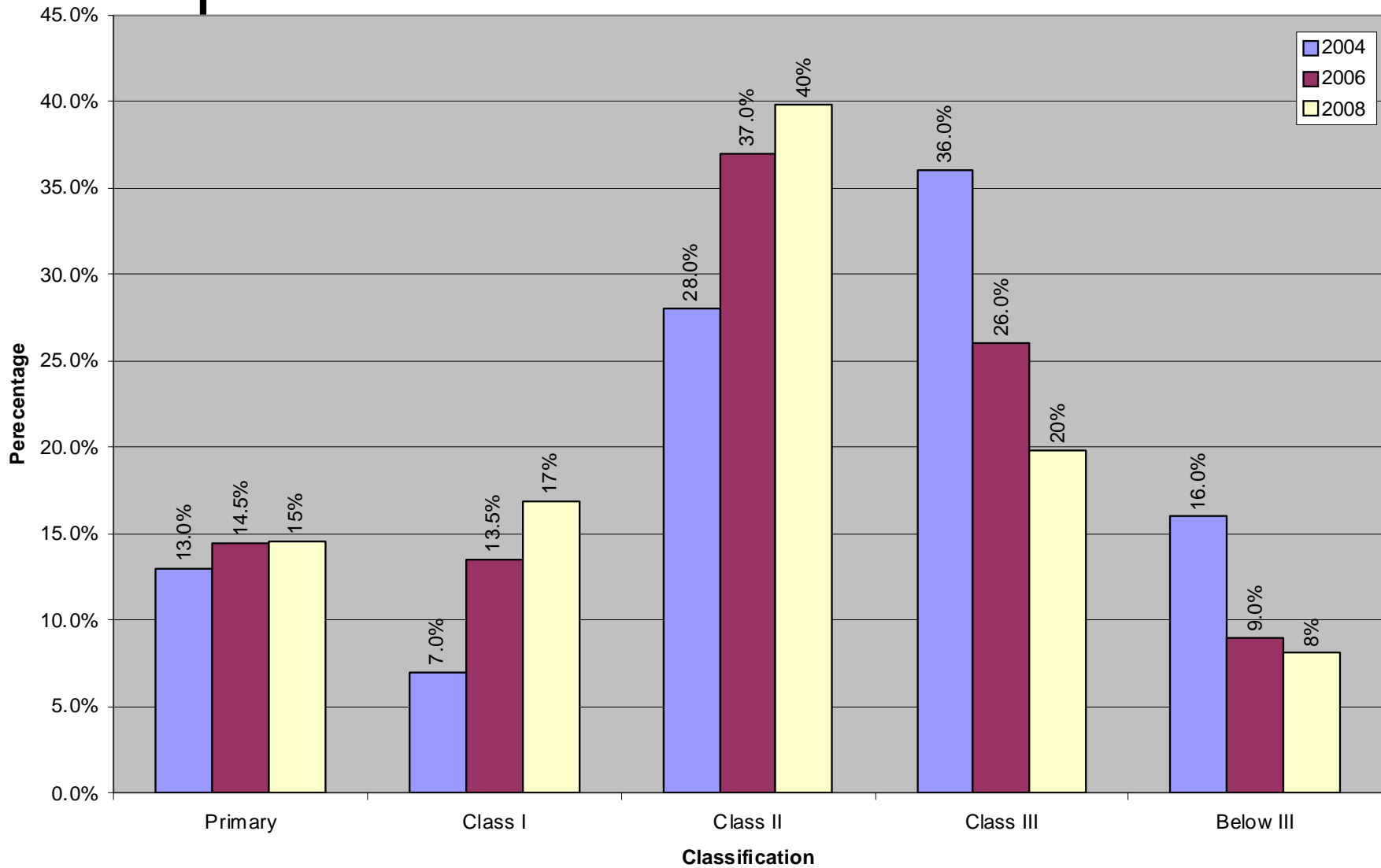
Status of the Asian Highway



US\$ 18 billion-priority needs
AH Investment Forum



Upgrading of AH Infrstructure





Trans-Asian Railway Network

114,700 km, 28 countries



- IGA entered into force on 11 June 2009
- 22 signatories and 14 Parties
- Working Group on TAR



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Developing the TAR infrastructure

Building the missing links

8,300 Km Missing Links
US\$ 25 billion

Islamic Republic of Iran – Azerbaijan
(ongoing)

China - Kyrgyzstan

ASEAN - China

Turkey - Georgia
(ongoing)

