



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation

Country Profile

Islamic Republic of

Afghanistan

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Afghanistan can be regional transit hub

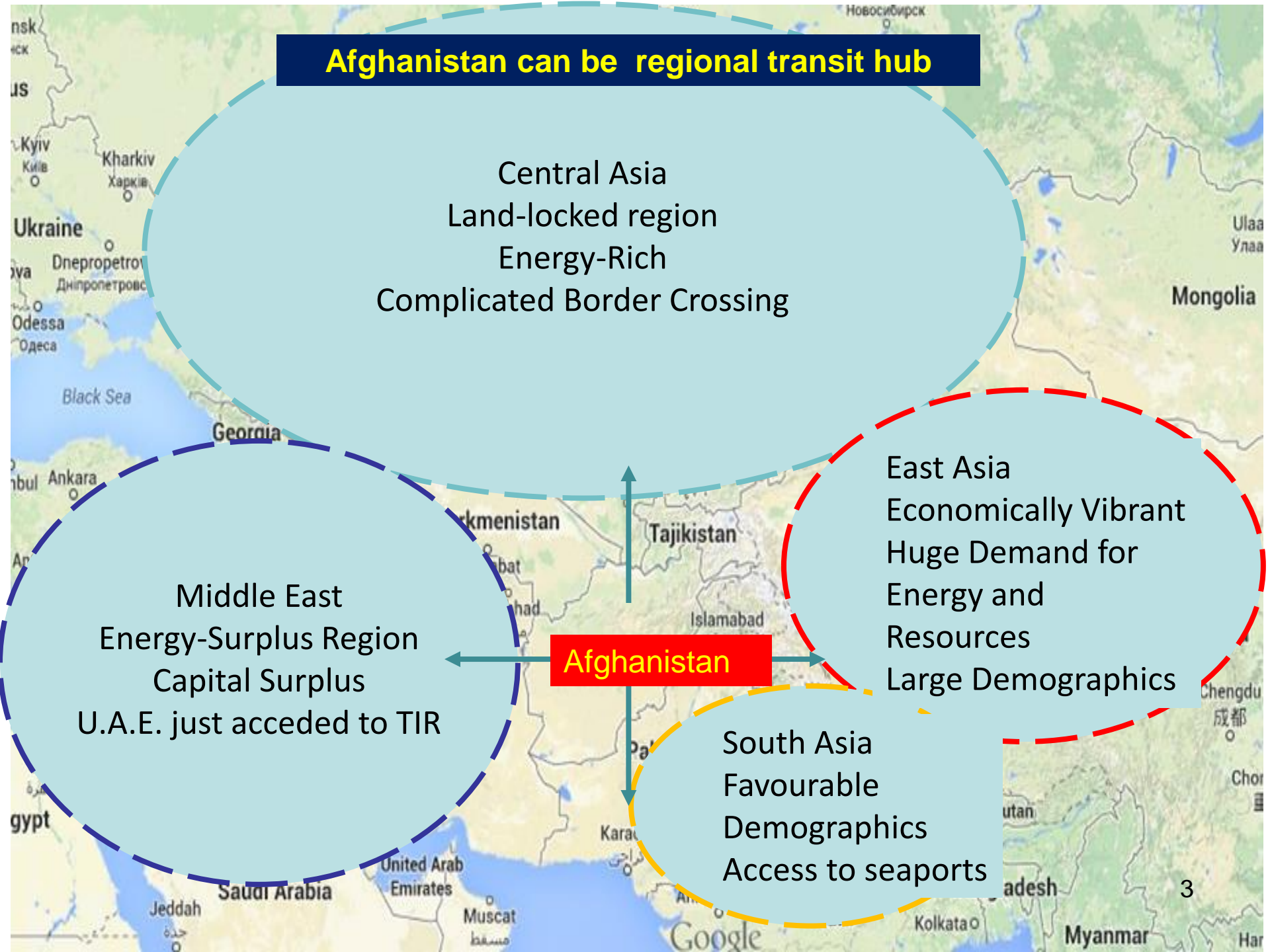
Central Asia
Land-locked region
Energy-Rich
Complicated Border Crossing

East Asia
Economically Vibrant
Huge Demand for
Energy and
Resources
Large Demographics

