

Moscow Declaration

The 25th Meeting of the Greater Tumen Initiative Consultative Commission
4 December 2025

We,

The representatives of the GTI member states - the Russian Federation (hereinafter “Russia”), the People’s Republic of China (hereinafter “China”), Mongolia, and the Republic of Korea (hereinafter “ROK”) - convened on 4 December 2025 in Moscow, the Russian Federation, at the 25th Meeting of the GTI Consultative Commission (CC), reaffirming the shared commitment to regional development and prosperity, agreed upon:

1. Strategic Development

acknowledge that three decades of GTI cooperation have contributed to advancing regional economic growth and sustainable development through policy dialogue and project initiatives. *Pledge* our continuous collective commitment to promote GTI as a member-driven regional cooperation platform for sustainable development and prosperity of Northeast Asia (hereinafter “NEA”). GTI member states reaffirm the extension of the 1995 founding Agreement for an additional ten years; *reaffirm* the importance of continuing consultations on the issue of feasibility of the GTI’s evolution into an independent entity and setting up a working group to facilitate consultations. *Appreciate* UNDP’s continued support to the Secretariat; *request* UNDP to continue providing support to the operation of GTI and its Secretariat and *encourage* the Secretariat to finalize the negotiations of the operational support agreement between GTI and UNDP and report to member states.

acknowledge the efforts of member states to address existing and emerging economic challenges; *commend* member states for their solidarity in applying practical and targeted measures to ease economic and social pressures, including efforts to address supply chain disruptions, combat inflationary trends, and ensure stabilized energy markets amid ongoing volatility; *urge* the GTI Secretariat, in collaboration with member states, to intensify efforts to implement measures that deepen regional economic cooperation; *express* concerns over persistent global instability caused by protectionism, supply chain disruptions, and market volatility; *emphasize* the importance of resilient policy responses among member states to address these challenges effectively; *reiterate* commitment to the rules-based multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization (WTO) at its core, and oppose all forms of protectionist and unilateral trade restrictive measures inconsistent with the WTO rules; *stress* the need to build open, safe, secure, transparent, resilient, interconnected and stable supply chains integrate sustainable finance into national policies, and maintain an open, free, fair, inclusive, non-discriminatory, transparent and predictable trade and investment environment.

strive to strengthen coordinated efforts among member states to stabilize global inflation and financial markets, revitalize global and regional supply chains, promote inclusive trade and investment policies, enhance infrastructural and financial connectivity, including payment systems, foster industrial and agricultural cooperation, and improve energy efficiency to advance the regional development of Northeast Asia.

reaffirm our commitment to fostering innovation-driven economic growth in NEA by promoting enabling business environment, supporting tourism growth, and strengthening a resilient and dynamic creative economy; *advance* digital trade and e-commerce, streamline regulations, and promote digital transformation as a key driver of regional integration and prosperity; *support* building cross-border digital infrastructure, harmonizing regulatory standards, and expanding assistance for micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises (hereinafter “MSMEs”) in e-commerce; *note* the importance of bridging digital divides among member states to ensure inclusive access to the benefits

of the digital economy; *highlight* opportunities offered by digital technologies to improve inclusivity, connectivity, and competitiveness across the region.

welcome the growing role of the creative economy as a powerful driver of sustainable growth across the region; *recognize* the immense potential of creative industries to generate high value-added products and services that strengthen economic resilience and cultural exchanges; *recognize* the growing contribution of cultural and creative industries to cross-border trade, and the role of cultural and creative industries in expanding the digital services economy, attracting investment, and supporting MSMEs; *welcome* the Annex “Strengthening Cooperation on the Creative Economy in NEA”.

reemphasize our commitment to facilitating regional integration by fully utilizing GTI cooperation channels, including, but not limited to, the Trade and Investment Committee (hereinafter “TIC”), the Local Cooperation Committee (hereinafter “LCC”), the NEA Exim Banks Association (hereinafter “NEA EBA”), the GTI Research Institutions Network (hereinafter “RIN”), and the NEA Business Association (hereinafter “NEA BA”).

reaffirm our commitment to promoting interconnected, resilient supply chains and infrastructure connectivity in NEA; *encourage* the alignment of GTI’s cooperative activities with regional and global initiatives such as the “Belt and Road Initiative”, the “Greater Eurasian Partnership”, the “Northeast Revitalization Strategy,” the “Steppe Road Program” and seeking synergy between them in pursuit of the idea of “integration of integrations”.

hope that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will consider rejoining GTI in the future to contribute to promoting regional economic cooperation.

