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strengthening transport connectivity***

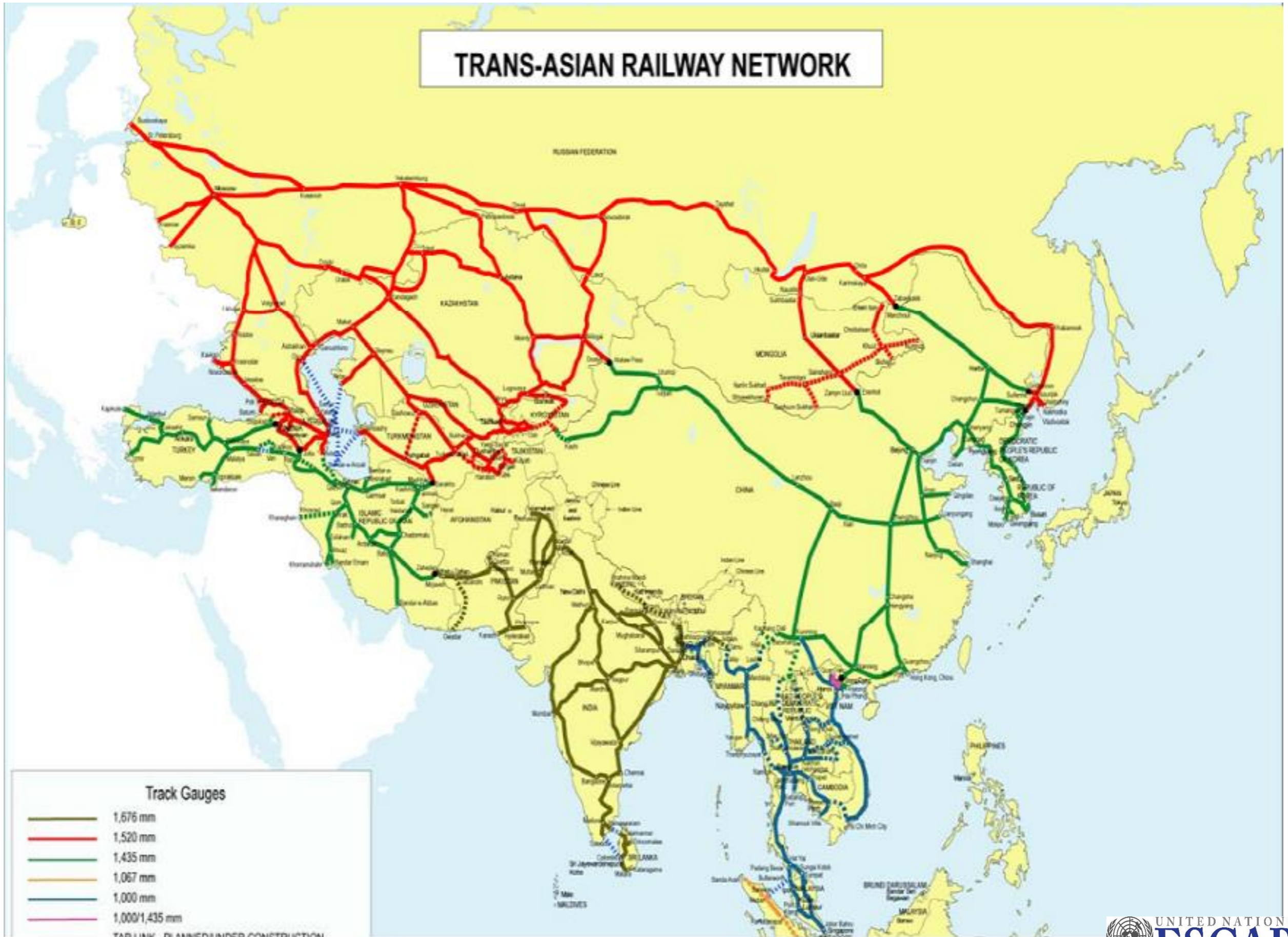
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Outline

1. Railway Transport- Implementation framework for seamless operations of Singapore Kunming Rail Link
2. Road Transport- Digital Freight Platform to meet regulatory requirements in international road transport
3. Dry Ports- Formulate regional network plan for development of dry ports including finalizing their list and identifying measures to improve their effectiveness
4. Enhancing shift towards sustainable freight transport UN DA project

TRANS-ASIAN RAILWAY NETWORK



Track Gauges

- 1,676 mm
- 1,520 mm
- 1,435 mm
- 1,067 mm
- 1,000 mm
- 1,000/1,435 mm

TABLE 1.1. RAILWAY NETWORK CONSTRUCTION



Overview of ESCAP work to strengthen international railway transport

- ✓ Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network entered in to force in 2009 currently has 24 (19) states as party. **Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar**, Thailand, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic
- ✓ For facilitation of international railway transport, ESCAP members in 2015 adopted a resolution 71/7 on Adoption of Regional Cooperation Framework for Facilitation of International Railway Transport.
- ✓ The framework identify four fundamental issues and eleven areas for cooperation among member states to foster railway transport in the region





Overview of ESCAP work to strengthen international railway transport

- ✓ Following on the resolutions ESCAP developed jointly with OSJD a Recommendations on enhancing efficiency of railway border crossings
- ✓ Identify among other electronic exchange of information, harmonization of customs transit formalities,
- ✓ MOUs with UIC, OSJD and OTIF
- ✓ Implementation framework for seamless operation of SKRL- ESCAP is ready to support





