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Tirana, 4 May 2012

21st MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rogner Hotel Europark

Tirana-Albania

Friday, 4 May 2012, at 10:30 hrs

DECISIONS

At its 21st Meeting, held in Tirana on 4 May 2012, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly

1. Thanked the BSEC Secretary General Ambassador 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 (G3331) and approved the Minutes of its 20th Meeting (G3332).
3. Took note of the verbal report of the BSEC-URTA Management Council.
4. Thanked Mr. Kujtim Hashorva, Director for Road Transport Policies, Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Telecommunications of Albania for his comprehensive presentation on the road transport system in Albania.
5. Reviewed proposals of the BSEC-URTA Member Associations / Observers with a view to considering areas of improvement in functioning and managerial system of the BSEC-URTA as a stronger organisation towards its next decade of existence.
6. In the above connection, amended Article 9 of the BSEC-URTA Statutes as follows:-

Article 9 – Elections

Insert a new Paragraph 2:

The President may nominate a BSEC-URTA Deputy President among any representatives of the Member Associations or Honorary Members, who is elected together with the President. The term of office of the BSEC-URTA Deputy President, if any, is 2 years, which begins at the same date as the President. The election of the BSEC-URTA Deputy President is subject to the same rules as the President.

Amend the current Paragraph 4:

If due to this rotation, the President or the Deputy President and Vice-Presidents are foreseen to come from the same country at the same time, the Vice-President will be elected from the next country in the alphabetical order.

Article 11 – Management Council

Amend the current Paragraph 2:

The Management Council is composed of the President, the Deputy President, if any, the Vice-Presidents and the BSEC-URTA Secretary General. The Honorary President, if any, and the Honorary Members, if any, may participate in the meetings of the Management Council as the Permanent Members with consultative status.

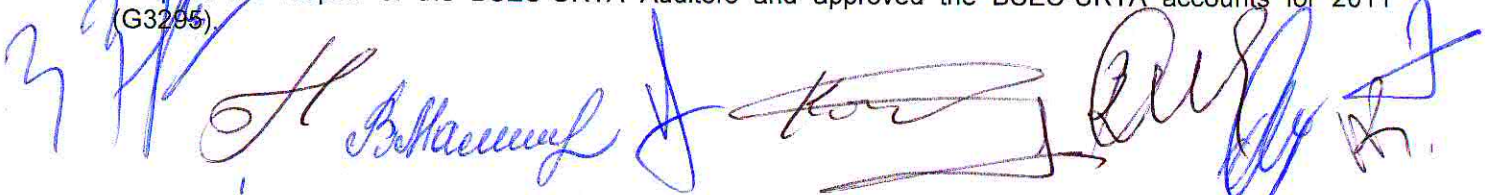
Amend the current Paragraph 3:

In his absence, the Management Council shall be presided by the Deputy President.

7. Thanked the IRU and the TOBB for their readiness to provide technical assistance with the BSEC-URTA for developing a regional system of arbitration specialised with road transport operations. Decided to set up an *Ad Hoc Working Party* on Establishment of a Regional Arbitration System under Article 10 of the BSEC-URTA Statutes with the participation of interested Member Associations, which should confirm to the Secretariat the name of their representative within 30 days after the date of this meeting, in order to study

the feasibility of establishing a regional system of arbitration. The IRU, BSEC PERMIS and BSEC Related Bodies will be invited to contribute to the work of the Working Party, if possible. The work of this Working Party will be coordinated by the International Secretariat and will be reported to the Management Council before further consideration and approval of the General Assembly.

