

## **Protocol 1: Designation of Corridors, Routes, and Points of Entry and Exit (Border Crossings)**

To the Agreement between and among the Governments of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Union of Myanmar, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for the Facilitation of Cross-Border Transport of Goods and People  
(hereinafter referred to as "the Protocol")

The Governments of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Union of Myanmar, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties"),

Referring to the Agreement between and among the Governments of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for the Facilitation of Cross-Border Transport of Goods and People, originally signed on 26 November 1999 at Vientiane, amended at Yangon on 29 November 2001, acceded to by the Kingdom of Cambodia at Yangon on 29 November 2001, acceded to by the People's Republic of China on 3 November 2002 at Phnom Penh, and acceded to by the Union of Myanmar on 19 September 2003 at Dali City (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement"),

Referring to Articles 3(b) and (n) of the Agreement to the effect that Annexes and Protocols contain technical details or time- and/or site-specific variable elements and that they form an integral part of the Agreement and are equally binding,

Referring to Article 36 of the Agreement, as amended, per which the Agreement may be signed and ratified or accepted and enter into force separately from the Annexes and Protocols,

Referring to the Ninth GMS Ministerial Conference held in Manila in January 2000, the Seventh Meeting of the Subregional Transport Forum held in Ho Chi Minh City in August 2002, and the 11th GMS Ministerial Conference held in Phnom Penh in September 2002, where the Governments agreed to a work program to finalize the Agreement and its Annexes and Protocols by 2005, and

Referring to Articles 6, 20, and 25 of the Agreement, calling for this Protocol to provide variable elements,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

### Article 1: Corridors, Routes, and Border Crossings

The corridors/routes and border crossings to which the Agreement applies shall be as prescribed in the Attachment to this Protocol: "List of Corridors, Routes, and Border Crossings", and Associated Map (A4-format).

## Article 2: Opening of Additional Border Crossings and Routes

In addition to the border crossings and routes originally designated in this Protocol, groups of Contracting Parties are entitled to open additional border crossings and routes through a memorandum of understanding between or among them. Such additional border crossings or routes will enjoy the same status as the originally designated ones. Any such opening will be promptly notified to the Joint Committee and put forward for inclusion in Article 1 of this Protocol by amendment. However, such additional border crossings may be opened before ratification or acceptance of such an amendment, provided they satisfy the same requirements as the originally designated ones.

## Article 3: Amendment

Any Contracting Party may propose amendments to the Protocol via the Joint Committee. Such amendments shall be subject to the unanimous consent of the Contracting Parties.

## Article 4: Ratification or Acceptance

The Protocol is subject to ratification or acceptance of the Governments of the Contracting Parties. The same applies to an amendment to the Protocol, if any.

## Article 5: Entry into Force

The Protocol will enter into force on the day that at least two Contracting Parties have ratified or accepted it, and will become effective only among the Contracting Parties that have ratified or accepted it. The same applies to an amendment to the Protocol, if any.

## Article 6: Conforming National Law

Where necessary, the Contracting Parties undertake to conform their relevant national legislation with the contents of the Protocol.

## Article 7: Reservations

No reservation to the Protocol shall be permitted.

## Article 8: Suspension of the Protocol

Each Contracting Party may temporarily suspend wholly or partly the application of the Protocol with immediate effect in the case of emergencies affecting its national safety. The Contracting Party will inform the other Contracting Parties as soon as possible of such suspension, which will end as soon as the situation returns to normal.

## Article 9: Relationship with the Agreement

As a measure to implement the principles laid down in the Agreement, the Protocol cannot depart from or be contrary to these principles. In case of incompatibility between the Protocol and the Agreement, the latter shall prevail. In case of incompatibility between the Protocol and an annex or another protocol, such incompatibility shall be interpreted in light of the Agreement.

## Article 10: Relationship of the Attachments to the Protocol

The attachments shall form an integral part of the Protocol and shall be equally binding.

#### Article 11: Dispute Settlement

Any dispute between or among two or more Contracting Parties on the interpretation or application of the Protocol shall be settled directly or by amicable negotiation in the Joint Committee.

#### Article 12: Denunciation

Once entered into force, the Protocol cannot be denounced separately from the Agreement.

Protocol 1 Attachment: List of Corridors, Routes and Border Crossings, and Associated Map (A4-format)

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Protocol.

Done at Phnom Penh on 30 April 2004 in six originals in the English language.

