

4. Socioeconomic (Infrastructure) [61]

Commitment [#61]:

“[We will implement a range of structural reforms to boost and sustain global demand, foster job creation, contribute to global rebalancing, and increase our growth potential, and where needed undertake:] Investment in infrastructure to address bottlenecks and enhance growth potential.”

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Assessment:

Country	Lack of Compliance	Work in Progress	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea		0	
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa		0	
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average Score		+0.90	

Background:

At the G20 Summit in London in April 2009, the G20 leaders first emphasized the importance of sustainable growth and committed to rebalancing the financial and banking systems.³³⁹ At the Toronto Summit, the G20 leaders made joint commitments, focusing more on sources of growth.³⁴⁰ The socioeconomic commitment made at the Seoul Summit is thus a logical development of this series of measures to improve national economies and to minimize the impact of crisis measures.

Commitment Features

This is a two-part commitment; it calls for the G20 to invest in infrastructure, in order to (1) address bottlenecks and (2) to enhance growth potential. A bottleneck is a phenomenon where the

³³⁹ Global Plan for Recovery and Reform, G20 Information Centre (London) April 2, 2009. Date of Access: June 6, 2011. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0402.html#growth>.

³⁴⁰ The G20 Toronto Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) June 27, 2010. Date of Access: June 6, 2011. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-10-toronto.html>.

performance or capacity of an entire system is limited by a single or limited number of components or resources.³⁴¹

Examples of infrastructure investment from the Policy Commitments by G20 Members made at the Seoul Summit.³⁴²

Addressing bottlenecks:

1. The Professional Services Law of Spain, aimed at reducing the restrictions hampering the provision of professional services.
2. Reducing bureaucracy and improving regulation in Germany.

Enhancing growth potential:

1. Australian health reform package to improve efficiency and quality of the health care system.
2. Mexican initiatives aimed at increasing the growth potential of the economy, emphasizing measures in labour and product markets, together with higher trade openness and a program to reduce the regulatory burden on the economy.

Scoring Guidelines:

-1	Member does not invest in any infrastructure to address bottlenecks OR enhance growth potential.
0	Member invests in infrastructure that addresses only bottlenecks OR enhances growth potential.
+1	Member invests in infrastructure that addresses both bottlenecks AND enhances growth potential.

Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure and encourage investment from other sources.

On 21 December 2010, the President of Argentina inaugurated a new highway, Rosario-Córdoba. The road is important as it links the cities of Buenos Aires, Santa Fe and Cordoba, as well as enhances the transportation infrastructure for the MERCOSUR. The investment exceeded ARS3 billion.³⁴³

On 11 January 2011, an auction was called to construct the first of the five dams for the new hydroelectric power station on the Rio Grande in the province of Mendoza. The dam will have the capacity of 210 MW and will require USD493 million of investment on the part of the national government.³⁴⁴

³⁴¹ Economics of a Bottleneck, Journal of Urban Economics 27, (Kingston) January 1990. Date of Access: June 6, 2011. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/009411909090028L>.

³⁴² Policy Commitments by G20 Members. G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Date of Access: 6 June 2011. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul-commitments.pdf>.

³⁴³ La Presidenta inauguró la Autopista Rosario-Córdoba, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 21 December 2010. Date of Access: 7 April 2011. http://www.argentina.ar/_es/pais/C5946-la-presidenta-inaugura-la-autopista-rosario-cordoba.php.

³⁴⁴ Anuncian la construcción de nueva represa hidroeléctrica en Mendoza, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 11 January 2011. Date of Access: 6 April 2011. http://www.caserosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7986&Itemid=66

On 28 January 2011, a new water purifying plant was launched in the city of El Calafate that will benefit 60,000 people.³⁴⁵

On 4 February 2011, the Digital TV Transmission Station was inaugurated in the city of Mar del Plata.³⁴⁶

On 4 February 2011, a bid for the construction of the gas pipeline in the North-East of Argentina (Gasoducto Noreste Argentino – NEA) was launched. The project will require an investment of USD24,746 million and will transport gas from Bolivia to Misiones, Corrientes, Formosa and Chaco provinces of Argentina.³⁴⁷

On 12 February 2011, Central Water Power Station Yacyretá started to operate at the level of 83 metres over the sea and reached its full capacity of 20,700 GW/year. Yacyretá is a joint project of Argentina and Paraguay on the river Parana that was initiated by signing the Treaty of Yacyretá on 3 December 1973. Yacyretá produces up to 60% of the national hydroelectric power in Argentina.³⁴⁸

On 18 February 2011, the President of Argentina initiated the third circular high way “Juan Domingo Perón” around the city of Buenos Aires. The highway will connect the roads of Buen Ayre, Northern Way, Oeste, Riccheri and Buenos-Aires La Plata and will be accessible to 6 million people.³⁴⁹

On 25 February 2011, Argentina and Uruguay signed a treaty to increase gas provision for both countries of up to 10 million cubic metres a day. The project, which is an investment of ARS70 million, features the set up of a floating regasification plant 12 km off the coast of Uruguay that will be operational in 2013.³⁵⁰

On 16 March 2011, the Bicentenario Stadium was inaugurated in San Juan. The project was a USD87 million in investment. It involved adjacent infrastructure development: water dam and

³⁴⁵ Cristina Fernández inauguró una planta potabilizadora de agua en El Calafate, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 28 January 2011. Date of Access: 8 April 2011.

http://www.casarosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8029&Itemid=66

³⁴⁶ La presidenta inauguró obras en Mar del Plata y puso en marcha una nueva planta de transmisión de TV Digital Abierta, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 4 February 2011. Date of Access: 7 April 2011.

http://www.casarosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8047&Itemid=66

³⁴⁷ La jefa de Estado abrió la licitación para la construcción del Gasoducto Noreste Argentino, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 4 February 2011. Date of Access: 4 April 2011.

http://www.casarosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8045&Itemid=66

³⁴⁸ La Presidenta dejó inaugurada en su cota máxima la represa Yacyretá, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 25 February 2011. Date of Access: 6 April 2011.

http://www.casarosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8094&Itemid=66

³⁴⁹ La Presidenta anunció las obras de la autopista Juan Domingo Perón en Merlo y la compra de netbooks, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 18 February 2011. Date of Access: 4 April 2011.

http://www.casarosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8072&Itemid=66

³⁵⁰ Argentina y Uruguay firmaron un convenio para la ampliación de la provisión de gas, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 25 February 2011. Date of Access: 6 April 2011.

http://www.casarosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8091&Itemid=66

energy generation, paving of National Road N 150, new housing and public services development in the province with the overall investment of more than USD4,500 million.³⁵¹

On 18 March 2011, President Christina Fernandez de Kirchner initiated a project on the construction of a 228-km highway on the National Road N 18. The project will require USD1,997 million of investment.³⁵²

On 6 April 2011, projects on accessible digital TV, sewage-cleaning, new aqueduct system, thermal power plant expansion and new gas pipeline were inaugurated in the province of Cordoba. Digital TV installations will have an impact on potentially more than 1.5 million citizens.

On 29 November 2010, Aerolíneas Argentinas joined the Skyteam Alliance, which has enabled the company to expand its operations worldwide and provide airline service to 898 destinations in 169 countries. Aerolíneas Argentinas is the first company in the Latin American region to become a member of the Skyteam Alliance conglomerate.³⁵³

On 12 January 2011, a treaty was signed by President Christina Fernandez de Kirchner and the representatives of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to finance the construction of the plant for the disposal of urban waste in Mar del Plata. The project involves more than ARS80 million and will be partly funded through a credit granted by the IBRD.³⁵⁴

On 14 March 2011, the new terminal of cruise ships “Quinquela Martín” in the port of Buenos Aires was inaugurated. The terminal can accommodate two 300 metre cruise ships and up to 4,000 people. Dubai Ports World financed the project. An additional project of USD300 million is targeted at the expansion of the container capacity in the port of Buenos Aires.³⁵⁵

On 10 July 2011, a new terminal of 21.000 square metres at Ezeiza airport was launched. The new terminal expands the capacity of the airport and aims to increase connectivity and boost tourism in Argentina.³⁵⁶

³⁵¹ La jefa de Estado dejó inaugurado el Estadio del Bicentenario de San Juan, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 16 March 2011. Date of Access: 3 April 2011.

http://www.casariosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8137&Itemid=66

³⁵² La Presidenta dio inicio a las obras de la autovía Paraná – Concordia, en Entre Ríos, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 18 March 2011. Date of Access: 3 April 2011.

http://www.casariosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8142&Itemid=66

³⁵³ Aerolíneas Argentinas ingresó a la Alianza Skyteam, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 29 November 2010. Date of Access: 5 April 2011.

http://www.casariosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7853&Itemid=66

³⁵⁴ La Presidenta firmó un convenio para realizar obras de saneamiento ambiental en Mar del Plata, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 11 January 2011. Date of Access: 6 April 2011.

http://www.casariosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7989&Itemid=66

³⁵⁵ Cristina Fernández inauguró la terminal de cruceros más importante de América del Sur, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 14 March 2011. Date of Access: 3 April 2011.

http://www.casariosada.gov.ar/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8128&Itemid=66

³⁵⁶ Inauguración de la nueva Terminal C del Aeropuerto de Ezeiza: Palabras de la Presidenta de la Nación, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 10 July 2011. Date of Access: 17 July 2011.

<http://www.casariosada.gov.ar/discursos/25231-inauguracion-de-la-nueva-terminal-c-del-aeropuerto-de-ezeiza-palabras-de-la-presidenta-de-la-nacion>

On 26 August 2011, railway service connecting the regions of Buenos Aires and La Pampa was launched. The project aims at developing transportation infrastructure and will connect 20 vicinities.³⁵⁷

Argentina has invested in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and has taken measures to attract investment from other sources. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Polina Arkhipova

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential.

Australia has made investments in infrastructure.

On 15 December 2010, the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Combet announced that AUD51 billion would be awarded to schools as Federal Government grants to install solar and other renewable power systems, rainwater tanks and to help implement a range of energy efficiency measures.³⁵⁸

On 7 January 2011, the Government decided to provide AUD135 million in Federal funding to rebuild and modernize the Western Australia's Grain Rail Network, in partnership with the Government of Western Australia. Once completed, the upgraded rail network will lower transport costs for farmers. It will also deliver wider community benefits such as cutting the number of trucks on the State's roads.³⁵⁹

On 17 January 2011, three National Broadband Network (NBN) equipment contracts totaling AUD1.6 billion were signed. The NBN is an Australian government initiative launched in May 2010 to deliver high-speed broadband to all Australians. It is the largest infrastructure project undertaken by the Australian government, an investment of up to AUD43 billion over eight years is planned.³⁶⁰

In addition, the Government launched two projects of AUD2.6 billion, within the framework Bruce Highway Extension program (Safety Package³⁶¹ and Intelligent Transport System³⁶²),

³⁵⁷ "Cuando ponemos el trabajo, la fe y la esperanza, las cosas llegan", señaló la Presidenta en Lincoln, Presidencia de la Nación Argentina (Buenos Aires) 26 August 2011. Date of Access: 28 September 2011. <http://www.caserosada.gov.ar/informacion/actividad-oficial/25353-cuando-ponemos-el-trabajo-la-fe-y-la-esperanza-las-cosas-llegan-senalo-la-presidenta-al-inaugurar-un-ramal-ferroviario-en-lincoln>.

³⁵⁸ More schools go solar with Federal Government grants, Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (Canberra) 15 December 2010. Date of access: 3 April 2011.

www.climatechange.gov.au/en/minister/greg-combet/2010/media-releases/December/mr20101215a.aspx

³⁵⁹ Federal Funding To Help Rebuild WA's Grain Rail Network, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Canberra) 7 January 2011. Date of access: 2 April 2011.

www.minister.infrastructure.gov.au/aa/releases/2011/January/AA002_2011.aspx

³⁶⁰ Creating 400 Australian Jobs as We Move to Connect the Nation, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Canberra) 17 January 2011. Date of access: 2 April 2011.

minister.innovation.gov.au/Carr/MediaReleases/Pages/creating400australianjobsaswemovetoconnectthenation.aspx

³⁶¹ More Federal Dollars on the Way for the Bruce Highway, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Canberra) 1 December 2010. Date of access: 27 March 2011.

www.minister.infrastructure.gov.au/aa/releases/2010/December/AA483_2010.aspx

which is a part of the Australian National Highway and the busiest highway in Queensland, Australia.

On 10 May 2011, the Government adopted 2011-2012 budget and committed for AUD36 billion investment in infrastructure.³⁶³ A record AUD4.5 billion over the next year will be spent to renovate and extend the road, rail and aviation infrastructure across Regional Australia.³⁶⁴

Australia has also tapped into private financing as a supplemental funding source for infrastructure development.