Middle East
Energy-Surplus Region
Capital Surplus
U.A.E. just acceded to TIR

South Asia
Favourable
Demographics
Access to seaports

Afghanistan

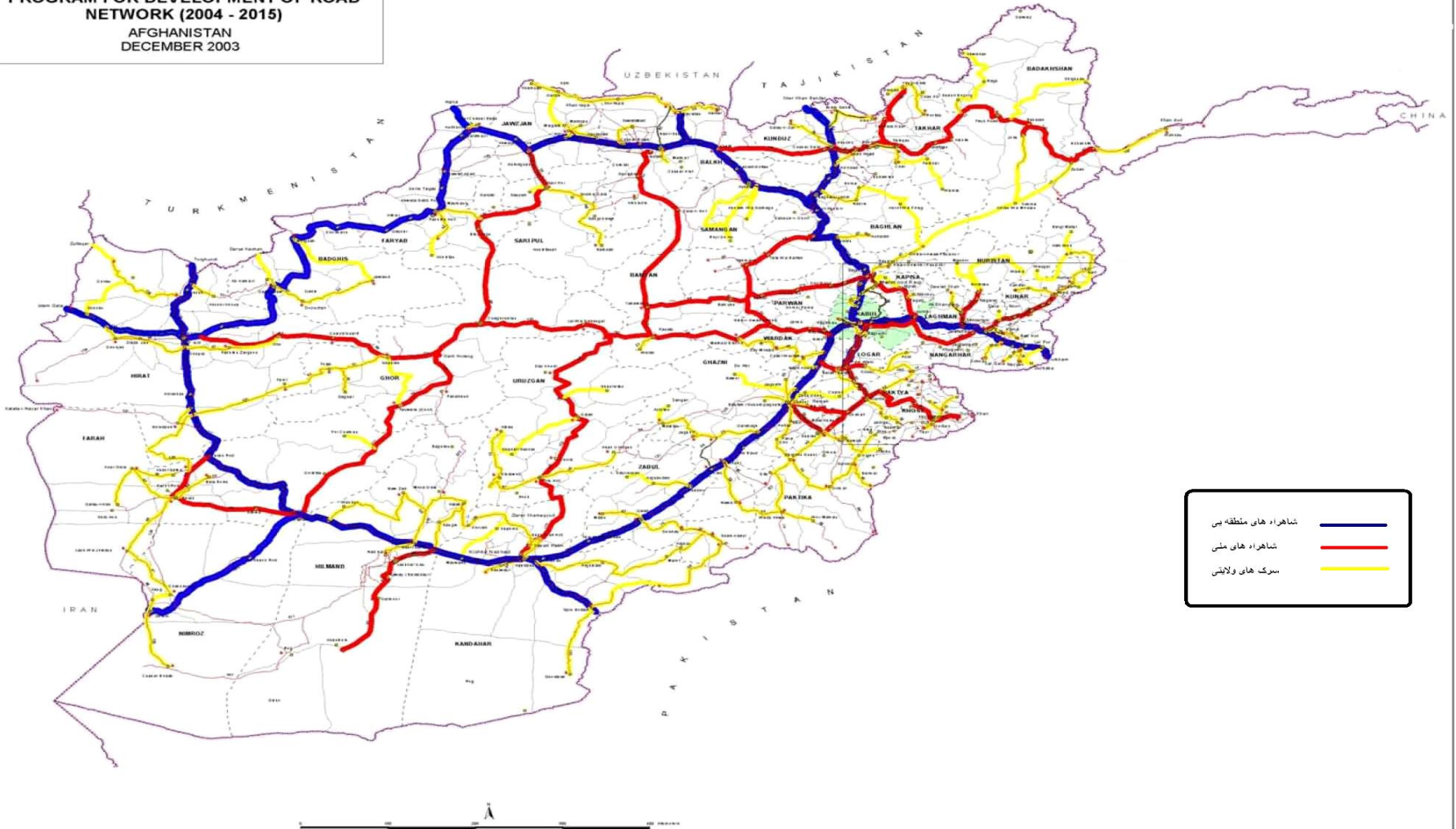




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PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD NETWORK (2004 - 2015)
AFGHANISTAN
DECEMBER 2003





Bilateral Transport Agreements:

- Tajikistan
- Pakistan
- Iran

Drafting New agreement with:

- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Georgia
- Kazakhstan



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New Progress in area of Transport:

- Significant progress towards finalization of the SAARC Motor Vehicles Agreement and SAARC Regional Railways Agreement
- Computerizing, and modernizing revenue collection systems
- Extensive negotiation regarding establishment of new corridor, Lapis Lazuli (Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan Georgia and Turkey)



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Development of Transportation:

- Afghanistan is committed in developing transport Sector
- Civil Aviation sector
- Upgrade and update of Airports



Transportation Achievements:

- Numerous national and international Transport Companies Registered and facilitated
- Contacts consolidated with immediate and beyond immediate neighbors on strengthening transport ties
- Afghanistan Re-Activated TIR System in September 2013
- By integrating into regional institutions, agreements opportunity paved for boosting transport and trade exchanges
- Inside Afghanistan, highways connecting with neighboring countries are renovated and constructed in international standards and efforts for developing it ¹⁰ continues



Afghanistan in the regional organization:

- Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
- South Asia Association Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)
- Central and South Asia Transport and Trade Forum (CSATTF)
- Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- Transport Corridor Europa Caucasus Asia (TRACECA).