8. Also established an Ad Hoc Working Party on Creation of a BSEC-URTA Lobby Group under Article 10 of the BSEC-URTA Statutes with the participation of interested Member Associations, which should confirm to the Secretariat the name of their representative within 30 days after the date of this meeting, in order to study the feasibility of creating a Lobby Action Group within the organisation together with possible framework of objectives, scope of activities and working rules and regulations. The work of this Working Party will be coordinated by the International Secretariat and will be reported to the Management Council before further consideration and approval of the General Assembly.
9. Upon recommendation of the Management Council, decided to create the BSEC-URTA Order of Merit based on rules and principles similar with the IRU in order to recognise, appreciate and commend regional personalities or organisations of extraordinary distinction, which contributed substantially to realisation of the objectives of the BSEC-URTA.
10. Noted the updated BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report (G3334). Observed that the total number of trips has increased by 5.34% in comparison with 2010, while the trips within BSEC region increased by 39.3%. This trend confirms that the road transport contributes efficiently to the success of the economic cooperation among 12 Member States.
11. Noted the Activity Report on the BSEC-URTA Priorities in 2012 (G3335) with appreciation and concluded that further action should be taken as follows:
 - a) **Continuation on a permanent basis and further expansion of the BSEC Permit from 2013.**
 - *meet the national authorities of selected countries in cooperation with the concerned National Associations to request their participation in the BSEC Permit Project;*
 - *support, as possible, the BSEC procedures for transforming the BSEC Permit to a permanent activity of the BSEC Organization.*
 - b) **Entry into force of the BSEC Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures for Professional Drivers Nationals of BSEC Member States from 2013.**
 - *renew contacts with the concerned BSEC Member States, notably in Ukraine where AsMAP-UA maintains contacts with the national authorities, currently to encourage that they sign this Agreement.*
 - c) **Introduction of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Harmonisation Convention, 1982.**
 - *work for developing a new BSEC Pilot Project in partnership with the Governments for early introduction of the IVWC by taking into account the reported interest of Armenia, Georgia, Romania and Serbia at various international meetings and occasions.*
 - d) **Improvement of border crossing procedures for commercial trucks and safety of professional drivers subject to frequent X-Ray controls at BSEC borders**
 - *support the IRU actions to implement at regional level the recommendations of the "Scientific Study on External Ionising Radiation Exposure during Cargo/Vehicle Radiographic Inspections".*
 - e) **Support for professional training of truck drivers and fleet operators in the BSEC region.**
 - *develop a joint plan of action with the IRU Academy to promote development of the professional training of drivers and transport managers in the region.*
12. Evaluated various aspects of the 'Scientific Study On External Ionising Radiation Exposure During Cargo/Vehicle Radiographic Inspections', which was delivered at the last meeting of the IRU General Assembly in Geneva on 27 April 2012 and expressed support to regional implementation of the IRU resolutions and actions on this matter.
13. Adopted the Report of the BSEC-URTA Auditors and approved the BSEC-URTA accounts for 2011 (G3295).



14. Elected Mr. Eduart KASA (ANALTIR) and Mr. Ghenadie TAULIEAN (AITA) as the BSEC-URTA Auditors for 2012-2013.
15. Recalled and thanked for the invitation of AITA to host 28th Meeting of the Management Council and 22nd Meeting of the General Assembly in Chisinau on 4th October 2012 and accepted with gratitude the invitation of the AsMAP-UA to host the 29th Meeting of the Management Council and 23rd Meeting of the General Assembly in Kiev in spring 2013.
16. Noted with appreciation the presentation by AITA on a joint project of AITA with the Moldova Customs Administration on waiting time reduction and border crossing facilitation, and called on Member Association to apply such projects.
17. Appreciated the special presentation delivered by the representative of Rosgosstrakh Insurance Company (Russia) Mrs. Natalia Polunina on the main activities of her company and their special services developed for the BSEC road transport industry. Invited the Member Associations/Observers to promote these services to their Members at the national level.
18. Warmly commended H.E. Ambassador Leonidas Chrysantopoulos for his invaluable leadership, substantial personal efforts and continuous commitment to the development and further facilitation of road transport in the BSEC Region and unanimously approved granting to His Excellency the first ever BSEC-URTA Order of Merit on the occasion of the Special Ceremony held at the meeting of the General Assembly in Tirana on 4 May 2012.
19. Thanked ANALTIR for the excellent organization of the meeting and the hospitality extended to the participants and expressed special thanks to its President Mr. Ilirjan Mataj for his invaluable efforts and personal leadership to promote interests of the industry in Albania.
20. Adopted and undersigned these Decisions of the 21st Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Tirana on 4 May 2012

Vladimir FLOREA, BSEC-URTA President	
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