On 23 November 2010, Innovation Minister Senator Kim Carr announced a new Rail Industry Supplier Continuous Improvement Program, under which the businesses that support Australia's rail industry would be given a competitive edge.³⁶⁵ Enterprise Connect, a consulting wing of Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, will advise the major rail suppliers and 30 small and medium size enterprises on how to streamline their supply chain processes and increase businesses efficiency. Firms can then apply for matched funding of up to AUD20,000 to help implement the recommendations. The program is expected to encourage the companies to deliver better quality products to the rail industry and improve railway services throughout the country.³⁶⁶

2011-12 Commonwealth Budget adopted on 10 May 2011 put in place tax measures to attract up to AUD25 billion in private investments in nationally significant infrastructure projects.³⁶⁷

On 17 June 2011, Innovation Minister Carr announced the Rail Manufacturing Technology Roadmap to be undertaken by three state governments in partnership with the industry. "It will identify pathways and areas for industry focus and investment, boosting capability and encouraging innovation," Minister Carr said. The Roadmap is expected to be developed over the next twelve months.³⁶⁸

On 10 July 2011, Australian Government set out a comprehensive plan for tackling climate change, "Securing a clean energy future." This long-term plan to cut pollution by promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency includes the following measures: introduction of a

³⁶² Intelligent Transport System to Improve Safety Over the Cardwell Range, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Canberra) 16 December 2010. Date of access: 27 March 2011.

www.minister.infrastructure.gov.au/aa/releases/2010/December/AA501_2010.aspx

³⁶³ Budget at a Glance, Australian Government 10 May 2011. Date of access: 18 July 2011.

www.budget.gov.au/2011-12/content/at_a_glance/html/at_a_glance.htm

³⁶⁴ Labor's Regional Nation Building Agenda, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Canberra) 10 May 2011. Date of access: 5 July 2011.

www.minister.infrastructure.gov.au/aa/releases/2011/May/AA075_2011.aspx

³⁶⁵ On the Right Track to Improving the Rail Industry, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Canberra) 23 November 2010. Date of access: 2 April 2011.

minister.innovation.gov.au/Carr/MediaReleases/Pages/ontherighttracktoimprovingtherailindustry.aspx

³⁶⁶ New program to improve rolling stock supply chain, Rail Express (Canberra) 23 March 2011. Date of access: 18 April 2011. www.railexpress.com.au/archive/2011/march/march-23rd-2011/top-stories/new-program-to-improve-rolling-stock-supply-chain

³⁶⁷ An Australia Built To Compete and Prosper, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport 10 May 2011. Date of access: 18 July 2011. www.minister.infrastructure.gov.au/aa/releases/2011/May/budget-infra_01-2011.aspx

³⁶⁸ Rail Manufacturing on Track for Success, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Canberra) 17 June 2011. Date of access: 5 June 2011. minister.innovation.gov.au/Carr/MediaReleases/Pages/RAILMANUFACTURINGONTRACKFORSUCCESS.aspx

carbon price commencing from 1 July 2012, household and business assistance, enhanced support for innovation, establishment of a new independent Climate Change Authority. This regulatory incentive is designed to encourage private investments in “green” infrastructure. Legislation to implement the plan was introduced on 13 September 2011.³⁶⁹

Australia has invested in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and attracted investment from the private sector. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Ekaterina Maslovskaya

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential.

Brazil has invested in infrastructure itself and has taken measures to attract investment from other sources.

On 16 February 2011, Brazil developed program “The Growth Acceleration Program (PAC) – Large City Mobility” in accordance with which large cities will get USD10.8 billion public transport investment. The program is aimed at improvement of public transportation infrastructure and purchase of equipment designed to integrate, control and modernize these systems.³⁷⁰

On 17 February 2011, Jeffrey Immelt, CEO of General Electric, during the meeting with the President of Brazil Dilma Rousseff, declared plans to invest USD500 billions into the construction of Research Center in Rio de Janeiro. The center will focus on advanced technologies for the oil and gas, renewable energy, mining, rail and aviation industries.³⁷¹

On 6 May 2011, it was announced that infrastructure renovation works for the FIFA World Cup 2014 should receive investments of about BRL47 billion (approximately USD29.4 billion). Investments include modernization of airports, football stadiums, telecommunications, professional qualification, security, urban mobility, energy and health. The Minister of Sport of Brazil Orlando Silva explained that part of the resources would come from public money, but there will also be funds from the private sector.³⁷² Moreover, on 29 June 2011, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) decided to provide USD12 billion for projects in Brazil by 2014. The President of the IDB, Luis Alberto Moreno, said he had held talks with state governments and the city halls in the 12 host cities for the 2014 World Cup with a focus on infrastructure projects, such as airports, city trains and basic sanitation.³⁷³

³⁶⁹ Clean Energy Legislative Package, Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency 13 September 2011. Date of access: 28 September 2011. www.climatechange.gov.au/media/whats-new/clean-energy-legislative-package.aspx

³⁷⁰ Large Cities to Get US\$ 10.8 Billion Public Transport Investment, Portal Brasil (Rio-de-Janeiro) 18 February 2011. Date of Access: 10 April 2011. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/news/history/2011/02/18/large-cities-to-get-us-10.8-billion-public-transport-investment>.

³⁷¹ GE Announce of Investment US\$ 500 Billion into the Building of Research Center in Rio-de-Janeiro, Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade (Rio-de-Janeiro) 17 February 2011. Date of Access: 10 April 2011. <http://www.mdic.gov.br/sitio/interna/noticia.php?area=1¬icia=10434>.

³⁷² World Cup May Have Indirect Impact of R\$ 185 Billion in the Economy, Portal Brasil 6 May 2011. Date of Access: 15 July 2011. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/news/history/2011/05/06/world-cup-may-have-indirect-impact-of-r-185-billion-in-the-economy>.

³⁷³ IDB Provides US\$ 12 Billion for Projects in Brazil, Portal Brasil 29 June 2011. Date of Access: 15 July 2011. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/news/history/2011/06/29/idb-provides-us-12-billion-for-projects-in-brazil>.

On 31 May 2011, the president of the country's state-owned development bank, BNDES, Luciano Coutinho said that Brazil was to invest BRL3.2 trillion (approximately USD2 trillion), about 23 % of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) over the next four years. Luciano Coutinho considers this to be an "adequate figure to sustain long-term economic growth without inflationary pressure." This includes investments that are spread out, such as those made by small companies, in construction, industrial and infrastructure projects.³⁷⁴

On 16 June 2011, President Dilma Rousseff launched the second phase of the housing program "Minha Casa Minha Vida" (My House, My Life) that aimed to build 2 million new homes by 2014. The Federal Government has budgeted an investment of BRL125.7 billion (approximately USD80 billion) for the program.³⁷⁵

On 19 July 2011, BNDES financed the construction of six Small Hydro Power (SHP) plants, which cost BRL209.6 million (about USD114.9 million) and had an installed capacity of 116.4 MW. BRL84.4 million (approximately USD45.94 million) were allocated to the Complex Juruena - the project bringing together five small hydroelectric plants with an output of 91.4 MW which will be implemented in Mato Grosso. The other BRL125.6 million (approximately USD68,36 million) were approved for the Special Purpose Company (SPC), parent of Paracambi, in Rio de Janeiro, which would increase an output of its plant to 25 MW. The project of the plant Paracambi also provides for the construction of associated transmission line, connected to the substation Pecanha in the municipality of Paracambi. BNDES financed 61.8% of total investments (BRL157 million (approximately USD85.46 million)).³⁷⁶

On 25 August 2011, twenty seven industrial projects with a total investment of BRL480.6 million (approximately USD261.59 million) were approved during the 252 Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Superintendancy in the free trade area Manaus. It was estimated that they would create 2,432 new jobs in the Industrial Pole of Manaus over the next three years.³⁷⁷ The Free Trade area of Manaus is an area of free import and export trade with special tax incentives, established to create an industrial, commercial and farming center in the interior part of the Amazon region and to create economic conditions facilitating its development.

Brazil has invested in infrastructure to address bottlenecks and enhance growth potential itself and encouraged investment from other sources. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Zhdanov

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to make investments in infrastructure to address bottlenecks and enhance growth potential and to facilitate infrastructure investments from other sources.

³⁷⁴ Brazil to Invest 23% of Its GDP Over Four Years, Portal Brasil 31 May 2011. Date of Access: 15 July 2011. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/news/history/2011/05/31/brazil-to-invest-23-of-its-gdp-over-four-years>.

³⁷⁵ Brazilian Housing Program Will Build 2 Million New Homes, Portal Brasil 16 June 2011. Date of Access: 15 July 2011. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/news/history/2011/06/16/brazilian-housing-program-will-build-2-million-new-homes>.

³⁷⁶ BNDES Finances R \$ 210 Million Construction of Six Small Hydro Power, Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade 19 July 2011. Date of Access: 30 September 2011. <http://www.mdic.gov.br/sitio/interna/noticia.php?area=1¬icia=10814>.

³⁷⁷ 252th Regular Meeting of the CAS Approves \$ 480.6 Million in New Investments for the Manaus Free Trade Zone, Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade 25 August 2011. Date of Access: 30 September 2011. <http://www.mdic.gov.br/sitio/interna/noticia.php?area=1¬icia=10939>.

Canada has been active in making infrastructure investment during the compliance period.

During the compliance period the Federal and Quebec Governments provided support to several regions for public transit and major infrastructure projects, including support to 67 municipalities of the Greater Outaouais region with CAD101 million (approximately USD100 million)³⁷⁸, 40 municipalities of the Mauricie Region with CAD71 million (approximately USD71 million)³⁷⁹, city of Saint with CAD2.6 million (approximately USD2.6 million).³⁸⁰ On 22 November 2010, Minister of State for Canada Economic Development Denis Lebel announced that the City of Hudson will receive an additional CAD2.1 (approximately USD2.1 million) in joint government financial assistance for wastewater treatment and drinking water supply infrastructure works.³⁸¹

On 26 November 2010, CAD0.6 million (approximately USD0.6 million) were disbursed to the Municipality of L'Isle-Verte in joint government financial assistance to rebuild water supply and combined sewer systems and install a storm sewer system in the western sector of the Municipality.³⁸²

On 23 December 2010, four First Nations and four municipalities in Yukon had their Gas Tax Fund (GTF) infrastructure projects approved. The projects, worth over CAD1.6 million (approximately USD1.6 million), will contribute to the overall GTF goals, including cleaner air and water, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.³⁸³ Some measures have been undertaken in Canada to facilitate infrastructure investments from other sources.

On 25 February 2011, Minister of Finance and Senator Larry Smith announced that the Government of Canada will contribute up to CAD25 million (approximately USD25.5 million) through the PPP Canada Fund towards eligible costs of a new Maintenance Centre in Montreal, Quebec, for the Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT). Partnering with the private sector to deliver this project will leverage private sector expertise, allow the transfer of design and construction risks to the private sector, and generate positive value for money compared to traditional procurement, to the benefit of taxpayers.³⁸⁴

³⁷⁸ The Federal and Quebec Governments Provide Support to 67 Municipalities of the Greater Outaouais Region for Infrastructure Projects, Infrastructure Canada 29 November 2010. Date of Access: 28 April 2011. <http://www.infc.gc.ca/media/news-nouvelles/gtf-fte/2010/20101129gatineau-eng.html>

³⁷⁹ The Federal and Quebec Governments Provided Support to 40 Municipalities of the Mauricie Region for Infrastructure Projects, Infrastructure Canada 14 December 2010. Date of Access: 28 April 2011. <http://www.infc.gc.ca/media/news-nouvelles/gtf-fte/2010/20101214troisrivieres-eng.html>

³⁸⁰ The Federal and Quebec Governments Provide Support to the City of Saint-Colomban for Infrastructure Projects, Infrastructure Canada 16 December 2010. Date of Access: 28 April 2011. <http://www.infc.gc.ca/media/news-nouvelles/gtf-fte/2010/20101216saintcolomban-eng.html>

³⁸¹ Additional investment of \$2,179,744 in Hudson for wastewater treatment, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions 22 November 2010. Date of Access: 28 April 2011. <http://www.dec-ced.gc.ca/eng/media-room/news-releases/2010/11/2769.html>

³⁸² Additional investment of \$589,442 in L'Isle-Verte for refurbishment of water and sewer systems, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions 26 November 2010. Date of Access: 28 April 2011. <http://www.dec-ced.gc.ca/eng/media-room/news-releases/2010/11/2771.html>

³⁸³ New Gas Tax Fund Projects Focused on Energy Efficiency, Waste Management and Indoor Air Quality, Infrastructure Canada 23 December 2010. Date of Access: 28 April 2011. <http://www.infc.gc.ca/media/news-nouvelles/gtf-fte/2010/20101223whitehorse-eng.html>

³⁸⁴ Governments of Canada and Quebec Join in Public-Private Partnership to Enhance Commuter Services and Create Jobs, PPP Canada 25 February 2011. Date of Access: 28 April 2011. http://p3canada.ca/_files/file/NR_Lachine%20Maintenance%20Centre_EN_FINAL.pdf

Canada has made investments in domestic infrastructure and has also undertaken measures to facilitate infrastructure investments from private sources. Thus, it has been awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Vitaly Nagornov

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and attract investment from other sources. China has actively invested in infrastructure.

