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Notes

The European landlocked countries consist of Austria, Andorra, Belarus, Czech Republic, Holy See, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, San Marino, Slovakia, Macedonia, Moldova and Switzerland. Moldova is the only European landlocked country with a HDI score of less than 0.76.



exercise of their full sovereignty over their territory, shall have the right to take all measures necessary to ensure that the rights and facilities provided for in this Part for land-locked States shall in no way infringe their legitimate interests'

Transit through China is effectively impossible due to the Himalayan Ranges.

Some of the transit and customs charges include transit goods licenses, border fees, temporary road licenses, foreign vehicle permits, toll charges, foreign commercial licenses, cost of customs verification of containers, posting of security bonds, involvement with police and escort convoys and cancellation of bonds. The cost of bribes needed en route, while considered to be significant, is beyond the scope of this report.

Although somewhat dated, these are the most recent figures we were able to identify.

Ibid.

Vehicles waiting for a convoy to form wait on the side of the road, not only hindering normal road traffic, but also contributing to road damage.

Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan are involved in a border dispute, Tajikistan has been in a civil war and claims Uzbekistan is abusing its border closure powers for political purposes, and Kazakhstan fears the Islamic threat of militant Islam and terrorism from Tajikistan. Kyrgyzstan is reacting to the incursion of Tajik rebels (Dion, 2000).

The only two countries not to have been involved in a significant civil conflict are



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