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## 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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International-Bucharest Hotel  
Bucharest -Romania  
Monday, 16 May 2011, at 10:00 hrs

### ACTIVITY REPORT

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Since the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland on 3 November 2010, the International Secretariat participated in events of importance for the industry, contributed to international gatherings and worked for promotion of the BSEC-URTA and its objectives.

A summary of these activities according to the BSEC-URTA strategic objectives, Working Program for 2011 and short term priorities set by the BSEC-URTA Management Council, is given in the attached table.

The BSEC-URTA priorities for 2011 are as follows:-

1. Cooperate with the Participating Member States to continue and develop further the BSEC Permit  
(Co-ordinated by Mr. Vladimir Florea, BSEC-URTA President)
2. Review and identify BSEC-URTA long term priorities  
(Co-ordinated by Mr. Cetin Nuhoglu, BSEC-URTA Honorary President)
3. Organise a BSEC Transport Forum together with the BSEC in October 2011  
(Co-ordinated by Mr. Halim Mete, BSEC-URTA Vice-President)
4. Promote combined transport in the BSEC region  
(Co-ordinated by Mr. Herbert Hambarzumian, BSEC-URTA Vice-President)
5. Work for introduction of an International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Convention on Harmonisation of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982  
(Co-ordinated by Mr. Vladimir Florea, BSEC-URTA President)
6. Support free and fair competition in the BSEC road transport market  
(Co-ordinated by Mr. Adrian Albu, BSEC-URTA Deputy Secretary General)
7. Encourage enhanced customs cooperation in the BSEC region  
(Co-ordinated by Mr. Selcuk Yilmaz, TOBB)

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**BSEC-URTA ACTIVITY REPORT ON SHORT TERM PRIORITIES 2011 BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2010 AND MAY 2011**

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY	ACTIONS	RESULTS
<b>Facilitation</b>	1) Continuation and further development of the BSEC Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participated in the meeting of the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Thessaloniki on 26 November 2011,</li> <li>- Coordinated between the BSEC PERMIS and Chairmanship of the BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods,</li> <li>- Ensured organisation of an informal coordinating meeting between the Participating States in Istanbul on 12 April 2011,</li> <li>- Participated in the meeting of the BSEC Steering Committee in Istanbul on 12 April 2011 and the BSEC Working Group on Transport in Istanbul on 13 April 2011.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BSEC Council decided to continue the BSEC Permit Pilot Project in 2011,</li> <li>- Participating States approved to recognise the BSEC Permits for both transit and bilateral road transport of goods in 2011,</li> <li>- BSEC Secretary General confirmed to the authorities of the Participating States in writing that the BSEC Permit is now accepted valid for both transit and bilateral road transport of goods among the concerned States.</li> </ul>
	2) Review and identify long term BSEC-URTA objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BSEC-URTA Management Council met in Istanbul on 25 February 2011.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Management Council decided to plan special activities with the assistance of professionals to review and identify long term BSEC-URTA objectives.</li> </ul>
	3) Organise a BSEC Transport Forum together with the BSEC in October 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Held bilateral meetings with the BSEC-PERMIS in order to suggest organisation of a BSEC Transport Forum on the occasion of 10th Anniversary of the BSEC-URTA,</li> <li>- Proposed to the BSEC Working Group the approval of organising such a Forum at its meeting in Istanbul on 13-14 April 2011.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Working Group noted this proposal at its Report,</li> <li>- Russian Chairmanship in office of the BSEC Organisation will be between 1 July and 31 December 2011, which should approve inclusion of this event in the official BSEC Calendar of Events.</li> </ul>
	4) Promote combined transport in the BSEC region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contributed to the work of concerned BSEC NGOs preparing a Background Paper on Integrated Maritime Policy in the BSEC region in 2010,</li> <li>- Took part in bilateral road transport meeting between Turkey and Romania in Istanbul on 9-10 March 2011,</li> <li>- AIRCA requested the BSEC-URTA to organise free transit of Armenian trucks holding BSEC Permit across the territories of Turkey with a view to benefiting from the ro-ro services between Turkey and Russia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BSEC Working Group on Transport recommended that the Background Paper on Integrated Maritime Policy will be considered by the Ad Hoc BSEC Working Group on Development of Motorways in Istanbul on 13-14 April 2011.</li> <li>- Turkey and Romania agreed launch of a new ro-ro line between Istanbul and Constanza,</li> <li>- BSEC-URTA and BSEC undertook various contacts and discussions with the Turkish authorities in order to seek positive consideration of the AIRCA's request, which is pending a concrete result, yet.</li> </ul>

	5) Work for introduction of an International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Convention on Harmonisation of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requested once more the BSEC action to lead and work for creation of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate in the region at the meeting of the BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in Istanbul on 12 April 2011.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Committee took note of the BSEC-URTA request and emphasised that the new Annex 8 to the Harmonisation Convention of the UN should be implemented for the benefit of the region.</li> </ul>
	6) Support free and fair competition in the BSEC road transport market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OFAE requested the BSEC-URTA to attach more priority on free and fair competition during bilateral meetings in Geneva on 4 November 2010 and in Thessaloniki on 21 January 2011.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BSEC-URTA facilitated bilateral consultations between OFAE and UND in Istanbul on 25 February 2011,</li> <li>- BSEC-URTA prepared a special survey to collect data about conditions of competition in the BSEC region,</li> <li>- Experts were invited to make thematic presentations at the 19th meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly.</li> </ul>
	7) Encourage enhanced customs cooperation in the BSEC region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participated in the meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Customs in Istanbul on 10-11 March 2011 to present the IRU resolution and the industry position on extensive use of x-ray technology affecting professional drivers and request further expansion of the UN Conventions in the region.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working Group on Customs considered addressing the issue of x-ray controls in the Action Plan of the Working Group or referring it to an Ad Hoc Expert Group. The decision will be made at the next meeting of the Working Group.</li> </ul>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Beginning Date of National Distribution</b>	<b>Fee (if applicable)</b>	<b>Amount of BSEC Permits used as of 31 December 2010</b>	<b>Remainder</b>
<i>Albania</i>	<i>16.03.2010</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>146</i>	<b>54</b>
<i>Armenia</i>	<i>Not yet</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>0</i>	<b>200</b>
<i>Georgia</i>	<i>21.04.2010</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>10</i>	<b>190</b>
<i>Moldova</i>	<i>15.05.2010</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>173</i>	<b>27</b>
<i>Romania</i>	<i>Not yet</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>0</i>	<b>200</b>
<i>Serbia*</i>	<i>19.03.2010</i>	<i>15,20 €</i>	<i>11</i>	<b>189</b>
<i>Turkey (as of 17.03.2010)</i>	<i>18.02.2010</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>129</i>	<b>71</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>469</b>	<b>931</b>