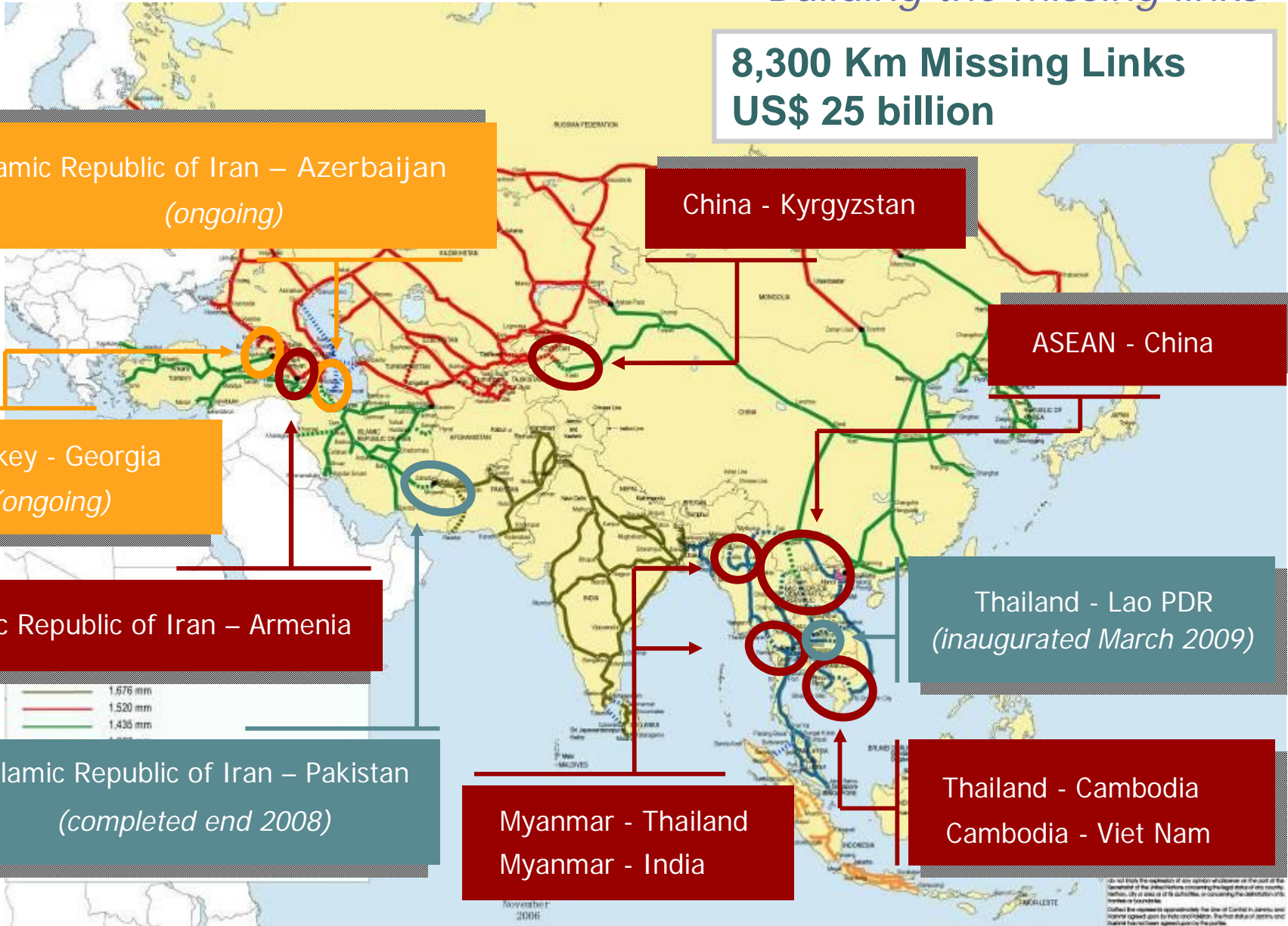
Thailand - Lao PDR
(inaugurated March 2009)

Islamic Republic of Iran – Armenia

Islamic Republic of Iran – Pakistan
(completed end 2008)