General investment facilities:

- Afghanistan is a rapidly growing/developing country
- Business opportunities continued to increase
- A more experienced workforce is emerging
- Great and shorter place for reaching regional markets
- Increasing support for private sector
- Easy procedure for registering business activities



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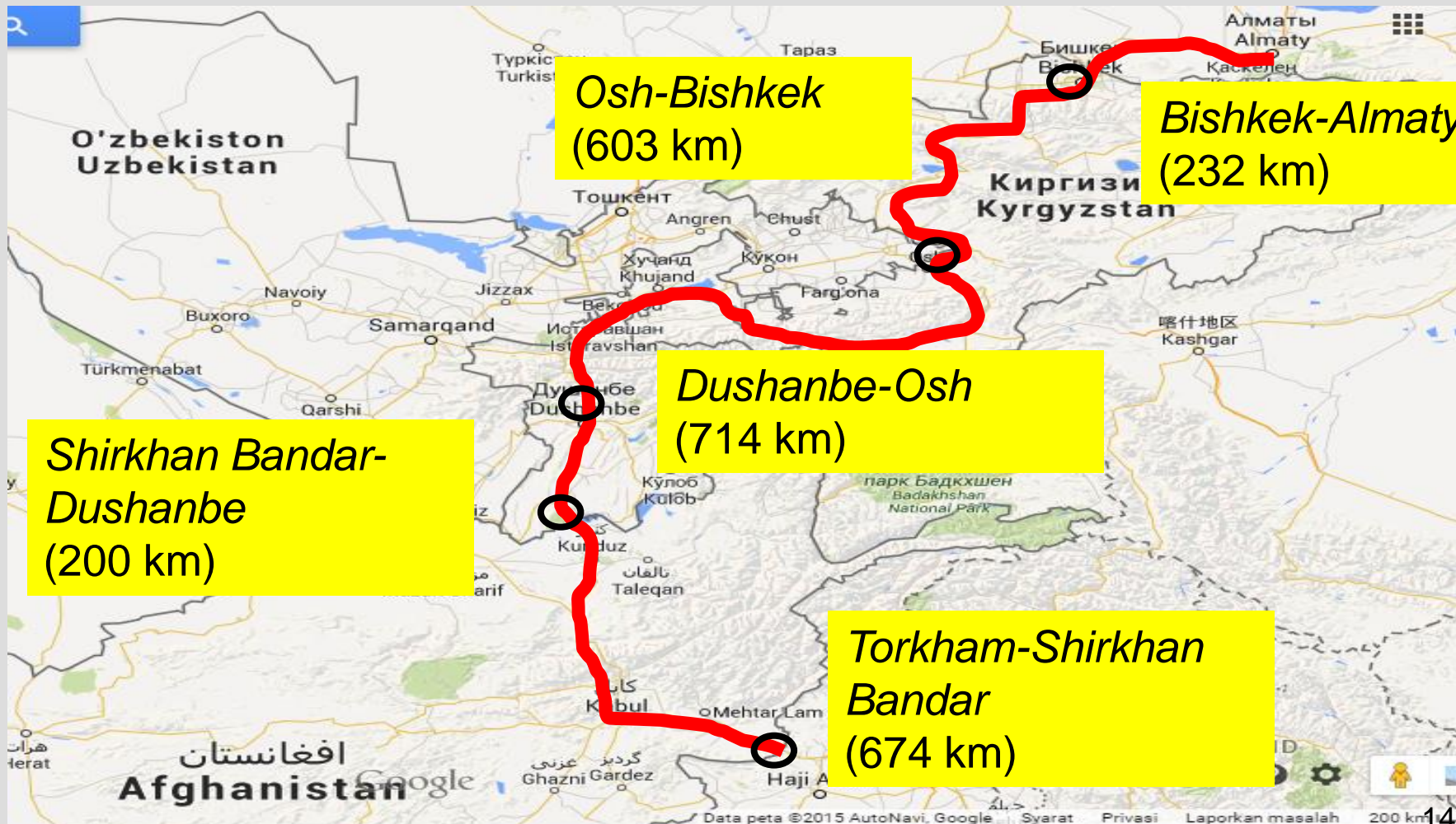
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TIR Shipment to Almaty