**Participation of BSEC Member States to UNECE Road Transport Agreements/Conventions**  
Status as of 01 April 2011

	Nr.	UNECE Convent. / Road Transport	BSEC Member States												
			AL	AR	AZ	BG	GE	GR	MD	RO	RU	SRB	TR	UA	
Infrast	1	Construction Traffic Arteries 1950				X		X		X		X	X		
	2	E Road Network 1975	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	3	E Comb. Tr. Network, 1991	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Road traffic and road safety	4	Road Traffic, 1949	X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
	5	Road Traffic, 1968	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
	6	Prot. Road Signs & Signals, 1949				X		X		X	X	X			
	7	Road Signs & Signals, 1968	X			X	X	X		X	X			X	
	8	Suppl. 1968 Conv. Road Traffic, 1971	X			X		X	X	X	X	X		X	
	9	Suppl. 1968 Road Signs & Signals, 1971	X			X	X	X		X	X	X		X	
	10	Weights and Dimens, 1950						X				X			
	11	Suppl. 1949 Conv & Protocol, 1950						X				X			
	12	Road Markings, 1957	X			X				X		X	X		
	13	Protocol Road Markings 1973	X			X	X	X			X	X		X	
	14	Issue & Validity of Driving Permits				X						X			
	Vehic	15	Vehicle Regulations, 1958			X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
		16	Tech. Inspect. Vehicles, 1997	X			X	X	X	X	X	X			X
		17	Global Vehicles Reg., 1998			X				X	X	X		X	
Other legal instruments	18	Work of Crews Intl. Road Transport(AETR) 1970	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	19	Tax Priv Road Vehic, 1956	X						X	X		X			
	20	Taxation Road Passengers Vehicles, 1956	X							X		X			
	21	Tax Road Goods Vehic 1956								X		X			
	22	Contract Road Goods Transport(CMR) 1956	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	23	Protocol to CMR, 1978	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	X	
	24	Contract Passengers and Lugg. Road Trans(CVR)1973										X		X	
	25	Protocol to CVR, 1978										X			
	26	Econ. Reg. Road Trans 1954						X							
	27	Touring Facilities, 1954				X		X		X	X	X	X		
Border crossing facilitation	28	Protocol Touring Facilities, 54				X		X		X	X	X	X		
	29	Temp. Imp. Priv. Road Vehicles, 1954	X			X				X	X	X	X		
	30	TIR Convention, 1959	X			X		X		X	X		X		
	31	TIR Convention, 1975	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	32	Temp. Imp. Commercial. Vehicles, 1956			X	X		X		X		X	X		
	33	Customs Cont Conv, 1956				X		X		X		X			
	34	Customs Cont Conv, 1972		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
	35	Customs Treatment Pallets, 1960	X			X				X		X	X		
	36	Harmonization Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	37	Customs Pool Cont, 1994													
Danger. Goods	38	Dang. Goods by Roads(ADR) 1957	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	39	Protocol to ADR, 1993	X			X		X	X	X	X				
	40	LLiab.Dang.Goods-CRTD1989													
	41	Perishab.Foodstuff-ATP,1970	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
<b>BSEC Member State participation to UNECE Road Transport related Conventions</b>			<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	

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**BSEC-URTA Calendar of Events - second half 2011*****I – BSEC-URTA Events***

EVENT	PLACE	DATE
1. Special Meeting of Presidents/ General Secretaries of the BSEC-URTA Member Associations on the occasion of 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Antalya	8-10 September 2011
2. 26 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of BSEC-URTA Management Council	Istanbul	(Oct / Nov 2011)
3. 20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly	Istanbul	(Oct / Nov 2011)
4. BSEC Transport Forum	Istanbul	(Oct / Nov 2011)

***II – Events Organized By Other Parties***

EVENT	PLACE	DATE
1. 6 <sup>th</sup> IRU Euro-Asian Road Transport Conference & Ministerial Meeting	Tbilisi	16-17 June 2011
2. BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport	Krasnodar	7 September 2011
3. BSEC Working Group on Transport	Moscow	19-20 October 2011
4. Meeting of BSEC Ministers of Transport	Moscow	21 October 2011
5. BSEC Working Group on Customs	Istanbul	To be announced by BSEC Chairmanship
6. IRU Transport Council CTM	Geneva	3 November 2011
7. IRU General Assembly	Geneva	4 November 2011
8. BSEC Business Council BoD Meeting	Moscow	To be announced by BSEC Chairmanship
9. Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials	Moscow	To be announced by BSEC Chairmanship
10. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of BSEC Member States	Moscow	To be announced by BSEC Chairmanship

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