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 Annex")

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.

Attachment to Protocol 1: 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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For the Government of the People's Republic of China

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His Excellency Hu Xijie
Vice Minister of Communications

For the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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

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His Excellency Thura Thaung Lwin
Deputy Minister of Rail Transportation

For the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand

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His Excellency Nikorn Chamnong
Deputy Minister of Transport

For the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

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His Excellency Pham The Minh
Vice Minister of Transport

Attachment 1: List of Corridors, Routes, and Border Crossings

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 Yeam (KH)

4. Other Corridors/Routes/Border Crossings:

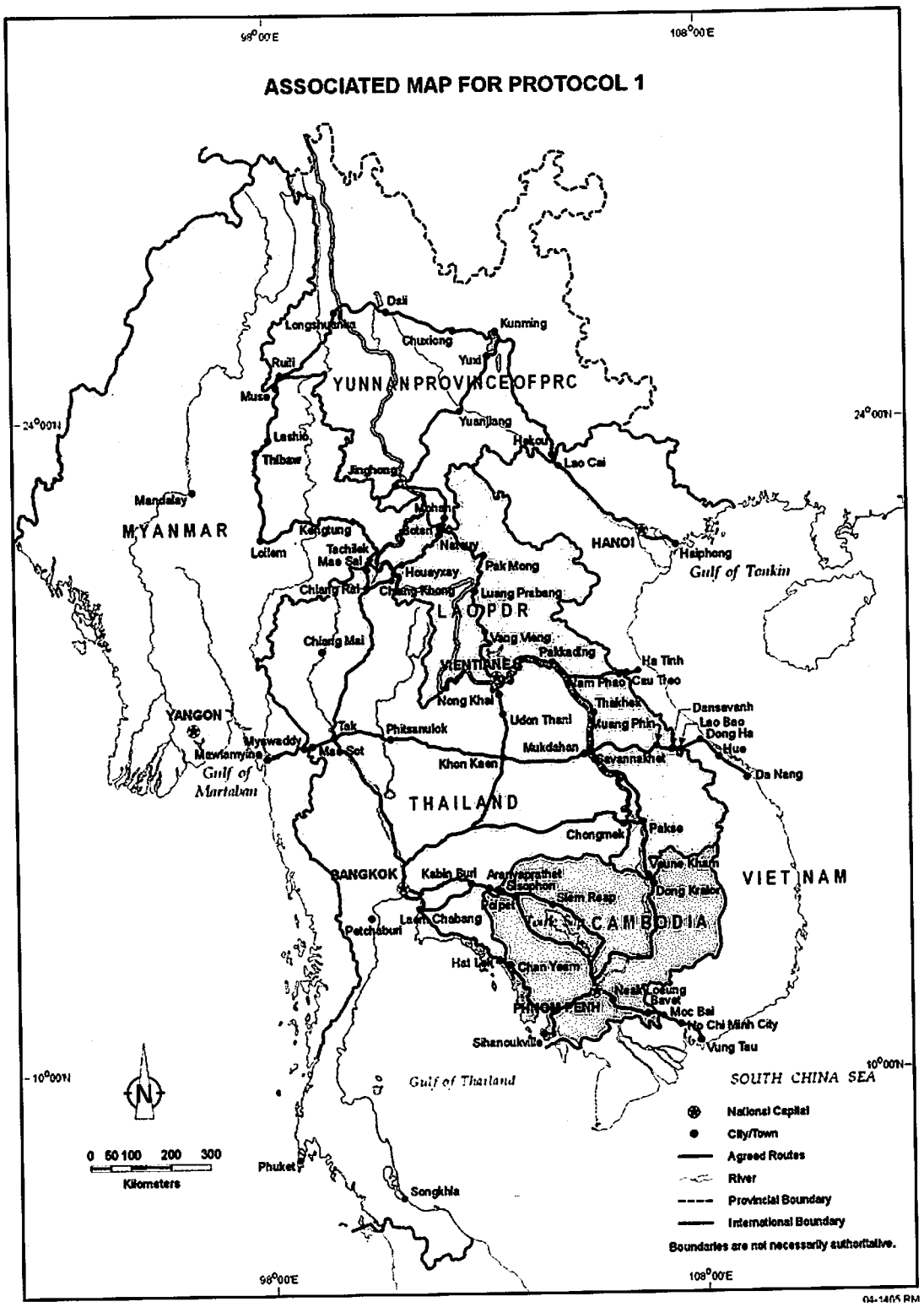
   a) Route: Kunming-Chuxiong-Dali-Baoshan-Ruili (CHN)-Muse-Lashio (MYA)
      (i) Border Crossing: Ruili (CHN) – Muse (MYA)

   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)


ASSOCIATED MAP FOR PROTOCOL 1
98°00'E
108°00'E
24°00'N
10°00'N
YUNNAN PROVINCE OF PRC
Dali
Kunming
Chuxiong
Yuxi
Ruili
Muse
Yuanjiang
Lashio
Hekou
Lao Cai
Thibaw
Jinghong
Mandalay
MYANMAR
Kengtung
Mohan
Boten
Nateuy
Lolem
Tachilek
Mae Sai
HANOI
Haiphong
Gulf of Tonkin
Pak Mong
Houayxay
Chiang Rai
Chiang Khong
Luang Prabang
LAO PDR
Chiang Mai
Vang Vieng
Pakladay
VIENTIANE
Ha Tinh
Nam Phao
Cau Treo
Nong Khai
Thakhek
Dansavanh
Lao Bao
Udon Thani
Muang Phin
Dong Ha
Hue
YANGON
Tak
Phitsanulok
Myawaddy
Mae Sot
Mukdahan
Savannakhet
Mawlamyine
Gulf of Martaban
Khon Kaen
Da Nang
THAILAND
Pakse
Chongmek
Vaune Khan
BANGKOK
Kabin Buri
Aranyaprathet
Siaphan
VIET NAM
Siem Reap
Dong Krakor
Pailin
Laem Chabang
Patchaburi
CAMBODIA
Hat Lek
Chan Yeam
Neak Loung
Bavet
PHNOM PENH
Moc Bai
Ho Chi Minh City
Vung Tau
Sihanoukville
Gulf of Thailand
SOUTH CHINA SEA
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Phuket
Songkhla
National Capital
City/Town
Agreed Routes
River
Provincial Boundary
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