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Istanbul, 24 November 2011

20th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tüyap Fair Convention and Congress Center

Istanbul- Turkey

Thursday, 24 November 2011, at 15:00 hrs

DECISIONS

At its 20th Meeting, held in Istanbul on 24 November 2011, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly

1. Thanked the BSEC Secretary General Ambassador H.E. Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos and the IRU Deputy Secretary General Mr. Umberto De Pretto for their high level participation and invaluable contributions in the General Assembly,
2. Adopted the Agenda (G3117) and approved the Minutes of its 19th Meeting (G3118),
3. Took note of the verbal report of the BSEC-URTA Management Council,
4. Studied the updated BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report (G3119) and observed that the total number of trips by the BSEC transport operators in the first half of 2011 showed a slight increase of 0.79% in comparison with the same period of 2010. This said, it is observed that the number of trips only within the BSEC region increased by nearly 10% over the same period, which indicates that the trade growth within the region gains more significantly. The data also shows that the trips to the trade partners outside both the BSEC and the EU regions have also increased by 3.31% in the first half of 2011 over the same period in 2010. It is positive that the border waiting times, despite more trips, decreased both at internal and external BSEC borders by 131 minutes and 508 minutes, respectively. Requested all Member Associations to monitor their border waiting times more closely and inform the International Secretariat about any major impediments or bottlenecks that could be avoided at the borders by reinforced cooperation between the competent authorities and the road transport industry,
5. Evaluated the BSEC-URTA Activity Report on the BSEC-URTA Priorities in 2011 (G3120) and noted the followings:-
 - a) **Cooperate with the Participating Member States to continue and develop further the BSEC Permit:** The Participating Member States agreed to continue the BSEC Permit for transit and bilateral road transport of goods in 2012;
 - b) **Review and identify BSEC-URTA Long Term Priorities:** BSEC-URTA Members, BSEC and BSEC Related Bodies, representatives from the authorities of the Member States, diplomatic corps as well as high level representatives of the international organizations such as UNECE, IRU, ECO, IDB and TRACECA conducted the BSEC-URTA Search Conference on Road Transport 2021 in Antalya Turkey on 7-10 September 2011 and elaborated a public-private road map towards 2021;
 - c) **Organise a BSEC Transport Forum together with the BSEC in 2011:** The BSEC Forum on Facilitation of Trade and Road Transport will be organized in partnership between the BSEC, BSEC Related Bodies, IRU and the BSEC-URTA in Istanbul, Turkey on 25 November 2011;
 - d) **Promote combined transport in the BSEC region:** No specific progress is available since the last meeting;
 - e) **Work for introduction of an International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Convention on Harmonisation of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982:** Upon request of the BSEC-URTA, the Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods agreed to hold a meeting of experts with the participation of UNECE, IRU and BSEC-URTA in the first half of 2012;
 - f) **Support free and fair competition in the BSEC road transport market:** No specific progress is available since the last meeting;

- g) **Encourage enhanced customs cooperation in the BSEC region:** The next meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Customs will be held in December 2011 in Russia, which will continue considering the subject of x-ray controls of professional drivers,
6. Noted with satisfaction the successful realisation of the BSEC-URTA Search Conference in Antalya during 7-10 September 2011 and decided to use the Conclusions of the Conference as a long term public-private framework document for elaboration and implementation of future BSEC-URTA work and activities towards 2021,
 7. Approved formally the spending of € 25,705.33 from the BSEC-URTA Reserve Funds as total net cost of the BSEC-URTA Search Conference after deduction of any external resources raised by the International Secretariat, which was organised according to decision of the 19th Meeting in Bucharest, Romania on 16 May 2011,
 8. Adopted the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2012 (G3124),
 9. Elected Mr. Ilirian Mataj (ANALTIR) and Mr. Leonid Kostuchenko (ASMAP-UA) as BSEC-URTA Vice-Presidents for 2012,
 10. Welcomed with pleasure and accepted the invitation of ANALTIR to host 27th Meeting of the Management Council and 21st Meeting of the General Assembly in Tirana on 11-12 April 2012 and the invitation of AITA to host 28th Meeting of the Management Council and 22nd Meeting of the General Assembly in Chisinau in October 2012,
 11. Welcomed the IRU proposal and agreed to give necessary support to it for circulation and filling out by all BSEC-URTA Member Associations of a special Questionnaire on all services provided by each Association at national level,
 12. Thanked the TOBB for providing the meeting room and necessary facilities for successful organization of the 20th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly as well as for the very warm hospitality extended to all participants,
 13. Adopted and undersigned these Decisions of the 20th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Istanbul on 24 November 2011.

Vladimir FLOREA, BSEC-URTA President	
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