On 5 March 2011, China announced its goals of building 235 million kilowatts of power generation capacity in clean energy in the next five years. From 2011 to 2015, China plans to launch nuclear energy projects with a combined generation capacity of 40 million kw. In addition to the construction of nuclear power plants in the coastal areas, new plants will be built in central regions, according to the government's draft 12th Five-Year Plan. The country also plans to build hydropower stations along major rivers such as the Jinsha River, Yalong River and Dadu River with an installed capacity of 120 million kw. At least 70 million kw of wind power capacity and 5 million kw of solar power capacity will be created in the next five years, according to the draft plan. Moreover, China will construct oil and gas pipelines of about 150,000 kilometers in the next five years. The pipelines include a gas pipeline to central Asia and oil pipelines to Kazakhstan and Myanmar.³⁸⁵

On 4 January 2011, Chinese Railways Minister Liu Zhijun said at a conference that the Beijing-Shanghai High-Speed Railway will be put into operation by the middle of June this year.³⁸⁶

On 23 March 2011, a spokesman for the Ministry of Transport said that China will double its investment in waterway construction to CNY200 billion (USD30.5 billion) over the next five years to increase the nation's river transport capacity. He said the central government will fund CNY45 billion (USD6.86 billion), more than one fifth of the total investment, while the rest will be raised by local governments or through social financing channels.³⁸⁷

On 5 July 2011, the Ministry of Finance announced that China allocated CNY139.45 billion (USD21.57 billion) from its revenue of vehicle purchase tax to fund key transport projects. The fund will support the construction of highways, junction stations and inland waterways. The fund for key projects construction stood at CNY105 billion while that for other projects was CNY34.45 billion.³⁸⁸

China has also taken measures to attract investment from other sources.

On 24 February 2011, Chairman of China Development Bank Chen Yuan announced that the total number of government-subsidized housing for the Comfortable Housing Project will reach

³⁸⁵ China announces ambitious clean energy plans for next five, Chinese Online Information Service (Beijing) 5 March 2011. Date of Access: 7 March 2011.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/96057/7310149.html>

³⁸⁶ High-speed rail linking Beijing, Shanghai to open in June, Government of China (Beijing) 4 January 2011. Date of Access: 4 January 2011. http://english.gov.cn/2011-01/04/content_1778142.htm

³⁸⁷ China to spend 200 bln yuan overhauling waterways in next 5 years, Government of China (Beijing) 23 March 2011. Date of Access: 23 March 2011. http://english.gov.cn/2011-03/23/content_1830343.htm

³⁸⁸ China allocates 139.45 bln yuan to fund transport projects, Xinhua News Agency 5 July 2011. Date of Access: 5 July 2011. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2011-07/05/c_13966900.htm

45 million with an investment planned to total CNY6.75 trillion in the 12th Five Year Plan period.³⁸⁹

On 5 March 2011, the draft of China's 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-2015) was submitted to the National People's Congress. Key targets of the draft include, inter alia: expenditure on research and development to account for 2.2% GDP; construction and renovation of 36 million apartments for low-income families.³⁹⁰

On 23 March 2011, the Chinese Ministry of Finance (MOF) said that it has allocated subsidies worth CNY10 billion (USD1.52 billion) to help farmers renovate their dilapidated houses this year. Each eligible rural household will receive a subsidy of CNY6.000 from the central government, MOF said. Furthermore, poor rural families living near land border areas, and rural model households that meet building energy efficiency requirements in the northeast, northwest and northern regions, as well as Tibet Autonomous Region, will receive an extra allowance of CNY2.000 per household from the central government.³⁹¹

China has invested in infrastructure itself and attracted investment from other sources. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Svetlana Nikitina

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential.

On 9 December 2010, Secretary of State for Housing and President of the Social Economy Union for Access to Ownership signed a new agreement that will strengthen the program "Living Better" in the fight against Fuel Poverty.³⁹²

On 13 December 2010, Secretary of State for Transports and President of the French National Railway Corporation (SNCF) signed the Convention "Trains Balance of the Territory." State agrees to pay an annual compensation of EUR210 million (approximately USD280 million) over three years for the 40 railway lines (Coral, Intercity, Teoz and Luneau). This measure balances the exploitation of these lines. The agreement provides for investing EUR300 million (approximately USD400 million) in the modernization of the railway rolling stock.³⁹³

On 26 January 2011, Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing of France announced the commitment of the state to invest over EUR1 billion (approximately USD1.33 billion) to upgrade public transport in Ile-de-France.³⁹⁴

³⁸⁹ People's Livelihood Needs Financial Support, China Development Bank (Beijing) 24 February 2011. Date of Access: 24 February 2011. <http://www.cdb.com.cn/english/NewsInfo.asp?NewsId=3574>

³⁹⁰ Key targets of China's 12th five-year plan, Government of China (Beijing) 5 March 2011. Date of Access: 5 March 2011. http://english.gov.cn/2011-03/05/content_1816822.htm

³⁹¹ MOF funds renovation of unsafe rural homes, Chinese Online Information Service 23 March 2011. Date of Access: 25 March 2011. <http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/96056/7330743.html>

³⁹² Signature d'une convention pour renforcer la lutte contre la précarité énergétique. Date of Access: 28 April 2011. http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/Signature-d-une-convention-pour_19821.html

³⁹³ L'Etat et la SNCF s'engagent pour moderniser 40 liaisons ferroviaires. Date of Access: 28 April 2011. <http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/L-Etat-et-la-SNCF-s-engagent-pour.html>

³⁹⁴ Plus d'un milliard d'euros pour moderniser les transports en commun d'Ile-de-France. Date of Access: 28 April 2011. <http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/Plus-d-un-milliard-d-euros-pour.html>

On 26 January 2011, the contract of postal coverage for 2011-2013 was signed by the ministers in charge of planning, economy and industry, the president of the Association des Maires de France and La Poste. The equalization fund has an estimated amount of EUR170 million (approximately USD226 million) per year.³⁹⁵

On 16 February 2011, France announced plans for “Digital City” and “Intelligent Transportation Systems” development. These projects are part of the government’s commitment to provide new digital services supported by a EUR2.25 billion (approximately USD3 billion) “Digital Economy” investment program.³⁹⁶

On 3 March 2011, Réseau Ferré de France (RFF) and SNCF presented an investment plan of EUR40 million (approximately USD56 million) over 18 months to enhance the security of the national railway network.³⁹⁷

France has undertaken measures to facilitate infrastructure investments from other sources.

On 18 January 2011, Under the Investment for the Future a Project, call “mobility” was launched. Its goal is to bring innovative projects for the development of tomorrow’s mobility, particularly commuting and transporting goods.³⁹⁸

On 3 February 2011, on the occasion of the visit of Minister of Industry, Energy and the Digital Economy Eric Besson, France Telecom announced plans to equip approximately 10 million homes with fiber optic cable. EUR2 billion (approximately USD2.6 billion) is the sum that the operator plans to invest to support the installation of fiber optics.³⁹⁹

On 25 March 2011, the Ministry of Industry and Energy together with the Department of Sustainability and Syntec Engineering launched the 4th Grand National Prize for Engineering 2011 contest.⁴⁰⁰

On 28 March 2011, President of France chaired the Strategic Attractiveness Council (SAC). Council assessed the impact of reforms to improve competitiveness and stimulate innovation including investments in infrastructure.⁴⁰¹

³⁹⁵ Contrat De Presence Postale Territoriale 2011 – 2013. Date of Access: 28 April 2011.

http://territoires.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/dossier_de_presse.pdf

³⁹⁶ France Announced Plans for "Digital City" and "Intelligent Transportation Systems" development.

Invest in France Agency 16 February 2011. Date of Access: 28 April 2011.

<http://www.invest-in-france.org/us/news/france-is-investing-in-its-future.html>

³⁹⁷ Plan de sécurisation des voies ferrées pour prévenir des vols de câbles. Date of Access: 28 April 2011.

<http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/Plan-de-securisation-des-voies.html>

³⁹⁸ Investissement d’avenir : lancement de l’appel à manifestations d’intérêt «mobilité». Date of Access: 28 April 2011. <http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/Investissement-d-avenir-lancement,20406.html>

³⁹⁹ Fibre optique : raccorder 2 millions de foyers d’ici à la fin 2011. Date of Access: 28 April 2011.

<http://www.gouvernement.fr/gouvernement/fibre-optique-raccorder-2millions-de-foyers-d-ici-a-la-fin-2011>

⁴⁰⁰ Grand Prix National de l’Ingenierie 2011. Date of Access: 28 April 2011.

<http://www.industrie.gouv.fr/adora/manif/gp-ingen-2011.php>

⁴⁰¹ Le conseil stratégique de l’attractivité a mesuré l’impact des réformes menées pour renforcer la compétitivité, stimuler l’innovation et alléger les contraintes administratives. Date of Access: 28 April 2011.

<http://www.invest-in-france.org/Medias/Publications/1372/dossier-presse-conseil-strategique-attractivite-2011-afii-fr-en.pdf>

On 19 July 2011, Minister for Transport chaired a working meeting on the project of motorway interchange Belcodène of A52. The dealership ESCOTA will contribute EUR6,52 million (approximately USD9.2 million) of a total investment of EUR12 million (approximately USD17.1 million).⁴⁰²

On 26 September 2011, the Special agreement on the implementation of the mobilisation plan for public transport has been signed. This private public partnership will invest EUR2,8 billion (approximately USD3.9 billion) in transport in Ile-de-France over the period 2011-2013.⁴⁰³

France has invested in infrastructure that addresses both bottlenecks and enhances growth potential. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Vitaly Nagornov

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential.

A number of government infrastructure investments have been undertaken.

On 22 November 2010, Germany adopted the Freight, Transport and Logistics Action Plan. The Action Plan establishes new transport policy priorities. The plan states that the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development increases the transport budget estimate for 2011 to USD115 million. Involving 30 measures, the Action Plan is intended to provide guidance and to ensure that infrastructure and transport receive enough funding.⁴⁰⁴

On 28 February 2011, a tunnel was opened as part of the construction of a bypass in German federal land Baden-Württemberg. The state invests USD230 million into the project. The infrastructure project is planned to be completed by 2013.⁴⁰⁵

On 11 March 2011, the construction of an important road project in German federal land Saxony-Anhalt was launched. USD331 million is invested by the state in the project. Construction works are planned to be completed in 3.5 years.⁴⁰⁶

On 16 March 2011, the Federal Cabinet adopted the key figures for the 2012 federal budget. The funds for rail- and waterways and roads will reach more than USD14.4 billion each year in spite

⁴⁰² Echangeur autoroutier de Belcodene sur l'A52 : l'Etat et les collectivités confirment leur soutien au projet. Date of Access: 28 September 2011. http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/spip.php?page=article&id_article=23667

⁴⁰³ Un plan de mobilisation pour les transports collectifs en Ile-de-France. Date of Access: 28 September 2011. <http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/Un-plan-de-mobilisation-pour-les.html>

⁴⁰⁴ Transport Minister presents the Freight Transport and Logistics Action Plan, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of Germany 22 November 2010. Date of Access: 10 April 2011. http://www.bmvbs.de/SharedDocs/EN/Pressemitteilung/2010/362-transport-minister-presents-freight-transport.html?linkToOverview=EN%2FPress%2FPressReleases%2Fpress-releases_node.html%3F

⁴⁰⁵ Scheuer: Ortsumgehung Schwäbisch Gmünd kommt gut voran, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of Germany 28 February 2011. Date of Access: 10 April 2011. <http://www.bmvbs.de/SharedDocs/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2011/028-scheuer-b29-ou-schw%C3%A4bisch-gm%C3%BCnd.html?view=renderDruckansicht&nn=35788>

⁴⁰⁶ B 6n wird bis zur A 9 verlängert, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of Germany 11 March 2011. Date of Access: 10 April 2011. <http://www.bmvbs.de/SharedDocs/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2011/033-muecke-ou-koethen.html>

of budget consolidation measures. Additional USD1.4 billion are provided for continue railway projects over 2012 to 2015.⁴⁰⁷

On 22 March 2011, the construction of an important road project connecting the Eastern and Western parts of Germany was completed. The project is part of the National Plan “German Unity.” Germany invested USD2.2 billion in the project.⁴⁰⁸

On 21 September 2011, German Federal Minister of Transport, Building and Urban Development Peter Ramsauer stated at the International Auto Exhibition 2011 that Germany would continue investing in developing electro mobility. Electro mobility comprises a range of spheres, including energy production, development of new materials, information and communications technologies as well as new concepts of mobility. Germany provided USD1.36 billion for the development of electro mobility in 2011-2012, which is twice as much as in the previous time period.⁴⁰⁹

Germany has also taken steps to facilitate infrastructure investments from other sources

On 22 November 2010, Germany adopted the the Freight, Transport and Logistics Action Plan. One of the key measures proposed by the plan is stimulating Public Private Partnerships in transport and infrastructure. The plan sets objectives for constructing high priority federal autobahns in the form of Public Private Partnerships.⁴¹⁰

On 14 February 2011, the German Federal Minister of Transport, Building and Urban Development Peter Ramsauer presented the Project Plan for Road Transport Telematics in 2015. The paper comprises a total of 138 projects for the installation of traffic management systems, especially on very busy or accident-prone motorway sections. The key objective of the Plan is to tackle traffic congestions. The measures proposed by the Plan include projects for active strategic traffic management, junction control and congestion warning systems. The federal states are to implement the measures by 2015. For this purpose, the Ministry will provide USD432 million.⁴¹¹

On 6 April 2011, the German Cabinet of Ministers adopted National Reform Programme for 2011. The measures contained in the German NRP for 2011 fully implement the European Strategy for Growth and Employment and the Euro Plus Pact. The priority areas include measures

⁴⁰⁷Eckwerte des Bundeshaushalts 2012 beschlossen, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of Germany 16 March 2011. Date of Access: 10 April 2011.