2. Development in Priority Sectors

Trade and Investment

emphasize the importance of trade and investment cooperation of member states to fully unleash their potential and jointly accelerate economic growth in NEA; *highlight* the role of digital economy in facilitating international trade; *recognize* the need for the enhancement of regional supply chains and improvement of the regional trade and investment environment; *acknowledge* the effectiveness of special economic zones (SEZ) as a well-established mechanism for trade and investment cooperation and a tool to stimulate economic growth and create new job opportunities; *consider* the MSMEs sector as a critical contributor to trade and investment cooperation, enabling an increase in overall labour productivity, household incomes and quality of goods and services; *emphasize* the importance of the shared understanding reached at the 7th Meeting of the TIC and the Customs Sub-Committee (hereinafter “CSC”), convened in Russia in December 2025, to further facilitate trade among member states and to strengthen customs cooperation as a means to advance regional economic integration;

recognize the successful 7th NEA Policy Dialogue on Industrial Parks under the theme “Jointly Explore New Prospects for Industrial Parks Cooperation and Forge a New Engine for Industrial Development” in China in August 2025; *take note of* the Initiative for Co-construction of Industrial Parks in Northeast Asia and will consider further implementation; *encourage* active participation in working group meetings and the promotion of cross-country information exchange in order to enhance the outcomes of the newly launched project in 2025, the “Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Cooperation Scheme and Multilateral Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) among GTI Customs Administrations”; *encourage* the continued implementation of the Digital Economy Cooperation Roadmap and the Roadmap for Trade and Investment Cooperation (2024-2026);

encourage TIC and CSC to actively develop joint activities with NEA BA, UNESCAP and other stakeholders and; *look forward* to the 8th meeting of TIC and CSC as well as the NEA Policy Dialogue on Industrial Parks in 2026.

Transport

reiterate the importance of connecting regional transport networks with the aim of establishing the NEA integrated logistics network; *recognize* the significance of a wider implementation of modern transport solutions to enhance transport connectivity and ensure resilience and efficiency of logistics and supply chains; *note* the successful organization of the High-level Meeting on Deepening Digitalization of International Rail Transport in Asia-Pacific in China in May 2025 in cooperation with UNESCAP and GSTIKC (Global Sustainable Transport and Innovation Knowledge Center), joint GTI-CCTT (International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation) session during the Conference “Digital Technologies in Transport and Logistics” in Russia in October 2025, and the 14th GTI Transport Board meeting, held back-to-back with the 5th ESCAP-GTI Seminar of Transport Issues in NEA in ROK in November 2025; *welcome* cooperation with international organizations and partner institutions in the transport sector.

Tourism

emphasize the importance of deepening cooperation among tourism authorities, tour operators and other tourism stakeholders on branding and marketing of NEA tourism destinations, development of prospective types of tourism, including rural and ecological tourism, and further improvement of tourism safety and quality of tourism services; *support* harnessing digital tools for tourism development, including by better managing visitor flows and optimizing resource use; *note* the importance of creating high-quality visual content, including online platforms for travelers, to attract tourists and ensure tourism promotion through social networks; *regard* the Handbook on NEA Ecotourism Routes, comprising 46 routes across NEA, as a key foundation for fostering the development of ecotourism in the region; *acknowledge* the successful organization of the 16th GTI Tourism Board Meeting in Mongolia in December 2025, and 11th GTI NEA Tourism Forum in China in November 2025; *endorse* the Annex “Recommendations for Developing Ecotourism in NEA”.

