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QUESTIONS RELATED TO TRANSPORT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

<u>Report on the follow-up to the activities of the Transport Study Centre for the Eastern</u> <u>Mediterranean (TRANSCEM)</u>

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

TRANSCEM, represented by its Director Mr. H.Skirgiannis himself, is elected member of the Steering Committee of SETREF (South East European Transport Research Forum).

SETREF is an International non-governmental non-profit association of organisations devoted to the promotion of transport research and/or education based in Southeast European countries. Its scope covers all forms of transport research i.e. research centered on the planning, evaluation, design, construction and operation of the transport system in all modes (road, rail, air, maritime and inland waterways).

In the context of this international involvement, TRANSCEM is activly participating in the International Conference "On cost effective infrastructure and systems to improve cargo and passenger transport in South Eastern Europe" in Odessa, Ukraine, 17-19 October 2001, organised by SETREF.

TRANSCEM also co-operates with the SEED (South and East European Development Center) of the University of Thessaly and has, in this context, given a presentation on "The role of Transport in the development of the Balkans", in the framework of an International Conference on "Restructuring Stability and Development in Southeastern Europe", held in Volos, Greece, 1-3 June 2001.

Further activities of TRANSCEM in the field of Transport, especially in matters of sea transport and combined transport (e.g. freight villages) are underway, with national and regional character.