<http://www.bmvbs.de/SharedDocs/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2011/038-ramsauer-bundeshaushalt-2012.html>.

⁴⁰⁸Vier Teilstücke der A 44 zwischen Kassel und Herleshausen in Bau, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of Germany 22 March 2011. Date of Access: 10 April 2011.

<http://www.bmvbs.de/SharedDocs/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2011/045-bomba-a44-kassel-herleshausen.html>.

⁴⁰⁹ Die Zukunft ist elektrisch, Federal Government of Germany 21 September 2011. Date of Access: 25 September 2011. <http://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/DE/Artikel/2011/09/2011-09-21-elektromobilitaet-iaa.html>.

⁴¹⁰ Aktionsplan Güterverkehr und Logistik – Logistikinitiative für Deutschland, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of Germany 22 November 2010. Date of Access: 10 April 2011. <http://www.bmvbs.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/61432/publicationFile/34319/aktionsplan-gueterverkehr-logistik.pdf>.

⁴¹¹ New traffic management systems and hard shoulder running on motorways, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of Germany 14 February 2011. Date of Access: 10 April 2011. http://www.bmvbs.de/SharedDocs/EN/Pressemitteilung/2011/019-minister-ramsauer-anti-congestion-scheme.html?linkToOverview=EN%2FPress%2FPressReleases%2Fpress-releases_node.html%3Fgtp%3D50278_list%25253D1%23id64280

designed to boost internal demand through investment into energy and telecommunications infrastructure.⁴¹²

On 29 June 2011, the German Federal Minister of Transport, Building and Urban Development Peter Ramsauer at an official meeting with the chairman of German Construction Industry Union (Hauptverband der Deutschen Bauindustrie) announced that the Federal Government of Germany would continue promoting Public Private Partnerships for encouraging more energy efficiency in construction.⁴¹³

Germany has invested in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and attracted investment from other sources. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Marina Klintsova

India: + 1

India has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and take measures to facilitate infrastructure investment from other sources.

Indian government has taken some measures in terms of providing infrastructure investments.

On 28 February 2011, Indian Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee on United Budget Speech said that infrastructure was critical for development of India and an allocation of over USD48 billion would be made for this sector for 2011-2012, which is 23.3% higher than previous year. This amounts to 48.5% of the Gross Budgetary Support to plan expenditure.⁴¹⁴

On 6 March 2011, Minister of Finance of Jammu and Kashmir Abdul Rahim Rather on his Budget Speech enumerated major initiatives for the development of infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir and proposed to start work on 93 MWs New Gandarbal and 50 MW Lower Kalnai Hydro Electric Powers through J&K State Power Development Corporation during the next financial year.

Finance Minister of Jammu and Kashmir also proposed to black-top and macadamize about 2,000 kilometres length of roads during the next financial year. Finance minister of Jammu and Kashmir said that the number of bridges under execution was 442, out of them, 103 bridges would be completed in the current year and 100 additional bridges were expected to be completed during the next financial year. He also pronounced that investment of USD192 million would be proposed for Roads and Building Sector under the State Plan and additionally, USD202 million were expected to flow in the R&B Sector under the Central Schemes during the next financial year.⁴¹⁵

⁴¹² Nationales Reformprogramm für Deutschland beschlossen, Federal Government of Germany 6 April 2011. Date of Access: 10 April 2011. <http://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/DE/Artikel/2011/04/2011-04-06-nationales-reformprogramm.html>.

⁴¹³ Ramsauer: Bauindustrie unterstützt Bundesregierung bei Energiewende und Infrastrukturfinanzierung, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of Germany 29 June 2011. Date of Access: 7 July 2011. <http://www.bmvbs.de/SharedDocs/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2011/138-ramsauer-bauwirtschaft.html>.

⁴¹⁴ Budget Speech by Finance Minister, Union Budget and Economic Survey 28 February 2011. Date of Access: 12 April 2011. <http://indiabudget.nic.in/ub2011-12/bs/bs.pdf>

⁴¹⁵ Budget Speech by Finance Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Government of jammu and Kashmir Finance Department 6 march 2011. Date of Access: 12 April 2011. <http://jakfinance.nic.in/BudgetSpeech2011.pdf>

On 17 September 2011, the Union Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee said that operational guidelines for assistance for creation and modernisation of warehousing capacity under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) had been finalized. He added that the Ministry had dedicated USD400 million with a view to create modern warehousing capacity for agricultural products. The operational guidelines for the scheme had been formulated. The scheme will be open to States' governments, entities owned or assisted by the States' governments and to the other entities/agencies engaged in setting up warehousing storage infrastructure. States' governments were requested to avail this opportunity to increase the modern warehousing capacity in a focused manner.⁴¹⁶

Some measures have also been undertaken to facilitate infrastructure investments from other sources.

On 28 February 2011, Indian Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee on United Budget speech stated next measures to facilitate infrastructure investments. He said that the foreign institutional investors limit for investment in corporate bonds, with residual maturity of over five years issued by companies in infrastructure sector, would be raised by an additional limit of USD20 billion taking the limit to USD25 billion to enhance the flow of funds to the infrastructure sector. This will raise the total limit available to the foreign institutional investors for investment in corporate bonds to USD 40 billion.⁴¹⁷

On 9 August 2011, in order to further liberalize the portfolio investment route, the Union Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee announced in the 2011-12 Budget to permit Mutual Funds to accept subscriptions for equity schemes from foreign investors who meet the Know Your Customer/client(KYC) requirements. It will allow Qualified Foreign Investors (QFIs) access to Mutual Funds' equity schemes and debt schemes in the infrastructure sector. The QFI scheme will make it easier for overseas investors to participate in the infrastructure sector projects in India, and therefore would provide an additional source of overseas long term debt funding.⁴¹⁸

On 12 September 2011, following the announcement by the Union Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee in his budget 2011-12, the Government in consultation with the regulators raised the limit for investment in long-term corporate bonds issued by the companies in the infrastructure sector from USD5 billion to USD25 billion. The scheme was conceived and operationalized to open new channels of funding for the infrastructure sector while deepening the corporate bond market.⁴¹⁹

⁴¹⁶ Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) Finalised with Dedicated Allocation of RS.2000 Crore: Finance Minister, Ministry of Finance 17 September 2011. Date of Access: 20 September 2011.

http://finmin.nic.in/press_room/2011/FM_IRDF.pdf

⁴¹⁷ Budget Speech by Finance Minister, Union Budget and Economic Survey 28 February 2011. Date of Access: 12 April 2011. <http://indiabudget.nic.in/ub2011-12/bs/bs.pdf>

⁴¹⁸ Qualified Foreign Investors Allowed to Access Mutual Funds' Equity Schemes and Debt Schemes in the Infrastructure Sector, Ministry of Finance 9 August 2011. Date of Access: 15 September 2011.

http://finmin.nic.in/press_room/2011/QFIS_mutual_fund.pdf

⁴¹⁹ FII Investment in Long-term Corporate Debt in Infrastructure Sector Liberalised, Ministry of Finance of India 12 September 2011. Date of Access: 20 September 2011.

http://finmin.nic.in/press_room/2011/FII_corporate_dept.pdf

India has invested in infrastructure that addresses both bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and has been awarded a score of +1

Analyst: Alexey Mironov

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with the commitment on investment in infrastructure. Indonesia has invested in infrastructure.

On 15 March 2011 the representative of the Ministry of Communications said that the government will build a new port in the region Tanjung Priok to enhance the movement of goods and passengers. Part of the work was conducted through a grant from the Japan International Cooperation Agency.⁴²⁰

On 1 April 2011 Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin) asked the government to revive the defunct Indonesian Development Bank (Bapindo) to support the financing of infrastructure development projects. Kadin chairman Suryo B. Sulisto said the presence of such a bank, which specialized in financing infrastructure projects, was necessary, given that most projects of this nature require huge amounts of funding, which in many cases can only be paid back after lengthy periods. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who officiated the Kadin meeting, said in response to Suryo's proposal that the government was already studying the possibility of reopening Bapindo, alongside other proposed means to finance infrastructure projects.⁴²¹

On 27 May 2011, Indonesian government announced 17 new infrastructure projects worth IDR190 trillion (USD220.4 billion) as part of its 2011-2025 Indonesia Economic Development Expansion and Acceleration Master Plan. Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Hatta Rajasa said the projects were launched in four locations namely Sei Mangke in the province of North Sumatra, Cilegon in Banten, Lombok Timur, East Nusa Tenggara and Timika, Papua, with funds coming from state-owned companies, national private companies, foreign direct investment and national budget.⁴²²

On 27 July 2011 the head of Pandeglang district Erwan Kurtubi said that in 2012 the Transportation Ministry, along with the Banten provincial government would start building an airport.⁴²³

On 17 June 2011 a vice presidential spokesman said that the government was going to allocate IDR65.2 trillion (USD75.6 billion) for the development of drinking water facilities in cities and rural areas up to 2014.⁴²⁴

⁴²⁰ Republika OnLine. Breaking News. Ekonomi. Pemerintah akan Bangun Pelabuhan Baru Senilai Rp8.8 T 15 March 2011. Date of Access: 15 March 2011

<http://www.seasite.niu.edu/Indonesian/Percakapan/Indonesia/originals/LiveNewsFS.htm>

⁴²¹ Kadin wants bank specializing on infrastructure financing, The Jakarta Post 1 April 2011 Date of Access: 5 April 2011 <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2011/04/01/kadin-wants-bank-specializing-infra-structure-financing.html>

⁴²² Govt Announces 17 Infrastructure Projects Worth Rp190 Trillion. 27 May 2011. Date of Access: 29 July 2011 <http://www.antaranews.com/en/news/72006/govt-announces-17-infra-structure-projects-worth-rp190-trillion>

⁴²³ Govt to build airport in South Banten in 2012. 27 July 2011. Date of Access: 29 July 2011 <http://www.antaranews.com/en/news/74177/govt-to-build-airport-in-south-banten-in-2012>

⁴²⁴ Govt earmarks Rp65.2 trillion for drinking water projects. 17 June 2011. Date of Access: 29 July 2011 <http://www.antaranews.com/en/news/72834/govt-earmarks-rp652-trillion-for-drinking-water-projects>

Several measures have been taken to facilitate infrastructure investments from other sources. On 2 December 2010 the Asian Development Bank (ADB) decided to provide a \$200 million loan to Indonesia for an ongoing program designed to remove obstacles to infrastructure investment.⁴²⁵ “The goal of the program is to improve the climate for infrastructure investment, resulting in more financing from both public and private sectors, which will aid the government's efforts to boost growth and lower poverty through economic and employment opportunities,” said Anthony Jude, Director in ADB's Southeast Asia Department. This phase incorporates a broad range of policy reforms covering regulatory changes affecting the transport, energy, water and telecommunications sectors, and the development of a legal framework for PPP projects.

On 4 March 2011 an official said the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) was ready to provide IDR405 billion (USD44.5 million) in loans to help build a fish port in West Sulawesi province this year.⁴²⁶ West Sulawesi Governor Anwar Adnan Saleh said the bank assured him of its readiness to help finance the project after the local government consulted the international financial institution. The project will be co-financed by the Indonesian Marine Affairs and Fisheries Ministry.