Energy

emphasize the importance of maintaining a diversified energy mix, and supporting the voluntary exchange of technology based on affordable and mutually agreed terms; *recognize* the urgent need to identify solutions, pathways, strategies including reinforcement of critical energy infrastructure, including cross-border, to enhance energy security and market stability, while promoting open, fair, competitive, non-discriminatory, and free international energy markets and ensuring universal energy access; *acknowledge* the importance of the efficient use of all energy sources, such as fossil fuels, natural gas, nuclear, renewable including hydropower and hydrogen produced through low emission technologies in global efforts to promote sustainable energy development and facilitate clean, sustainable, just, orderly, equitable, affordable and inclusive energy transitions in line with national circumstances, needs and priorities.

Environment

underscore the importance of establishing key priority areas for environmental cooperation among GTI Environmental Board members; *welcome* the exchange of information on national strategies and priorities related to environmental protection, along with efforts on biodiversity protection, waste management, capacity-building; *foster* the development of practical research-driven projects; *support* the implementation of the study project on the GTI Environment Cooperation Strategy; *recognize* the

importance of transitioning to a low-carbon economy and implementing projects that contribute to GHG emissions reduction and removal as a perspective area of cooperation; and *look forward* to the 11th GTI Environmental Board Meeting in Mongolia in 2026.

Agriculture

emphasize the crucial role of deepened cooperation in advancing sustainable agricultural development and agricultural products trade in NEA; *enhance* cross-sectoral agricultural initiatives and new cooperation projects, particularly those incorporating technological innovation and green development; *welcome* continued efforts to enhance policy communication and knowledge sharing in key areas of agricultural collaboration; and *look forward to* the joint development and implementation of a renewed “GTI Agriculture Cooperation Strategic Action Plan (SAP)” for the post-2025 period.

3. Partners’ Collaboration and Partnership Development

acknowledge the progress made by the RIN members in conducting research for better-informed policy development; *strengthen* the interaction between the RIN members by increasing the number of meetings; *improve* the communication between the RIN members and relevant GTI Boards and Committees in order to make joint research projects in priority sectors; *anticipate* further collaboration on joint research projects in 2026 and beyond.

reiterate the importance of the role of NEA EXIM Banks Association (EBA) serving as a resource mobilization mechanism in NEA to explore joint projects; *continue* discussions on the infrastructure connectivity financing by NEA EBA, and; *urge* the revitalization of discussions among all NEA EBA members to explore further opportunities to invest in priority sectors; *facilitate* the prompt normalization of NEA EBA operations as international and domestic situations improve; *encourage* all GTI members to seek for relevant joint projects within priority sectors which may apply for the financing by NEA EBA banks.

note the endorsement of LCC’s *Shenyang Declaration 2024*; *encourage* LCC’s role in local and regional cooperation with local governments and partners; *reiterate* the importance of local government and stakeholders involvement within the LCC, including the Logistics Sub-Committee and the Marine Cooperation Sub-Committee, in facilitating NEA local cooperation and effectively complementing the GTI work in priority sectors; *note* that Mongolia affirmed that the Sukhbaatar Province will host the LCC meeting in 2026.

recall the discussions at the 3rd Annual Forum on Connectivity, held in December 2024 alongside the 24th GTI Consultative Commission Meeting, co-organized by the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the ROK and UNESCAP, focusing on strengthening the role of business in promoting sustainable development; *support* continued NEA BA joint activities and initiatives with partner organizations, including UNESCAP and its ENEA office; *recognize* the importance of the outcomes of the 2025 NEA BA meeting, chaired by the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP) in Russia, in enhancing the regional business environment; and *look forward* to the 2026 NEA BA meeting under the presidency of the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce.

highlight the significance of reinforcing the existing collaboration framework and increasing the number of development partners and initiatives and; *anticipate* further progress in building partnerships and finding new paths of cooperation, resulting in more extensive and specific joint achievements.

4. Administration, Finance and Project Management

review and endorse the 2025-2026 Work Plan, 2024 Expenditure Report, and 2025-2026 Budget Proposal.

5. The Way Forward

The governments of China, Mongolia and ROK express gratitude to the Russian government for its leadership since the 24th GTI CC Meeting and for successfully hosting the 25th GTI CC Meeting in Moscow.

appreciate the GTI Secretariat for its effective implementation of the directives of the Consultative Commission.

look forward to convening the 26th GTI CC Meeting in 2026 hosted by the government of Mongolia.