Signed:

**For the Royal Government of Cambodia**

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(Signed) His Excellency Tram Iv Tek  
Secretary of State, Ministry of Public Works and Transport

**For the Government of the People's Republic of China**

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(Signed) His Excellency Hu Xijie  
Vice Minister of Communications

**For the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic**

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(Signed) His Excellency Sommad Pholsena  
Vice Minister of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction

**For the Government of the Union of Myanmar**

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(Signed) His Excellency Thura Thaug Lwin  
Deputy Minister of Rail Transportation

**For the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand**

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(Signed) His Excellency Nikorn Chamnong  
Deputy Minister of Transport

**For the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

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(Signed) His Excellency Pham The Minh  
Vice Minister of Transport

# Protocol 1 Attachment: List of Corridors, Routes and Border Crossings, and Associated Map

1. North-South Economic Corridor:
  - (a) Route: Kunming-Yuxi-Yuanjiang-Mohei-Simao-Xiaomenyang-Mohan (CHN)-Boten-Houayxay (LAO)-Chiang Khong-Chiang Rai-Tak-Bangkok (T)
    - (i) Border Crossing: Mohan (CHN) - Boten (LAO)
    - (ii) Border Crossing: Houayxay (LAO) - Chiang Khong (T)
  - (b) Route: Kengtung-Tachilek (MYA)-Mae Sai-Chiang Rai-Tak-Bangkok (T)
    - (i) Border Crossing: Tachilek (MYA) - Mae Sai (T)
  - (c) Route: Kunming-Mile-Yinshao-Kaiyuan-Mengzi-Hekou (CHN)-Lao Cai-Hanoi-Haiphong (VN)
    - (i) Border Crossing: Hekou (CHN) - Lao Cai (VN)
2. East-West Economic Corridor:
  - (a) Route: Mawlamyine-Myawaddy (MYA)-Mae Sot-Phitsanulok-Khon Kaen-Kalasin-Mukdahan (T)-Savannakhet-Dansavanh (LAO)-Lao Bao- Dong Ha-Hue-Da Nang (VN)
    - (i) Border Crossing: Myawaddy (MYA) - Mae Sot (T)
    - (ii) Border Crossing: Mukdahan (T) - Savannakhet (LAO)
    - (iii) Border Crossing: Dansavanh (LAO) - Lao Bao (VN)
3. Southern Economic Corridor:
  - (a) Route: <Bangkok-Kabin Buri-Sra Kaeo-Aranyaprathet OR Bangkok-Laem Chabang-Phanom Sarakham-Kabin Buri-Sra Kaeo-Aranyaprathet> (T)-Poipet-Sisophon-Pursat-Phnom Penh-Neak Loueng-Bavet (KH)-Moc Bai-Ho Chi Minh City-Vung Tau (VN)
    - (i) Border Crossing: Aranyaprathet (T) - Poipet (KH)
    - (ii) Border Crossing: Bavet (KH) - Moc Bai (VN)
  - (b) Route: Bangkok-Trat-Hat Lek (T)-Cham Yeam-Koh Kong-Sre Ambil-Kampot-Lork(KH)
    - (i) Border Crossing: Hat Lek (T) - Cham Yearn (KH)
4. Other Corridors/Routes/Border Crossings:
  - (a) Route: Kunming-Chuxiong-Dali-Baoshan-Ruili (CHN)-Muse-Lashio (MYA)
    - (i) Border Crossing: Ruili (CHN) - Muse (MYA)
  - (b) Route: Vientiane-Ban Lao-Thakhek-Seno-Pakse (LAO)-LAO/KH border-Stung Treng-Kratie-Phnom Penh-Sihanoukville (KH)
    - (i) Border Crossing: Veunekham (LAO)/Dong Kralor (KH) border
  - (c) Route: Nateuy-Oudomxai-Pakmong-Louang Phrabang-Vientiane-Thanaleng (LAO)-Nong Khai-Udon Thani-Khon Kaen-Bangkok (T)
    - (i) Border Crossing: Thanaleng (LAO)-Nong Khai (T)
  - (d) Route: Vientiane-Bolikhamxay (LAO)-Ha Tinh (VN)
    - (i) Border Crossing: Nam Phao (LAO) - Cau Treo (VN)
  - (e) Route: Champassak (LAO)-Ubon Ratchathani (T)
    - (i) Border Crossing: Wang Tao (LAO)-Chong Mek (T)

**Editor's Note:**

The Associated Map for Protocol 1 is not included in this publication. Developments after the signing of Protocol 1 on 30 April 2004 have included the following :

1. On 14–16 December 2004, on the occasion of the 13th GMS Ministerial Meeting in Vientiane, Lao PDR, the GMS countries agreed that Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China would become part of the GMS. Please refer to page vii for the latest GMS map.
2. Consistent with the requirements of Article 2 of Protocol 1, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to include the Nanning–Ha Noi route with the border crossing points at Youyiguan (PRC) and Huu Ngi (Viet Nam) in Protocol 1 of the GMS Cross-Border Transport Facilitation Agreement was signed on 30 March 2008 on the occasion of the 3rd GMS Summit in Vientiane, Lao PDR.
3. The MOU to include the Xa Xia–Ha Tien–Kien Luong–Rach Gia–Ca Mau–Nam Can route with the border crossing points at Prek Chak/Lork (Cambodia) and Xa Xia (Viet Nam) in Protocol 1 of the CBTA was signed on 12 February 2007.
4. As required by Article 2 of Protocol 1, the Joint Committee was duly notified of these developments.

