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## 21<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Roger Hotel Europark  
Tirana- Albania  
Friday, 4 May 2012, at 10:30 hrs

### BSEC-URTA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND ACTIVITIES

Information Paper prepared by the International Secretariat

Following the BSEC-URTA Search Conference in Antalya during 7-10 September 2011 and according to the instruction of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA Management Council, the International Secretariat has collected and consolidated several proposals made by Member Associations regarding improvement of the management of the organization and future activities as follows:

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Who	When	What
OFAE	18/11/11	OFAE proposals target an equal participation of BSEC-URTA Member Associations in the Management of the BSEC-URTA and a financial autonomy of the organization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 12 BSEC countries are represented in the Management Council, which is led by the BSEC-URTA President, whose Term of Office is 6-months and rotates in the alphabetical order of BSEC countries.</li> <li>In line with the principles of fairness and transparency, each Member Association contributes to the BSEC-URTA budget according to a fraction of its actual TIR carnet revenues (e.g. 0.30 cents per each issued TIR Carnet )</li> </ul>
GIRCA	08/12/11	GIRCA recommends creation of a regional arbitrators network together with the Member Associations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training, examination and certification of arbitrators by IRU</li> <li>Recognition of the network by National Associations</li> <li>Fees and action time commonly agreed upon by the network</li> <li>Coordination of the arbitrators' network under an Arbitrators Coordination Division within the BSEC-URTA.</li> </ul>
INGOSSTRAKH	19/12/11	INGOSSTRAKH requests the BSEC-URTA to facilitate presentation of its commercial materials, offers or insurance expertise to the Member Associations, more efficiently.
ABADA	21/12/2011	Considers BSEC-URTA Managerial Structure fully acceptable and has no additional proposal on reforming or improving it.
AITA	27/01/12	Considers that BSEC-URTA Managerial Structure does not need to be reformed or improved at this stage. AITA presented its views on proposals made by Member Associations as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OFAE proposals are not supported by AITA</li> <li>GIRCA proposal is supported by AITA</li> <li>ARTRI proposal to create a Lobby Group is supported by AITA. The President of BSEC-URTA should be the President of the Lobby Group. The BSEC-URTA Management Council and 2 elected representatives on behalf of all Member Associations could constitute the Lobbying Group.</li> <li>President of BSEC-URTA continues to be elected by the BSEC-URTA</li> </ul>

		<p>General Assembly according to the Statutes. In addition to the existing annual election rules of 2 Vice Presidents on a rotational basis, a third Vice-President may be elected by the BSEC-URTA General Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOBB proposal on the composition of the BSEC-URTA Management Council could be supported by AITA by giving the BSEC-URTA Honorary Member(s) a position of <i>"Permanent Invited" in the meetings of the Management Council.</i></li> </ul>
ARTRI	22/12/11	<p>Taking into account the BSEC-URTA Mission (working with governments) and its strategic objective no.6 (lobbying and promotion), ARTRI proposes creation of an elected BSEC-URTA Lobby Group according to following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Member Association is represented in the Group.</li> <li>• The Group elects its own President for a term of office of 2 years.</li> <li>• The Group also has a Spokesman as appointed by the President and elected by the General Assembly for 2 years</li> <li>• The Group organized public private meetings, seminars, search conferences, media events, sponsorships and academic partnerships.</li> <li>• The Group may have its own slogans and logos.</li> </ul>
AIRCA	26/12/11	<p>AIRCA supports continuity of the existing management structure without any changes to the BSEC-URTA Statutes. AIRCA does not support the followings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Partial transfer of TIR revenues by each Association to the BSEC-URTA budget.</li> <li>b) Increase of seats within the Management Council to equal number of Member Associations.</li> <li>c) 6-month term for Presidency by rotation.</li> </ol>
UND	04/01/12	<p>Taking into account the earned experiences by the BSEC-URTA Vice-Presidents during their yearly term of office, the UND proposes that the election of next BSEC-URTA President should take place between the prior two Vice-Presidents in-office.</p>
TOBB	25/01/12	<p>TOBB presented its views on the above proposals by Member Associations as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OFAE proposals are not supported by TOBB</li> <li>• GIRCA proposal is supported by TOBB and considers that due to its experience in arbitration the secretariat of the network should be in Turkey</li> <li>• ARTRI proposal to create a Lobby Group is supported by TOBB. The President of BSEC-URTA should be the President of the Lobby Group. The BSEC-URTA Management Council and 2 elected representatives on behalf of all Member Associations could constitute the Lobbying Group.</li> </ul> <p>TOBB proposes the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of BSEC-URTA continues to be elected by the BSEC-URTA General Assembly according to the Statutes. In addition to the existing annual election rules of 2 Vice Presidents on a rotational basis, a third Vice-President may be elected by the BSEC-URTA General Assembly</li> <li>• The BSEC-URTA Management Council is composed by the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary President, representative of the Honorary Member and Secretary General</li> </ul>