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**Afghanistan TIR Trucks
in Use**





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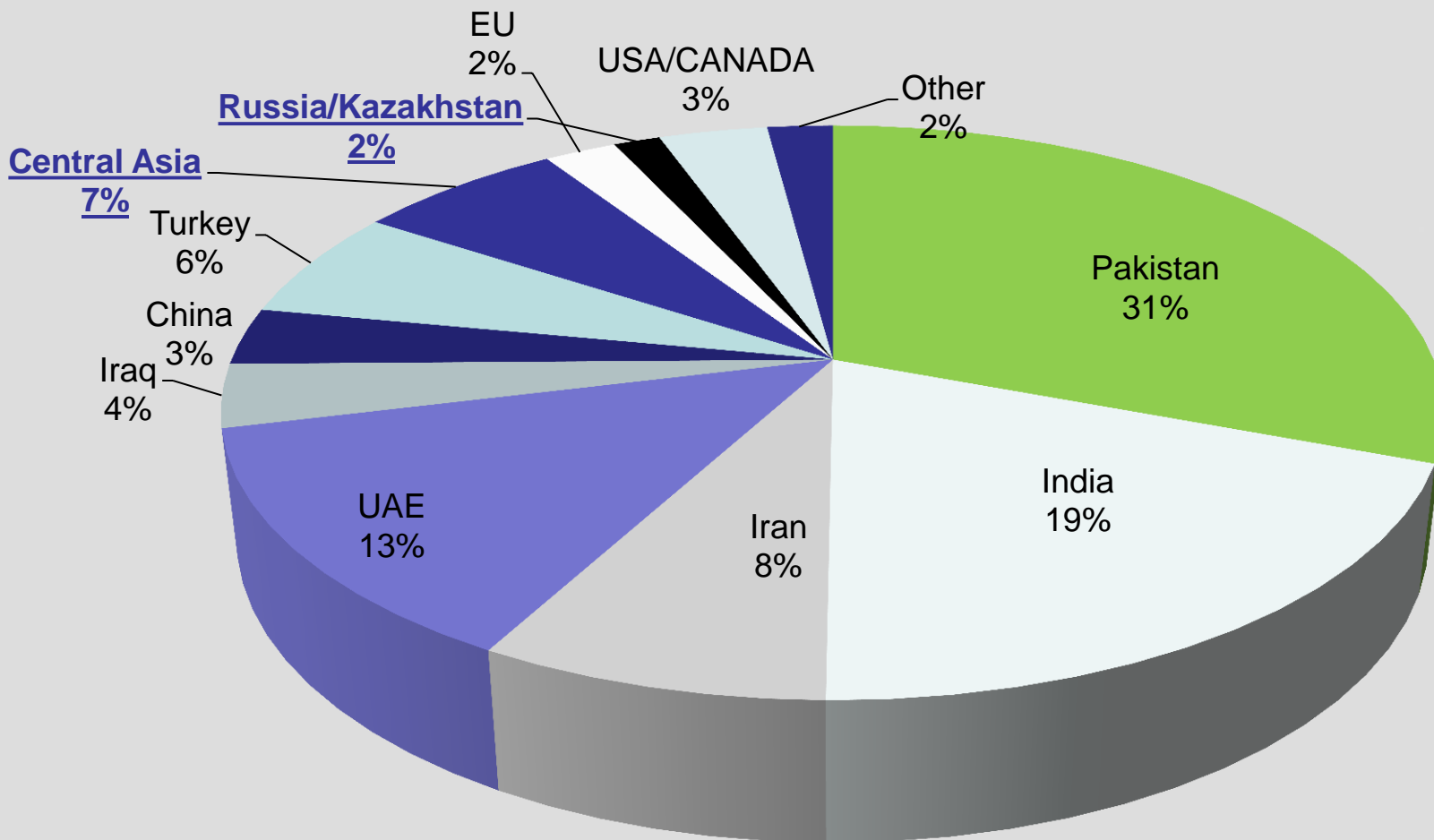
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Afghanistan Exports Destination



Kazakhstan only accounts for less than 2% of Afghanistan exports.
There is much opportunity for increasing trade!



Transportation Challenges:

- Afghanistan distanced about 2000 kilometer away from seaport
- Poor transport infrastructure
- Higher transport charges in landlocked countries
- Implementation of APTTA Agreement
- Security and safety challenges



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Thank You

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