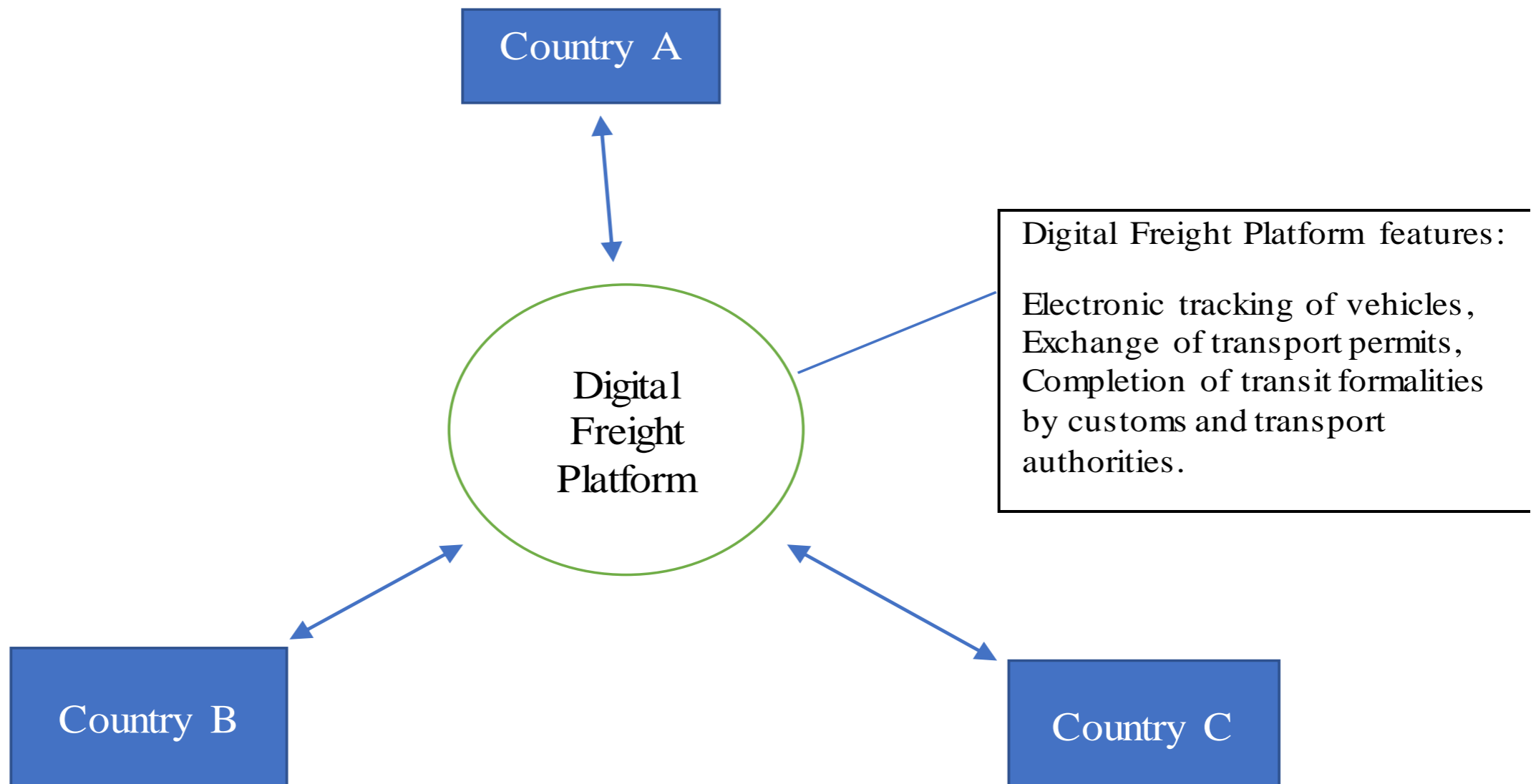
2. Regulatory formalities in international road transport

S.No	Formality to be completed	Authority responsible
1.	Issue and checking of road permits	Transport
2.	Driver/crew identification document	Immigration
3.	Transit issues	Customs/transport/local police
4.	Temporary admission documentation	Customs
5.	Cargo and vehicle manifest	Customs
6.	Vehicle entry/exit endorsement	Customs



2. Digital Freight Platform to meet regulatory requirements

Fig: Concept for a Digital Freight Platform to meet regulatory formalities in international road transport





3. Institutional determinants for dry port development Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam

1. Party to ESCAP's Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports
2. Actions guided by a relevant national masterplan
3. Lead decision-making entity has been designated
4. Multi-agency coordination mechanism at the policy level
5. Coordination across mode-specific authorities in defining infrastructure and/or investment plans
6. Private sector has a defined role and involvement in the policy consultation process and
7. Legal framework on Public-Private-Partnerships that enables/facilitates private sector financing and investment in facilities



Dry ports

<i>Elements</i>	<u>RoK</u>	Thailand	Vietnam	Lao PDR	Cambodia
<i>Party to the Agreement</i>	✓	✓	✓	X	X
<i>Existence of national masterplan</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Lead Entity</i>	✓	✓	X	X	X
<i>Multi-Agency coordination</i>	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
<i>Mode and infrastructure coordination</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
<i>Defined private sector role and participation</i>	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
<i>Existence of specific PPP legal framework</i>	✓	✓	✓	X	X
	High	High	Medium	Medium	Medium



4. Enhancing shift towards sustainable freight transport

- ✓ UN DA project span over three years
- ✓ National assessment for freight transport sector and suggest optimal modal mix to meet demands for mobility in a sustainable manner
- ✓ Development national strategy for sustainable freight transport
- ✓ Enhance regional cooperation on sustainable freight transport issues along Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway
- ✓ Development of standards for green freight corridors
- ✓ Welcome expression of interest from GMS countries

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