On 11 March 2011 chairman of the Indonesian Investment Coordination Agency (BKPM), Mr. Gita Wirjawan, was quoted saying today that he is confident that the Indonesian Parliament will pass by third quarter of 2011 a draft bill that will regulate foreign ownership of the land and land clearance. This land acquisition law is expected to cut in half the time needed to start infrastructure projects.⁴²⁷

On 4 July 2011 Pekalongan Mayor Basyir Achmad said that PT Korea Surimi Co. plans to build a "surimi" (fish-based food product) factory with an investment of US\$10 million.⁴²⁸

On 23 September 2011, an official said that the Japanese government was ready to provide funds for the construction of a Jakarta Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) system. «The investment needed for construction of MRT is estimated at JPY600 billion (USD7.8 billion)», Japanese Minister for Trade, Economic and Industrial Affairs Yukio Edano said at a joint press conference with Chief Economic Minister Hatta Rajasa.⁴²⁹

Indonesia has supported government infrastructure investments and has taken measures to facilitate infrastructure investments from other sources. Thus, it has been awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Elena Martynova

⁴²⁵ ADB Extends \$200 Million to Help Indonesia Accelerate Infrastructure Investment 2 December 2010. Date of Access: 21 March 2011 <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2010/13418-indonesia-infrastructure-investments/default.asp?p=inonews>

⁴²⁶ IDB ready to finance fish port project in w Sulawesi 5 March 2011. Date of Access: 15 March 2011 <http://www.antaraneews.com/en/news/68777/idb-ready-to-finance-fish-port-project-in-w-sulawesi>

⁴²⁷ Foreigners Able To Own Property in Indonesia in 2011 11 March 2011 Date of Access: 5 April 2011 <http://www.consultingbali.com/blog/category/investment/>

⁴²⁸ South Korean Company to invest in fish processing in Pekalongan. 4 July 2011. Date of Access: 29 July 2011 <http://www.antaraneews.com/en/news/73400/south-korean-company-to-invest-in-fish-processing-in-pekalongan>

⁴²⁹ Japan ready to finance Jakarta MRT project. 23 September 2011. Date of Access: 27 September 2011 <http://www.antaraneews.com/en/news/75953/japan-ready-to-finance-jakarta-mrt-project>

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and encourage this type of investment from other sources.

Italy has invested in infrastructure.

On 12 November 2010, the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) signed a decree authorizing realization of the 94 km long power line “Trino-Lacchiarella” between Piemonte and Lombardia, an electric infrastructure of strategic importance for Italy.⁴³⁰

On 18 November 2010, the Interministerial Committee for Economic Programming (CIPE) approved the modification of the Fund for Enterprise Investment Support (FRI). According to the resolution EUR785 million (approximately USD1083 million) are available for supporting the projects on industrial and technological innovations.⁴³¹

On 15 December 2010, CEO of the UniCredit, Federico Ghizzoni, and Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Franco Frattini, presented the project on creation of a logistical platform in the Upper Adriatic for the relaunch of Mediterranean maritime traffic and enhancement of Italian seaports. The public-private partnership will be work on the basis of an agreement between the state and Friuli Venezia Giulia Region to provide the necessary legislative framework for the works.⁴³²

On 19 July 2011, the MED approved the realization of interconnection pipeline “Villanova-Tivat” that is of the strategic importance for Italy because it contributes to enhancing the role of Italy as energy hub between the “European Union and the countries of Eastern Europe.”⁴³³

Italy has taken some steps to attract infrastructure investment from other sources.

On 23 November 2010, the Minister of Economic Development participated in the signing of the agreement for interconnecting power line between the Italian company Terna S.p.A. and the Government of Montenegro. The investments for interconnection, with the total length of 415 km, amount to about EUR760 million (approximately USD1033 million). The construction of the power line that will provide Italian electricity system with an estimated cost reduction of EUR225 annually would be started in 2011 and finished at the beginning of 2015. Italy and Montenegro have also considered the collaboration in other fields such as railways, with the connection Belgrado-Bar.

⁴³⁰ Energia: procedimento positivo per elettrodotto “Trino-Lacchiarella,” Italian Ministry of Economic Development 12 November 2010. Date of Access: 24 March 2011. http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2015635:energia-procedimento-positivo-per-elettrodotto-trino-lacchiarella

⁴³¹ MSE: via libera a 785 mln di euro per ricerca industriale, Italian Ministry of Economic Development 18 November 2010. Date of Access: 24 March 2011. Italian Ministry of Economic Development 12 November 2010. http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2015695:mse-via-libera-a-785-mln-di-euro-per-ricerca-industriale

⁴³² Unicredit and Foreign Ministry launch a new logistics platform for the Adriatic, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs 15 December 2010. Date of Access: 5 April 2011. http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2010/12/20101215_Nuova_piattaforma_Adriatico.htm?LANG=EN

⁴³³ Energia, Saglia, via libera a elettrodotto Italia-Montenegro, Italian Ministry of Economic Development 19 July 2011. Date of Access: 25 September 2011. http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php?option=com_content&id=2020045

On 30 November 2010, the Minister of Economic Development, Paolo Romani, together with the Bulgarian Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism, Traycho Traykov, took part in the signing of the agreement on the project of interconnection of the gas pipelines between Greece and Bulgaria (Igb). The project has also provisions for constructing the link of the gas pipeline Itgi (interconnection Turkey, Greece, Italy). The agreement has been concluded in Sofia (Bulgaria) by Italian company Edison, Greek state gas company Depa and Bulgarian Bec. On 1 December 2010, Paolo Romani met the Bulgarian Prime Minister, Bojko Borisov, to discuss the collaboration in the main areas with the particular attention to infrastructure, energy, technological innovation and digitalization.⁴³⁴ On 7 December 2010, Azerbaijan gave the go-ahead to the accord with Italy, Greece and Turkey on cooperation in the energy sector, especially in terms of support for the Itgi project, a gas pipeline for the transit of Azerbaijani gas to Europe.⁴³⁵

On 13 January 2010, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs visited Switzerland in order to discuss bilateral economic relations. The goals of the visit have included, inter alia, confirming Italy's commitment to enhance cooperation between the two countries in strategic sectors such as rail links, energy and defense.⁴³⁶

On 18 January 2011, Italian and Slovenian Ministers of Infrastructure held a meeting where they discussed the development of the projects related to Corridor Vand, a project of the new rail communication between Trieste and Divaccia.⁴³⁷

On 31 May 2011, the Italian Embassy in Seoul promoted the first mission to Korea by INVITALIA, the national inward investment and business development agency. Its aim was to make the first structured presentation in Korea of Italy as a destination for quality investment and to promote specific opportunities to potential Korean partners. The meeting was focused on several sectors, including transportation and energy.⁴³⁸

On 7 September 2011, the Italian and Serbian authorities held the meeting devoted to the reinforcement of bilateral economic cooperation. The agenda contained such areas as realization

⁴³⁴ Italia-Bulgaria: a Sofia vertice Romani-Borisov su cooperazione, Italian Ministry of Economic Development 1 December 2010. Date of Access: 24 March 2011.

http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2014911:italia-bulgaria-a-sofia-vertice-romani-borisov-su-cooperazione

⁴³⁵ Mantica: green light from Azerbaijan on accord with Italy, Greece and Turkey on the ITGI gas pipeline, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs 7 December 2010. Date of Access: 5 April 2011.

http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2010/12/20101207_Mantica_Gasdotta.htm?LANG=EN

⁴³⁶ Italy-Switzerland: Frattini in Berne (13 January), Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs 12 January 2011. Date of Access: 5 April 2011. http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2011/01/20110112_ItaliaSvizzera.htm?LANG=EN

⁴³⁷ Italia-Slovenia: Matteoli incontraministroVlacic, Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport 18 January 2011. Date of Access: 4 April 2011. <http://www.mit.gov.it/mit/site.php?p=cm&o=vd&id=1600>

⁴³⁸ Country System: In South Korea on a quest for investors, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs 31 May 2011. Date of Access: 15 July 2011. http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2011/05/20110531_SistemaPaese_CoreaDelSud.htm?LANG=EN

of new infrastructures and the development of ever more strategic partnership in energy field, first of all in renewable sources.⁴³⁹

Italy has invested in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and has taken measures to attract investment from other sources. Thus, it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Anna Vekshina

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to make infrastructure investment and undertake measures to facilitate infrastructure investment from other sources.

Japan has invested in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential.

On 14 December 2010, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications approved a policy concerning the “Path of Light” concept which aims for broadband utilization in every household by approximately 2015, and worked out a timeline for the implementation of the concept.⁴⁴⁰

On 16 December 2010, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) launched the ‘Hydrogen Highway Project’, a world’s first expressway service using fuel cell buses. Hydrogen stations will be constructed in Suginami (Tokyo), Haneda, and Narita and used as hydrogen supply bases for the fuel cell expressway buses and vehicles.⁴⁴¹

On 15 January 2011, the METI launched the ‘Hydrogen Town Project’, the second part of the ‘Hydrogen Energy Social Infrastructure Development Demonstration Project’, which aims at creation of a hydrogen society in the future. Through the project, hydrogen will be supplied via pipelines installed in urban districts and pure-hydrogen-type fuel cells will be operated for a full scale of a community as demonstration.⁴⁴²

On 2 May 2011, the Japanese Diet approved the first part of supplementary reconstruction budget totalling JPY4.15 trillion (USD51.9 billion) for the fiscal year 2011.⁴⁴³ On 25 July 2011, the second supplementary budget of JPY2 trillion (USD25 billion) was enacted. The budgets are

⁴³⁹ Italia-Serbia: missione del Ministro per rafforzare cooperazione economica e industriale, Italian Ministry of Economic Development 7 September 2011. Date of Access: 25 September 2011. http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&viewType=1&idarea1=593&idarea2=0&idarea3=0&idarea4=0&andor=AND§ionid=0&andorcat=AND&partebassaType=0&idareaCalendario1=0&MvediT=1&showMenu=1&showCat=1&showArchiveNewsBotton=0&idmenu=263&id=2020473

⁴⁴⁰ Announcement Regarding Timetable for Implementation of “Path of Light” Concept, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications 24 December 2010. Date of access: 10 April 2011. www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/joho_tsusin/eng/Releases/Telecommunications/101224_c.html

⁴⁴¹ “Hydrogen Highway Project” to be launched under the “Hydrogen Energy Social Infrastructure Development Demonstration Project,” the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry 13 December 2010. Date of access: 5 March 2011. www.meti.go.jp/english/press/data/20101213_01.html

⁴⁴² Launch of “Hydrogen Town Project” under the “Hydrogen Energy Social Infrastructure Development Demonstration Project,” the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry 13 January 2011. Date of access: 12 March 2011. www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2011/0113_02.html

⁴⁴³ Diet Budgets ¥4 Trillion for Rebuilding, the Japan Times 3 May 2011. Date of access: 1 October 2011. search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/nn20110503a2.html

aimed to support survivors and finance infrastructure reconstruction in the quake- and tsunami-hit Tohoku region.⁴⁴⁴

In addition to Government-funded projects, Japan also sought to cooperate with private companies and other countries.

On 13 January 2011, 13 private companies including, inter alia, Toyota, Nissan, and Honda, as well as energy producers, announced in a joint statement their intention to work together in order to expand the introduction of fuel-cell vehicles and develop the hydrogen supply network throughout Japan by 2015, and requested the Government to establish public-private partnership to back their efforts. The METI responded with the pledge to provide all the necessary support.⁴⁴⁵

At the Meeting of Information and Communications Cabinet Ministers from Japan and the 10 ASEAN countries held in Kuala Lumpur on 13 January 2011, the parties adopted the “ASEAN-Japan ICT Work Plan 2011,” and the “ASEAN-Japan Collaboration Framework on Information Security.”⁴⁴⁶ Japan also expressed interest in active cooperation with ASEAN member states, China and Korea on the information security framework and ICT infrastructure development.⁴⁴⁷

Japan has invested in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and facilitated infrastructure investment from other sources. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Ekaterina Maslovskaya

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential.