Myanmar - Thailand
Myanmar - India

Thailand - Cambodia
Cambodia - Viet Nam



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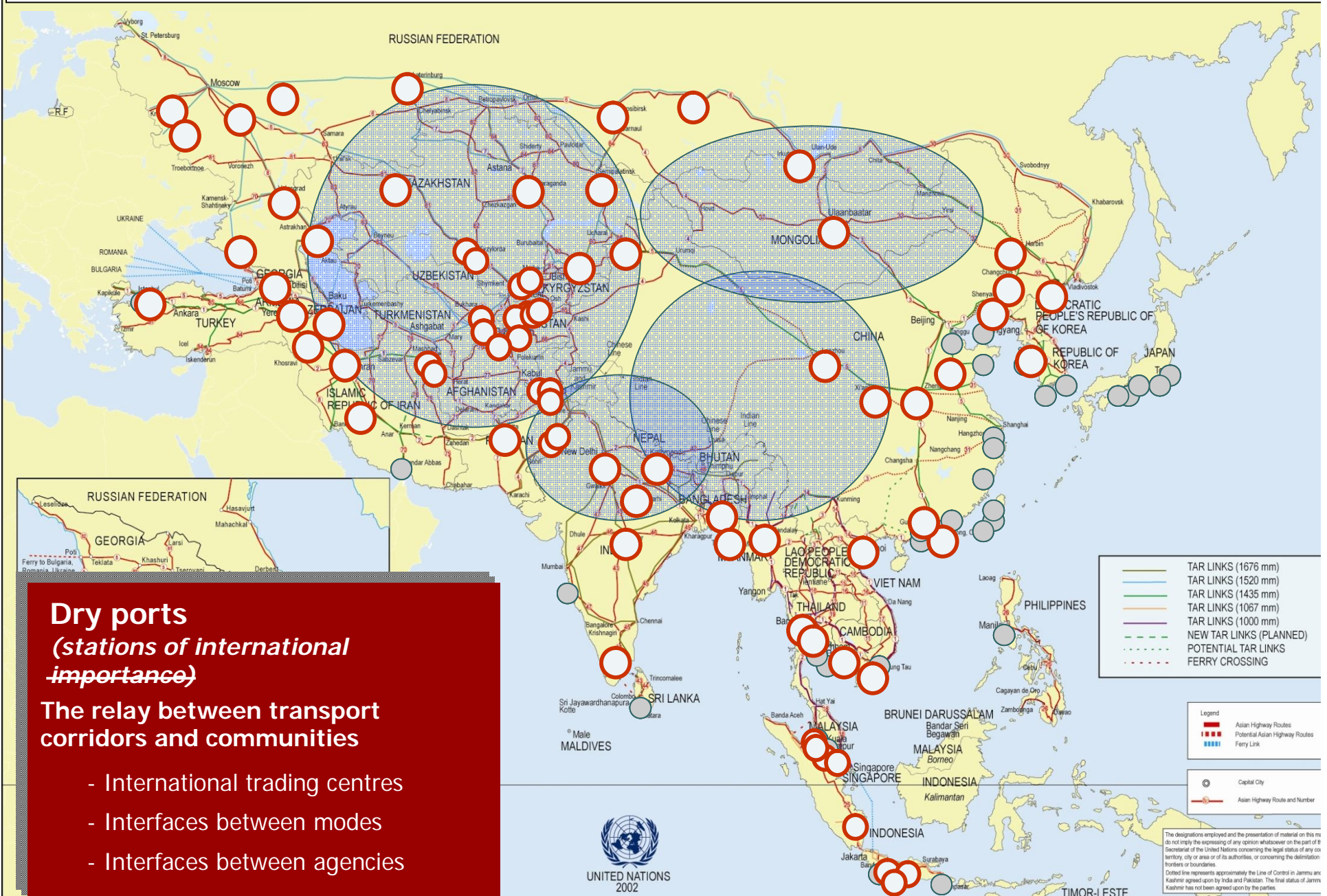
Intermodal Transport and Integration



- Integration of road, rail, shipping and port networks and intermodal nodes
- Development of Intermodal Interfaces (ICDs and Dry ports)
- Economic development to inland locations
- Connection to sea, river ports and maritime transport network
 - Development of dry ports along AH and TAR
 - Technical characteristics, guiding principle
 - Dedicated Freight Corridors
 - Encouraging modal shift

Important role of “dry ports” to become centres for development
Development of Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports

Integrated Intermodal Transport and Logistics





Transport Facilitation

- **Identifying non-physical bottlenecks**
- **Harmonizing the legal environment**
- **Streamlining the institutional processes**
 - **Transport and trade facilitation committees**
- **Knowledge sharing and capacity building:**
 - **Operational staff at borders, customs, immigration**
 - **Freight forwarders**
 - **Multimodal transport & logistics providers**



Facilitation of International Transport

- ESCAP resolution: 48/11—seven transport facilitation conventions
 - Road Traffic, Road Signs and Signals
 - TIR Conventions, Temporary Importation of Commercial Vehicles, Customs Convention on Containers
 - Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, International Carriage of Goods by Road
- Conclusion of Bilateral/Subregional/Regional Transport Agreements
 - ASEAN, Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS)-ADB
 - Shanghai Cooperation Organization -Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport
 - Multilateral Framework Agreement-TRACECA, ECO, SAARC
 - Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (ADB)
 - Euro-Asian Transport Linkages (EATL)



Concluding Remarks

- Regional Transport Agreements- catalyst for harmonized and coordinated development of roads and railways, intermodal interfaces
- National plan and policies – think beyond borders
- Coordination among countries and agencies
 - MOUs
 - Working Groups-AH, TAR, Transport Forums
- Financing development and maintenance-prioritize investment
 - Increasing role of private sector
- Utilize the regional infrastructure for cross-border transport
 - Facilitation of border crossings – trickle down effect to operation
 - Promotion of good practices of transport operations

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