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20TH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tüyap Fair Convention and Congress Center
Istanbul- Turkey
Thursday, 24 November 2011, at 15:00 hrs

ACTIVITY REPORT

Since the 19th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held in Bucharest, Romania on 16 May 2011, 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 Hambardzumian, 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 MAY 2011 AND NOVEMBER 2011

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY	ACTIONS	RESULTS
Facilitation	1) Continuation and further development of the BSEC Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinated between the BSEC PERMIS and Chairmanship of the BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods, - Visited and lobbied Turkish National Authorities for allowing the transit of Armenian hauliers through the Turkish territory by using the BSEC permit. - Participated in the meeting of the BSEC Steering Committee (SC-F) in Rostov on Don on 28 September 2011 and the BSEC Working Group on Transport in Moscow on 19-20 October 2011. - Ensured support letters from Albania and Georgia (non participating countries in the meeting of the SC-F in Rostov on Don) to the BSEC Secretary General on continuation of the BSEC Permit in 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the meeting of the SC-F in Rostov on Don on 28 September 2011, the BSEC Member States participating in the BSEC Permit Pilot Project decided to continue the Project in 2012, too, extending the usage of the Permit from transit operations to transit and bilateral road transport operations. - BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs should endorse during its meeting in Moscow on 16 December 2011 the continuation of the BSEC Permit Pilot Project in 2012
	2) Review and identify long term BSEC-URTA objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BSEC-URTA organized a Search Conference with its stakeholders in Antalya during 7-10 September 2011 for identifying the long term priorities for the road transport sector in the region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Conclusions of the Search Conference were elaborated by the academic experts and they will be presented to the BSEC Forum on Trade and Road Transport Facilitation at The Marmara Hotel, Istanbul on 25 November 2011.
	3) Organise a BSEC Transport Forum together with the BSEC Related Bodies and the IRU, on 25 November 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bilateral meetings with the BSEC-PERMIS, BSEC Business Council and PABSEC have been held in order to finalize the Program of the Forum, to establish the Moderators and the Speakers. - Invitations have been sent out to the BSEC Ministers of Transport, General Consulates of BSEC Member States and USA and China, International Organizations and Financial Institutions BSEC-URTA Member Associations and Members of BSEC Related Bodies. - During the Meeting of the Ministers of Transport in Moscow on 21 October 2011, the BSEC Secretary General renewed the invitation for participation of the Forum to the Ministers, the members of the BSEC Steering Committees and Working Group on Transport. Promotional materials have been distributed to the participants, too. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The BSEC Forum on Trade and Road Transport Facilitation will take place in The Marmara Hotel, Istanbul on 25 November 2011. .

	4) Promote combined transport in the BSEC region	<p>Visited Turkish Ro-Ro Service Providers with a view to facilitating the usage of their services by the Armenian hauliers.</p> <p>Followed the results of the bilateral road transport meeting between Turkey and Romania in Bucharest on 7-8 September 2011 with respect to launching of a new Ro-Ro line between Istanbul and Constanza.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the occasion of the Meeting of the Working Group on Transport in Moscow on 19-20 October 2011, held informal meetings with the representatives of BASPA and BRASS on continuation of the cooperation between the BSEC transport related sister NGOs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turkey and Romania launched a new ro-ro line between Istanbul and Constanza on 16 November 2011. The operator, the Turkish UN Ro-Ro Company, will have three weekly round trips at a price of € 1,000/round trip for truck/semitrailer unit and € 850/round trip for a semitrailer unit. - BSEC-URTA and BSEC undertook various contacts and discussions with the Turkish authorities in order to seek positive consideration of the AIRCA's request, for allowing the Armenian hauliers to use Turkish Ro-Ro services.
	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"> - 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 Rostov on Don on 28 September 2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Committee took note of the BSEC-URTA request and decided to hold a Meeting of Experts with participation of UNECE, IRU and BSEC-URTA on implementation of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate, during the Serbian Chairmanship of the BSEC Organization to start at 1st January 2012.
	6) Support free and fair competition in the BSEC road transport market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 19th BSEC-URTA General Assembly, which was held in Bucharest on 16 May 2011, analyzed the results of a special survey done by the International Secretariat on conditions of competition in the BSEC region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Conclusions of the BSEC-URTA Search Conference in Antalya during 7-10 September 2011 proposed specific actions for free and fair competition in the BSEC international road transport market. - The BSEC Forum on Trade and Road Transport Facilitation on 25 November 2011 will consider this issue, too. -
	7) Encourage enhanced customs cooperation in the BSEC region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participated in the meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Customs in Istanbul on 10-11 March 2011 and presented the IRU resolution on the industry position on extensive use of x-ray technology affecting professional drivers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 to be held in December 2011 in Moscow or Rostov on Don.

BSEC PERMIT STATISTICS AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2011

Country	Beginning Date of National Distribution	Fee (if applicable)	Amount of BSEC Permits used as of 31 October 2011	Remainder	Number of issued permits per country
<i>Albania</i>	01.02.2011	6 euro	70	130	200
<i>Armenia</i>	Not yet		-	200	200
<i>Georgia</i>			172	28	200
<i>Moldova</i>	2011		61	139	200
<i>Romania</i>	Not yet		-	200	200
<i>Serbia*</i>	19.03.2011	free	5	195	200
<i>Turkey</i>	31.01.2011		200	0	200
Total			508	892	1400

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		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		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	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						
Border crossing facilitation	27	Touring Facilities, 1954				X		X		X	X	X	X	
	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
BSEC Member State participation to UNECE Road Transport related Conventions			23	8	14	29	15	29	15	32	24	32	20	17

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BSEC-URTA Calendar of Events**I – BSEC-URTA Events 2012**

EVENT	PLACE	DATE
1. 27 th Meeting of BSEC-URTA Management Council	Tirana	11 April 2012
2. 21 st Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly	Tirana	12 April 2012
3. 28 th Meeting of BSEC-URTA Management Council	Chisinau	October 2012
4. 22 nd Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly	Chisinau	October 2012

II – Events Organized By Other Parties- First Half 2012

EVENT	PLACE	DATE*
1. IRU Transport Council CTM	Geneva	26 April 2012
2. IRU General Assembly	Geneva	27 April 2012
3. BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport	Belgrade	
4. BSEC Steering Committee on Coordinated Development of Black Sea Ring Highway	Belgrade	
5. BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport	Belgrade	
6. BSEC Meeting of Experts with participation of UNECE, IRU and BSEC-URTA on implementation of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate	Belgrade	
7. BSEC Meeting of Experts with the participation of BSEC-URTA and IRU on harmonization of road user charges and other charges and fees levied on the international road transport of goods	Belgrade	
8.. BSEC Working Group on Transport	Belgrade	
9. Meeting of BSEC Ministers of Transport	Belgrade	
10. BSEC Working Group on Customs	Belgrade	
11. Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials	Belgrade	
12. 24 th Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of BSEC Member States	Belgrade	

* The Calendar of the BSEC Meetings will be set and announced by the BSEC Chairmanship in office (Serbia) in December 2011 or January 2012
