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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

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### BSEC-URTA RESOLUTION <sup>1</sup> on Free and Fair Competition in the BSEC International Road Transport Market

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**The General Assembly** of the Union of Road Transport Associations in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Region (BSEC-URTA), which represents national road transport associations from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine:

**Taking into account** conclusions of the Survey on Free and Fair Competition in the BSEC Road Transport Market, which was conducted by the BSEC-URTA in April 2011.

**Stressing** that ensuring free and fair competition among the BSEC hauliers is one of the main objectives of the BSEC-URTA;

**Noting** that national road transport conditions including taxation on professional diesel and salaries of the personnel of the fleet operators as well as incentives for investments in new fleet have a significant impact on industry competitiveness at regional level;

**Reconfirming** its support and commitment to implementation of the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in public private partnership;

**Calling upon** the BSEC Governments to attach priority to developing common multilateral solutions to common industry problems at the BSEC level and take constructive and supportive measures to increase competitiveness of the national road transport industry for more efficient regional economic cooperation;

Have agreed at its 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting held in Bucharest, Romania on 16 May 2011 to:-

1. Acknowledge that free and fair competition rules are respected at the BSEC international road transport market , in general,
2. Underline, however, that the national authorities in each BSEC Member State should assume more responsibility for better enforcement of national rules and regulations without any discrimination between different flags of the commercial road transport vehicles,
3. Invite the competent authorities of the BSEC Member States to develop and provide special benefits and privileges to the road transport industry without any discrimination between national and foreign fleet operators, notably on lower corporate tax, reduced VAT, lower or no taxation on professional diesel and other state incentives for investment in new fleet,
4. Request the Member States to safeguard, implement and develop multilateral solutions to the common industry problems, including but not limited with the BSEC Permit,
5. Invite the BSEC-URTA Member Associations, Observers and high level representatives of the national competent organs to participate in the BSEC Transport Forum to be held in Istanbul in November 2011 in order to consider and elaborate a strategic road map for more regional trade in free and fair competition conditions as far as the BSEC road transport market is concerned,
6. Request the IRU General Secretariat and the BSEC PERMIS to circulate this Resolution among the BSEC Governments with the request of their full support to its actual implementation.

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted in Bucharest on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011, by the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly, unanimously.