On 8 December 2010, the Korean government presented a plan to invest KRW49 trillion (USD42.6 billion) in the country’s power generation capacity by 2024.⁴⁴⁸

The Korea Information Technology Report stated that Korean IT spending would increase from USD16.9 billion in 2011 to around USD22.1 billion in 2015.⁴⁴⁹

⁴⁴⁴ ¥2 trillion reconstruction budget submitted; July 22 passage seen, the Japan Times 16 July 2011. Date of access: 18 July 2011. search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/nn20110716a7.html

⁴⁴⁵ Joint statement by private companies concerning the introduction of fuel cell vehicles onto the domestic market and the development of hydrogen supply infrastructure, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry 13 January 2011. Date of access: 10 April 2011. www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2011/0113_01.html

⁴⁴⁶ Joint Media Statement of the Tenth ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (10th TELMIN) and Its Related Meetings with Dialogue Partners, ASEAN 14 January 2011. Date of access: 10 April 2011. www.aseansec.org/25748.htm

⁴⁴⁷ Japan Interested in Actively Cooperating in ASEAN ICT Masterplan, United Nations Public Administration Network 31 January 2011. Date of access: 10 April 2011. www.unpan.org/PublicAdministrationNews/tabid/115/mctl/ArticleView/ModuleID/1467/articleId/24144/default.aspx

⁴⁴⁸ South Korea Infrastructure Report Q2 2011, Online Information Service 8 December 2010. Date of Access: 8 December 2010. <http://www.marketresearch.com/product/display.asp?productid=6134288>
<http://www.companiesandmarkets.com/Market-Report/south-korea-infrastructure-report-q1-2011-465206.asp>

⁴⁴⁹ South Korea Information Technology Report Q1 2011, Online Information Service 14 March 2011. Date of Access: 14 March 2011. <http://www.pr-inside.com/south-korea-information-technology-report-r2474858.htm>

On 18 January 2011, the Korean Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs announced that Korea would invest KRW185 trillion (USD166 billion) over the next decade to upgrade transportation infrastructure, and to help to enhance the nation's overall logistics efficiency. The investment, which will be made under a revision to the transportation system, will focus on building or expanding roads, railways, airports, seaports and other infrastructure.⁴⁵⁰

Korea has invested in infrastructure that addresses both bottlenecks and enhances growth potential. Thus it is awarded a score of 0.

Analyst: Svetlana Nikitina

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and facilitate investment in infrastructure from other sources.

On 17 December 2010, Mexican President Felipe Calderón inaugurated the Saltillo General Hospital, the main health facility in the state of Coahuila. The Hospital is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and involves an investment of MXN450 mln.⁴⁵¹

On 10 January 2011, José María Morelos y Pavón Children's Hospital and the IMSS-Oportunidades Rural Hospital were inaugurated in the municipality of San José del Rincón. Construction of the hospitals aims primarily at the high-risk zones in the state of Mexico and expands the coverage of primary and secondary health services for the benefit of the population living in marginalized and highly marginalized conditions.⁴⁵²

On 17 January 2011, Felipe Calderón announced the Electricity Service in the Valle de México Project aimed at replacing the electricity grid in the historic centre and benefiting 30,000 users with MXN700 mln of investment required. President also supervised the progress of the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE)'s operation in the center of the country, which served as the framework for the inauguration of 79 customer service centers, 282 CFEmáticos (payment centers), a Regional Call Center, 11 sub-stations, and 8 transmission lines.⁴⁵³

On 3 March 2011, Felipe Calderón reported that four-year investments in the construction and modernization of the highways in the Federal Network reached MXN175 bln with nearly 15,500 km of highway built or modernized, e.g. Apatzingán-Nueva Italia stretch.

On 3 March 2011, the President inaugurated Boulevard Constituyentes de Apatzingán as part of the expansion of the Apatzingán-Nueva Italia Highway, which involves a cost of MXN600 mln

⁴⁵⁰ S Korea to invest US\$166bil in Upgrading Transportation System, Online Information Service 18 January 2011. Date of access: 18 January 2011. <http://www.malaysiandigest.com/world/15479-s-korea-to-invest-us166bil-in-upgrading-transportation-system.html>

⁴⁵¹ Inauguration of Saltillo General Hospital, Presidencia de la Republica, México 17 December 2010. Date of Access: 3 April 2011. <http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/index.php?DNA=88&page=1&Contenido=62198>

⁴⁵² Inauguration of Saltillo General Hospital, Presidencia de la Republica, México 10 January 2011. Date of Access: 3 April 2011. <http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/index.php?DNA=88&page=1&Contenido=62488>

⁴⁵³ Modernization of Electricity Service in Valle de México, Presidencia de la Republica, México 17 January 2011. Date of Access: 2 April 2011. <http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/index.php?DNA=88&page=1&Contenido=62607>

and will benefit the municipalities of Apatzingán, Nueva Italia, Gabriel Zamora, Uruapan and Parácuaro among others.⁴⁵⁴

On 8 March 2011, Mexican President inaugurated La Caldera Pump Station, one of the largest water works in the east of the city that will benefit the municipalities of Chalco, Valle de Chalco, Ixtapaluca and Valle de Chalco-Solidaridad and prevent floods in the municipalities and Mexico City. The construction required an investment of MXN61 bln.⁴⁵⁵

On 10 March 2011, Felipe Calderón inaugurated the expansion and modernization of the Caborca-Sonoyta highway, the only road to the northeast of the country. Modernization includes paving, drainage and complementary works aimed at reducing the risk of accidents, eliminating bottlenecks and decreasing travelling times, operating costs and pollutant emission levels.⁴⁵⁶

On 19 March 2011, the Mexican President signed a decree modifying ban on the Balsas River Basin to make it accessible for human consumption. The modification will benefit the population of 340 municipalities from various Mexican states.⁴⁵⁷

On 22 March 2011, Felipe Calderón visited the works of the Baluarte Bicentenario Bridge, one of the world's largest. The bridge is 1,200 meters long and its construction involves an investment of MXN19,369 mln. On the same day a stretch of the Durango-Mazatlán highway was inaugurated in Durango. The inter-oceanic axis will make Durango a major hub to transport goods from the Asian Pacific and together with the Pan-American axis it will provide links to the center of Mexico, southern US and Canada.⁴⁵⁸

Mexico has also taken measures to facilitate infrastructure investment from other sources.

On 28 January 2011, Felipe Calderón signed the National Tourism Agreement⁴⁵⁹ and announced 2011 as a Year of Tourism in Mexico. The initiative has the objective to promote tourism in the country as an effective means of fight against poverty and infrastructure development.⁴⁶⁰ As part of the strategy for promoting tourism, Mexican President discussed the opportunities with President of the Region of the Americas of the InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) Jim Abrahamson who announced IHG's intention to invest additional USD500 million in Mexico

⁴⁵⁴ 175,000 Million Pesos Invested In Highways In 4 Years: Fch, Presidencia de la Republica, México 3 February 2011. Date of Access: 5 April 2011.

<http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/index.php?DNA=88&page=1&Contenido=62998>

⁴⁵⁵ No More Catastrophic Floods, Presidencia de la Republica, México 8 March 2011. Date of Access: 5 April 2011. <http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/index.php?DNA=88&page=1&Contenido=63743>

⁴⁵⁶ Expansion And Modernization Of Caborca-Sonoyta Highway, Presidencia de la Republica, México 10 March 2011. Date of Access: 9 April 2011.

<http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/index.php?DNA=88&page=1&Contenido=63839>

⁴⁵⁷ Inhabitants Of 340 Municipalities Will Be Able To Use Balsas Water, Presidencia de la Republica, México 19 March 2011. Date of Access: 7 April 2011.

<http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/index.php?DNA=88&page=1&Contenido=64071>

⁴⁵⁸ Tour Of States Of Durango And Sinaloa, Presidencia de la Republica, México 22 March 2011. Date of Access: 3 April 2011. <http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/index.php?DNA=88&page=1&Contenido=64088>

⁴⁵⁹ National Tourism Agenda, Presidencia de la Republica, México 28 February 2011. Date of Access: 5 April 2011. <http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/index.php?DNA=88&page=1&Contenido=63572>

⁴⁶⁰ 2011, Year Of Tourism In Mexico, Presidencia de la Republica, México 26 January 2011. Date of Access: 7 April 2011. <http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/index.php?DNA=88&page=1&Contenido=62803>

over the next 3 years, which will translate into 47 hotels with 5,000 rooms.⁴⁶¹ On the World Tourism Day on 27 September 2011, President Calderón highlighted the role of private enterprise, which pledged investments for over ARS4 billion for 2011 and outlined the main actions taken to achieve the Agreement: increasing connectivity and facilities for the arrival and transfer of tourists, strengthening tourist infrastructure and boosting tourist promotion. The total value of investment exceeded ARS9 billion.⁴⁶²

Mexico has invested in infrastructure to address bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and encourage infrastructure investment from other sources. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Polina Arkhipova

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure itself and to take measures aimed at facilitating infrastructure investment from other sources.

On 22 November 2010, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev announced the creation of the first set of digital TV channels. Thus digital broadcasting will be available to over 20 million people in 16 of the Russian regions in 2011 and to the whole population by 2015.⁴⁶³

On 13 December 2010, Russian President signed Federal Law on the Federal Budget for 2011 and the Budget Plan for 2012-2013.⁴⁶⁴ More than RUB26 billion are earmarked for the reconstruction of 38 airports, including projects in Sochi, Kazan and on the Kuril Islands, in accordance with this document.⁴⁶⁵

On 13 January 2011, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin stated a plan for the extension of the railway transport structural reform to 2015. Developing high-speed railway systems will be the priority of the state and RUB350 billion is to be spent for this purpose in 2011.⁴⁶⁶

Sufficient steps to promote infrastructure investment have been taken in Russia.

On 24 November 2010, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev charged the Government with developing measures aimed at encouraging investment in renewable energy sources.⁴⁶⁷

⁴⁶¹ Inter-Continental Group To Invest \$500 Million USD, Presidencia de la Republica, México 1 February 2011. Date of Access: 5 April 2011.

<http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/index.php?DNA=88&page=1&Contenido=62943>

⁴⁶² International Tourism Day, Presidencia de la Republica, México 27 September 2011. Date of Access: 1 October 2011. <http://en.presidencia.gob.mx/2011/09/progress-in-national-tourism-agreement/>

⁴⁶³ Meeting on television and radio broadcasting development, Office of the President of Russia (Moscow) 22 November 2010. Date of Access: 29 April 2011. <http://eng.kremlin.ru/news/1352>

⁴⁶⁴ Law on the federal budget for 2011 and the 2012-2013 budget plan, Office of the President of Russia (Moscow) 13 December 2010. Date of Access: 29 April 2011. <http://eng.kremlin.ru/news/1470>.

⁴⁶⁵ Meeting of the Security Council "On State Policies in the Sphere of Aviation," Office of the President of Russia (Moscow) 1 April 2010. Date of Access: 29 April 2011. <http://kremlin.ru/transcripts/10794>.

⁴⁶⁶ Prime Minister Vladimir Putin chaired the meeting of the Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation, Government of Russia (Moscow) 13 January 2011. Date of Access 29 April 2011. <http://government.ru/docs/13850/>.

⁴⁶⁷ On Implementation of the Presidential Instruction on Increasing Investment in Enhancing Energy Efficiency, Office of the President of Russia (Moscow) 24 November 2010. Date of Access 29 April 2011. <http://kremlin.ru/assignments/10057>

On 27 November 2010, the Russian Government issued a regulation⁴⁶⁸ aimed at lowering the cost of access to engineering facilities and improving the speed of this process. These new rules are expected to facilitate infrastructure investment.⁴⁶⁹

On 27 December 2010, the Russian Technologies State Corporation, OAO INTER RAO UES and General Electric signed a framework agreement on producing high-performance energy equipment.⁴⁷⁰

On 21 March 2011, Russian President proposed the establishment of a special fund to attract foreign investments to the Russian economy.⁴⁷¹ On 1 June 2011, Russian Direct Investment Fund was formally established.⁴⁷²

On 2 April 2011, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev approved a list of instructions on priority measures aimed at improving the investment climate in Russia.⁴⁷³

On 2 August 2011, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ordered to confer the status of investment ombudsmen on Deputy Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoys to Federal Districts, whose responsibilities include assisting investors in the implementation of private investment projects, notably in infrastructure.⁴⁷⁴

Russia has made investment in infrastructure and managed to facilitate infrastructure investment from other sources. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Andrey Shelepov

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi-Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and facilitate investment from other sources. Government infrastructure investments have been taken in Saudi Arabia.

⁴⁶⁸ Regulation No. 940 of 27 November 2010, Government of Russia (Moscow) 27 November 2010. Date of Access: 29 April 2011. <http://government.ru/gov/results/13228/>.

⁴⁶⁹ On coming into force of the Regulation of the Government of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Economic Development of Russia (Moscow) 17 December 2010. Date of Access: 29 April 2011. http://www.economy.gov.ru/minec/about/structure/depgostarif/doc20101217_05

⁴⁷⁰ In the Presence of Russian Prime Minister V. Putin a Framework Agreement between General Electric, the Russian Technologies State Corporation and INTER RAO UES on Creating Joint Ventures Producing High-Tech Medical and Energy Equipment was Signed, Government of Russia (Moscow) 27 December 2010. Date of Access: 29 April 2011. <http://government.ru/docs/13630/>.

⁴⁷¹ Meeting on Economic Issues, Office of the President of Russia (Moscow) 21 March 2010. Date of Access: 29 April 2011. <http://eng.kremlin.ru/news/1936>.

⁴⁷² Founding of RDIF, Russian Direct Investment Fund 2011. Date of Access: 21 July 2011. http://rdif.ru/Eng_History/.

⁴⁷³ Presidential instructions on priority measures aimed at improving investment climate in Russia, Office of the President of Russia (Moscow) 2 April 2010. Date of Access: 29 April 2011. <http://eng.kremlin.ru/news/1999>

⁴⁷⁴ Executive order on investment ombudsmen, Office of the President of Russia (Moscow) 2 August 2010. Date of Access: 6 October 2011. <http://eng.kremlin.ru/acts/2669>.

On 10 January 2011, Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, who is also the minister of defence, officially launched the construction of the new King Abdul Aziz International Airport, which would cost USD7,2 billion.⁴⁷⁵

On 1 February 2011, The Ministry of Hajj has invested USD200 thousand towards new technology infrastructure, with aims of providing better services to the rising number of annual pilgrims to the Holy Cities of Makkah and Madinah and other sacred places in Saudi Arabia.⁴⁷⁶

On 16 February 2011, The Minister of Transport Dr. Jubarah Eid Al-Suraysiri, who is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Saudi Railroads Organization, announced that 4 passengers stations at a cost of USD2,5 billion will be established for Al-Haramain High Speed Train during two and a half years from the start of its execution.⁴⁷⁷

On 30 March 2011, Al-Balad Al-Amin Company signed agreement with Ernst & Young for the flotation of the 180-km railway network project that covers all parts of the Makkah city. The new railway system with 88 stations is expected to bring about a qualitative change in the city's transport system. Mayor of Makkah City, Osama Al-Bar who is also chairman of the Al-Balad Al-Amin Company board of directors, said that the Makkah Metro project included construction of four railway networks linking all parts of the city and work on the new railway would start within a year.⁴⁷⁸

On 18 April 2011, Sami Mohsen Baroum, chairman of Knowledge Economic City Co. (KEC) signed USD81 million contract with Al-Rajhi Infrastructure Company to carry out the northern part of the economic city project. The work on the project started within a few weeks after signing. The infrastructure projects include construction of roads, setting up of electricity, telecommunication, water and sewage networks and rainwater drainage systems, planting of trees along roads and other smart infrastructure facilities.⁴⁷⁹

On 16 June 2011, the Saudi Railway Organization (SRO) announced building the Haramain Railway," which will link the cities of Makkah and Madinah with Jeddah, and will cost about USD11 billion. The high-speed rail project will bring about dramatic improvement in transportation of pilgrims between the two holy cities, the SRO official said.⁴⁸⁰

On 7 August 2011, the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) launched the new international terminal at Prince Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Airport in Al-Madinah. The operation of the new terminal came within the framework of GACA's plan for the development of various

⁴⁷⁵ Construction of 7.2 billion dollar airport to start, the Saudi Arabian Market Information Resource SAMIRAD 12 January 2011. Date of Access: 15 April 2011.

http://www.saudinf.com/display_news.php?id=5781

⁴⁷⁶ Ministry of Hajj invests SR800,000 into new technology infrastructure, the Saudi Arabian Market Information Resource SAMIRAD 1 February 2011. Date of Access: 15 April 2011.

http://www.saudinf.com/display_news.php?id=5835

⁴⁷⁷ Budget allocated for four Stations of Al-Haramain Train, the Saudi Arabian Market Information Resource SAMIRAD 16 February 2011. Date of Access: 15 April 2011.

http://www.saudinf.com/display_news.php?id=5881

⁴⁷⁸ Signing the Agreement for the Flotation of the 180-km Railway Network, Arab News 31 March 2011. Date of Access: 15 April 2011. <http://arabnews.com/saudiArabia/article336744.ece>

⁴⁷⁹ Knowledge Economic City steps up infrastructure work, Arab News 20 April 2011. Date of Access: 16 Mat 2011. <http://arabnews.com/economy/article368469.ece>

⁴⁸⁰ Haramain Railway to cost SR42 bn, Arab News 17 June 2011. Date of Access: 15 September 2011. <http://arabnews.com/saudiArabia/article456187.ece>

airports across the Kingdom and within its urgent measures undertaken at the airport to reach the capacity of the new international terminal.⁴⁸¹

Some measures have been undertaken to facilitate infrastructure investments from other sources. On 26 April 2011, Prince Mishaal bin Abdullah, governor of Najran Region and president of the Board of Investment in Najran, implemented a new plan, including strategies to activate investments and infrastructure projects in the region. The new deal to Najran comprises many important strategies, including building an attractive environment for investment, recommending a specific investment strategy, promoting administrative support to ensure sustainable investment and attract investors, and creating a system in consonance with the investment strategy of Najran. It also focuses on rebuilding the infrastructure for future economic growth by developing water and sanitation, solid waste, electricity, telecommunications, information technology, agricultural, tourism, and industrial and military facilities.⁴⁸²

Saudi-Arabia has invested in infrastructure that addresses both bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and has taken measures to attract investment from other sources. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexey Mironov

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential.

On 29 January 2011, the President of the South Africa Jacob Zuma reported on the progress of NEPAD Heads of State High Level Sub-Committee on Infrastructure to the AU Nepad Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC). He reported that the Sub-Committee sought endorsement by the HSGOC of the infrastructure projects identified and their respective champions and therefore their subsequent consideration and approval by the AU Assembly. In this regard, 7 projects were agreed.⁴⁸³

On 10 February 2011, at the Joint Sitting of Parliament in his state of the nation address Jacob G Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa, declared that government would continue to participate in the revitalisation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development with specific focus on the implementation of its infrastructure programme, and the North-South infrastructure development corridor.⁴⁸⁴

⁴⁸¹ New international terminal at Medinah Airport, the Saudi Arabian Market Information Resource SAMIRAD 7 August 2011. Date of Access: 15 September 2011.

http://www.saudinf.com/display_news.php?id=6407

⁴⁸² Najran launches new investment strategy, Arab News 20 April 2011. Date of Access: 15 May 2011.

<http://arabnews.com/economy/article372612.ece>

⁴⁸³ Report of the NEPAD Heads of State High Level Sub-Committee on Infrastructure to the AU Nepad Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee by President Jacob Zuma, the official web site of the Department for International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of the South Africa, 29 January, 2011. Date of access: 28 April 2011.

<http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/speeches/2011/nepad0204.html>

⁴⁸⁴ State of the Nation Address By His Excellency Jacob G Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa, at the Joint Sitting Of Parliament, Cape Town, the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of the South Africa, 10 February 2011. Date of access: 28 April, 2011.

<http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/speeches/2011/jzum0210.html>

On 6 April 2011, South African Transport Minister Sibusiso Ndebele announced a ZAR97 billion (USD1.2 billion) rail upgrade program, which will be rolled out over 18 years. Allocations over the next three years include ZAR2.5 billion (USD30 million) to municipalities for public transport systems and infrastructure, as well as additional funds for the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa for replacing signaling infrastructure and refurbishing rail coaches. In addition, ZAR30.2 billion (about USD380 million) will be spent on improving the passenger rail system over the next three years.⁴⁸⁵

On 20 May 2011, Water and Environmental Affairs Minister Edna Molewa mentioned that the Government would spend ZAR14.2 (about USD180 million) over the next three years on dams and water distributions systems. This investment is a part of the South African three-year, ZAR846 billion (USD106 million) infrastructure upgrade plan. Molewa highlighted that «the spending focus over the medium term will be on bulk raw water resource infrastructure to meet sustainable demand for South Africa».⁴⁸⁶

On 15 September 2011, at the Fourth South Africa-European Union Summit, the leaders of South Africa and the European Union agreed to develop infrastructure as a crucial part in the development of both the African continent and the EU region. In particular the development of the North-South Road and Rail Corridor holds great potential for the states of Southern and East Africa for greater economic and market integration, concomitant economic growth and job creation for the region's population. The approach will be broadened to include sectors and sub-sectors that are linked to the North – South Corridor.⁴⁸⁷

According to its Strategic Plan for 2011/12 – 2015/16 the South African Department of Energy will allocate ZAR4.5 billion (USD558 million) for the construction of the national multipurpose petroleum pipelines between Durban and Johannesburg to “ensure the supply of petroleum products in the period of 2011-2013.”⁴⁸⁸

South Africa has invested in infrastructure but no facts of attracting infrastructure investment from other sources have been registered. Thus it is awarded a score of 0.

Analyst: Yuriy Zaytsev

Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and has taken measures to facilitate infrastructure investment from other sources.

On April 16 2011 the agreement to finalize the privatization of the Istanbul Ferry Lines (IDO), a subsidiary of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, was signed between the winning consortium and municipality officials, thus closing the USD861 million deal.

⁴⁸⁵ SA to spend billions on transport. Southafrica.info 7 April 2011. Date of Access: 18 October 2011. <http://www.southafrica.info/business/economy/infrastructure/transport-070411.htm>.

⁴⁸⁶ Billions for water infrastructure projects. Southafrica.info 20 May 2011. Date of Access: 18 October 2011. <http://www.southafrica.info/business/economy/infrastructure/waterprojects-200511.htm>.

⁴⁸⁷ Fourth South Africa-European Union Summit, Joint Communiqué, the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of the South Africa 15 September 2011. Date of access: 27 September 2011. <http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/2011/sa-eu0916.html>

⁴⁸⁸ Strategic Plan for 2011/12 – 2015/1, Department of Energy of the South Africa. Date of access: 18 October 2011. http://www.energy.gov.za/files/aboutus/au_strategic.html

“The income from the transaction will be used for new transportation projects in Istanbul,” said Ahmet Selamet, acting Mayor of Istanbul.⁴⁸⁹

On May 3 2011 Turkish Energy Minister Taner Yildiz and Iranian Energy Minister Majid Namjou finalized and signed energy roadmap at promoting investment and cooperation between the two neighbors. The agreement will have a “promising prospect” for Iran-Turkey energy transactions, boosting the two countries' electricity transmission capacity from “the current 500 MW to 1000 MW,” Namjou said.⁴⁹⁰

On May 6 2011 Turkish Minister of Finance Mehmet Simsek stated that the government of Turkey would try to implement “more unique models” for socioeconomic development of one of the poorest region – province of Batman. Noting that the government will establish a “textile campus” on 24.7 acres owned by the Treasury, Simsek said a total of 18 different facilities were to be built there. “We will also develop the infrastructure of the campus. All kinds of support will be provided to facilities,” he said.⁴⁹¹

On May 11 2011 Turkey’s Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced an ambitious program on Istanbul transformation. Building a shipping canal parallel to the Bosphorus strait is to be a key project. He also outlined another one: to build two new earthquake resistant urban centers in Istanbul.⁴⁹²

On 1 June 2011 Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan unveiled government’s plans for Diyarbakir, which the prime minister said will boost tourism and employment in the predominantly Kurdish province. The prime minister announced a renovation project for Diyarbakir’s Surici. “We will rebuild nearly 500 historic structures, remaining faithful to the original. Historic buildings will be visible. Diyarbakir will have a landscape the world will be eager to see. This project will also being about major urban transformation. Shanty houses in the region will be destroyed and replaced with new houses. No one will be victimized during this process. The Housing Development Administration of Turkey [TOKİ] has already contacted these people. A total of 1,272 more houses will be built,” he said.

The construction of the Silvan Dam is another Erdogan’s project for Diyarbakir. “The Silvan Dam will be used to irrigate an area of 2,450 square kilometers. We will enable our farmers in Diyarbakir to generate an additional annual income of TL735 million. The project will also provide employment to 318,000 people,” he added.⁴⁹³

Turkey has invested in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential as well as attracted infrastructure investment from other sources. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

⁴⁸⁹ Star. Istanbul Ferry Services Privatization Complete, Investments Underway, Invest in Turkey 17 April 2011. Date of Access: 28 April 2011. <http://www.invest.gov.tr/EN-US/INFOCENTER/NEWS/Pages/170611-istanbul-ferry-services-privatization-complete.aspx>.

⁴⁹⁰ Iran, Turkey Finalize Energy Roadmap, PressTV 4 May 2011. Date of Access: 6 May 2011. <http://www.presstv.ir/detail/178172.html>.

⁴⁹¹ Sismek Promises Unique Development Models, Hurriyet Daily News 6 May 2011. Date of Access: 8 May 2011. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=simsek-promises-unique-development-models-2011-05-06>.

⁴⁹² Ayla Albayrak, Another “Crazy Project” for Istanbul, The Wall Street Journal 11 May 2011. Date of Access 15 May 2011. <http://blogs.wsj.com/emergingeuropa/2011/05/11/another-crazy-project-for-istanbul/>.

⁴⁹³ Erdogan Reveals Projects to Boost Employment, Tourism in Diyarbakir, Today’s Zaman 1 June 2011. Date of Access: 10 June 2011. <http://www.todayszaman.com/news-245807-erdogan-reveals-projects-to-boost-employment-tourism-in-diyarbakir.html>.

United Kingdom: +1

The UK has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and facilitate investment from other sources.

On 23 March 2011, Chancellor George Osborne delivered the Coalition Government's budget for 2011 and launched the Government's "Plan for Growth."^{494,495} In this plan the Government allocated GBP200 billion of public and private infrastructure investments over the next five years.⁴⁹⁶ In the Plan for Growth" the Government committed to publish the UK's long-term forward view of infrastructural projects and programmes in autumn 2011 as part of the National Infrastructure Plan 2011 launched earlier in October 2010.⁴⁹⁷

On 21 December 2010, the UK Government published the report of an investigation into how to reduce the costs of infrastructure projects and on 31 March 2011, published a detailed programme of activity through 2011 and beyond, to effect change and realize the savings.⁴⁹⁸

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills is also currently reviewing regulations to promote growth of key economic sectors, working with Infrastructure UK – a separate unit within HM Treasury, providing advice on infrastructure issues.⁴⁹⁹ Department of Energy and Climate Change together with industry develop a national policy on grid infrastructure, including smart grid standards.⁵⁰⁰

As "Plan for Growth" assumes GBP200 billion of not only public but also private infrastructural investments over the next five years the Plan sets out a package of measures to support private sector investment, enterprise and innovation.⁵⁰¹ Particularly, the Government will publish a binding set of principles of economic regulation to infrastructure, make changes to the planning system and publish a rolling two year programme of projects where public sector funding has been agreed to provide greater certainty for long-term investors in UK.⁵⁰²

⁴⁹⁴ Chancellor Announces Budget for Growth, Prime Minister's Office (London) 23 March 2011. Date of Access: 9 April 2011. <http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/latest-news/2011/03/chancellor-announces-budget-for-growth-62331>

⁴⁹⁵ Growth Review, HM Treasury 23 March 2011. Date of Access: 9 April 2011. http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/ukecon_growth_index.htm

⁴⁹⁶ The Plan for Growth, HM Treasury (London) March 2011. Date of Access: 9 April 2011. http://cdn.hm-treasury.gov.uk/2011budget_growth.pdf

⁴⁹⁷ The Plan for Growth, HM Treasury (London) March 2011. Date of Access: 9 April 2011. http://cdn.hm-treasury.gov.uk/2011budget_growth.pdf

⁴⁹⁸ Infrastructure Cost Review, HM Treasury (London) March 2011. Date of Access: 9 April 2011. http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/iuk_cost_review_index.htm

⁴⁹⁹ Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update of Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Prime Minister's Office (London) March 2011. Date of Access: 9 April 2011. <http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/bis-mar11-srp-update.pdf>

⁵⁰⁰ Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update of Department of Energy and Climate Change, Prime Minister's Office (London) March 2011. Date of Access: 9 April 2011. <http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/decc-mar11-srp-update.pdf>

⁵⁰¹ Chancellor Announces Budget for Growth, Prime Minister's Office (London) 23 March 2011. Date of Access: 9 April 2011. <http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/latest-news/2011/03/chancellor-announces-budget-for-growth-62331>

⁵⁰² Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update of Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Prime Minister's Office (London) March 2011. Date of Access: 9 April 2011. <http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/bis-mar11-srp-update.pdf>

The UK also managed to attract the European Investment Bank funds to facilitate infrastructural development in the UK and on 6 May 2011 Simon Brooks, European Investment Bank Vice President, confirmed this commitment.⁵⁰³

On 5 August 2011, The UK Government published the new report “Enabling the Transition to a Green Economy: Government and Business Working Together” in which the Government committed to support businesses and help establish the clarity needed to underpin private sector investment in environmentally friendly infrastructure.⁵⁰⁴

The United Kingdom has invested in infrastructure that addresses both bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and attracted investment from other sources. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Natalia Churkina

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential.

On 15 November 2010, the Commerce Department recommended to reallocate 115 MHz of spectrum for wireless broadband service within the next five years. This corresponds with President Obama’s commitment to make available 500 megahertz of Federal and nonfederal spectrum over the next 10 years.⁵⁰⁵

On 27 January 2011, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced a final rulemaking that would help economically and socially disadvantaged businesses participate in federally funded highway, transit and airport projects.⁵⁰⁶

On 9 February 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced a Broadband Acceleration Initiative aimed at expanding the reach and reducing the costs of broadband deployment. The initiative will reduce regulatory barriers to broadband build-out and bring together key stakeholders.⁵⁰⁷

On 14 February 2011, U.S. President Barack Obama unveiled his USD3.7 billion budget for 2012. Part of this budget is six-year transportation plan which will enable to implement innovative solutions in transportation. The President proposed to spend USD129 billion in the

⁵⁰³ European Investment Bank Reinforces Engagement to Finance UK Infrastructure, European Union 6 May 2011. Date of access: 18 July 2011.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=BEI/11/59&type=HTML>

⁵⁰⁴ Green Growth for British Business, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (London) 5 August 2011. Date of Access: 30 September 2011. <http://www.bis.gov.uk/news/topstories/2011/Aug/encouraging-green-growth>

⁵⁰⁵ U.S. Department of Commerce Takes Major Step towards Unleashing the Wireless Broadband Revolution, National Telecommunications and Information Administration 15 November 2011, Date of Access: 8 April 2011. http://www.ntia.doc.gov/press/2010/SpectrumReports_11152010.html.

⁵⁰⁶ U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood Expands Program to Help Small Businesses Participate in Transportation Programs, United States Department of Transportation 27 January 2011, Date of Access: 8 April 2011. <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2011/dot1011.html>.

⁵⁰⁷ The FCC’s Broadband Acceleration Initiative: Reducing Regulatory Barriers to Spur Broadband Buildout, Federal Communications Commission 9 February 2011, Date of Access: 7 April 2011. <http://www.fr.com/FCC-Announces-Broadband-Acceleration/>.

first year.⁵⁰⁸ Moreover, the budget provides for creating a USD556 billion infrastructure bank which is a funding mechanism for building roads, bridges, rail lines, etc.⁵⁰⁹ The bank would not add to the budget deficit since it is aimed at leveraging private-sector funds by offering loans to selected projects. However the proposed budget will encounter problems in Congress, where both Democrats and Republicans are against it.

In March 2011 U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced that he is making available USD2.4 billion to states eager to develop high-speed rail corridors across the United States. President Obama's vision is to connect 80% of Americans to high-speed rail within the next 25 years.⁵¹⁰

On 9 May 2011, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced USD2 billion in high-speed rail awards providing an unprecedented investment to speed up trains in the Northeast Corridor and expand service in the Midwest.⁵¹¹

On 26 September 2011, U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said President Barack Obama's USD447 billion jobs proposal would boost economic growth by renovating the nation's roads, airports and railways.⁵¹²

The U.S. has undertaken measures to facilitate infrastructure investment from other sources. On 27 January 2011, at a meeting between Chinese business leaders and the American and Chinese Presidents in Washington CEOs of key Chinese companies said they were considering stepped-up investment in the U.S., particularly into infrastructure.⁵¹³

The United States has invested in infrastructure that addresses both bottlenecks and enhances growth potential. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Tatyana Lanshina

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to invest in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and facilitate infrastructure investment from other sources.

⁵⁰⁸ U.S. Department of Transportation Budget Invests USD129 Billion in Restoring America's Economic Competitiveness, United States Department of Transportation 14 February 2011, Date of Access: 6 April 2011. <http://www.ttnews.com/articles/basetemplate.aspx?storyid=26117>.

⁵⁰⁹ Obama's USD3.7 Trillion Budget Sets Fight in Congress (Update3), Bloomberg 14 February 2011, Date of Access: 6 April 2011. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-14/obama-submits-a-3-7-trillion-budget-as-republicans-pledge-to-oppose-plan.html>.

⁵¹⁰ U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood Makes USD2.4 Billion Available for High-Speed Rail Projects Across America, United States Department of Transportation 11 March 2011, Date of Access: 6 April 2011. <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2011/dot2911.html>.

⁵¹¹ U.S. Transportation Secretary LaHood Announces \$2 Billion for High-Speed Intercity Rail Projects to Grow Jobs, Boost U.S. Manufacturing and Transform Travel in America, Federal Railroad Administration 9 May 2011, Date of Access: 30 June 2011. http://www.fra.dot.gov/roa/press_releases/fp_DOT_57-11.shtml

⁵¹² Geithner Says Obama Jobs Plan Would Rebuild Infrastructure, Businessweek 27 September 2011, Date of Access: 27 September 2011. <http://news.businessweek.com/article.asp?documentKey=1376-LS52EC0YHQX01-0Q4BB9V2V404N425NJIRUAE7S1>.

⁵¹³ Chinese Firms Set Sights on U.S. Investments, The Wall Street Journal 27 January 2011, Date of Access: 7 April 2011. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704062604576105952027426880.html>.

On 21 February 2011, the European Commission announced its decision to grant EUR170 million (approximately USD226 million) to transport infrastructure projects across Europe. The grants will allow EU members build missing transport links, remove bottlenecks and increase the safety and security of transport.⁵¹⁴

On 1 March 2011, the European Commission launched consultations on the guarantee bonds issued by companies to fund large-scale infrastructure projects, such as transport, energy, Internet and telecommunications networks. The Commission would share the risks of the guarantees with the European Investment Bank (EIB). The bonds would be offered to investors including pension funds and insurance companies by private companies acting as mediators. EU-backed project bonds are to be available in 2014.⁵¹⁵ Consultations were closed on 2 May 2011. The legislative proposal and the impact assessment are to be issued before the end of 2011.⁵¹⁶

On 30 June 2011 the European Commission proposed setting a new “Connecting Europe Facility” to boost investment in pan-European infrastructure. This proposal is part of multi-annual budget for 2014-20. The new fund would have EUR40 billion (approximately USD57.2 billion) at its disposal: EUR21.7 billion (approximately USD31 billion) for transport, EUR9.1 billion (approximately USD13 billion) for energy and EUR9.2 billion (approximately USD13 billion) for digital network projects.⁵¹⁷

On 8 September 2011, European Commission Vice-President Siim Kallas responsible for Transport announced his intention to bring forward in 2013 a package of proposals to help ports remain competitive and support the huge potential for growth in the port sector.⁵¹⁸

On 16 September 2011, the European Investment Bank (EIB) decided to provide two loans to Croatia: EUR60 million (approximately USD82 million) for the extension of the motorway along Corridor Vc and EUR25 million (approximately USD34 million) to develop community infrastructure in coastal areas of the country.⁵¹⁹

On 20 September 2011, the EU energy commissioner Gunther Oettinger said the European Commission planned to unveil its formal legal proposals for promoting investment in EU energy infrastructure in "late October". The proposals would focus on speeding up energy infrastructure

⁵¹⁴ EU grants €170 million to vital infrastructure projects across Europe, Europa, Gateway to the European Union 21 February 2011, Date of Access: 8 April 2011. <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/209&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.

⁵¹⁵ Attracting infrastructure investment, European Commission 1 March 2011, Date of Access: 10 April 2011. http://ec.europa.eu/news/economy/110301_1_en.htm.

⁵¹⁶ Consultation on the Europe 2020 Project Bond Initiative, European Commission 23 June 2011, Date of Access: 28 September 2011. http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/consultation/index_en.htm.

⁵¹⁷ Financial Framework 2014 – 2020, European Commission, Financial Programming and Budget, Date of Access: 1 July 2011. http://ec.europa.eu/budget/biblio/documents/fin_fwk1420/fin_fwk1420_en.cfm.

⁵¹⁸ Transport: European Commission to bring forward new package of measures for ports in 2013, Europa 8 September 2011, Date of Access: 28 September 2011. <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/1009&format=HTML>.

⁵¹⁹ EIB supports the upgrading of Croatia’s infrastructure with EUR 85 million, Financial 16 September 2011, Date of Access: 28 September 2011. http://finchannel.com/news_flash/Banks/94788_EIB_supports_the_upgrading_of_Croatia%E2%80%99s_infrastructure_with_EUR_85_million/.

planning and approval procedures across the EU, and promoting private funding with public money.⁵²⁰

The European Union has invested in infrastructure that addresses bottlenecks and enhances growth potential and managed to facilitate infrastructure investment from other sources. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Tatyana Lanshina

⁵²⁰ EC to unveil EU energy infrastructure proposals 'late October', Platts 20 September 2011, Date of Access: 28 September 2011. <http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/NaturalGas/8363389>.