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

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

### MINUTES

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#### FIRST SESSION

##### I. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

**Mr. Ilirjan Mataj**, President of the host Association ANALTIR welcome the participants and guests of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Tirana and thanked the BSEC Secretary General, H.E. Ambassador Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Economy of Albania Mr. Petraq Milo, Deputy Minister of Public Works and Transport, Mr. Ylli Manjani, Director Road Transport of Albania, Mr. Kujtim Hashorva and the Head of Customs Procedures Mr. Sajmir Lacej for their participation in the meeting.

**Mr. Petraq Milo**, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Economy of Albania addressed participants with a welcoming message and made a comprehensive presentation on the social and economic development of Albania in the last decade highlighting the vital role of road transport in economical life of the country and in the international trade.

**Mr. Ylli Manjani**, Deputy Minister of Public Works and Transport welcomed participants on behalf of the Minister, **Mr. Sokol Olldash** and presented the Ministry achievements in the development of the country's road infrastructure network and ports infrastructure with a view to the development of the combined transport.

**H.E. Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos**, Secretary General of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC), extended his greetings to the participants of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly, and presented the results of the fruitful cooperation with the BSEC-URTA in implementation of the BSEC Memoranda especially in implementation of the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods .

**Mr. Umberto de Pretto**, Deputy Secretary General of IRU expressed his gratitude for being invited to this meeting, highlighted the good cooperation of the IRU with the host association ANALTIR and BSEC-URTA emphasizing the successful cooperation with the BSEC Organization resulting in concrete projects such as BSEC Permit for Trucks Project and the IRU Model Highway initiative.

#### COFFEE BREAK

##### II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Mr. Vladimir Florea**, as Chairman, invited participants to consider the adoption of the Agenda of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly (G3331).

*The Agenda of the Meeting (G3331) was adopted, unanimously*

##### III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**The Chairman** invited to consider the Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

*Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly (G332) were adopted, unanimously.*

#### IV. REPORT OF THE BSEC-URTA MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

**The Chairman** reported that the BSEC-URTA Management Council (MC) held its meeting prior to the General Assembly meeting. *The Chairman* briefed on the proposals of the BSEC-URTA Member Associations/Observers in the improvement of the functioning and managerial system of the BSEC-URTA. 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. *The proposal was adopted, unanimously.*

#### V. ROAD TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN ALBANIA

**Mr. Kujtim Hashorva**, Director for Road Transport Policies, Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Telecommunications of Albania gave a presentation on the road transport system in Albania and discussed on increasing efficiency of Transport infrastructure and reducing non-physical barriers at the land or maritime border crossing points of Albania.

#### VI. REVISION OF THE BSEC-URTA STATUTES AND REGULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

At the meeting participants reviewed proposals of the BSEC-URTA Member Associations and Observers which were sent to the International Secretariat with a view to considering areas of improvement in functioning and managerial system of the BSEC-URTA as a stronger organization towards its next decade of existence.

In this connection amendments were made in two Articles of the BSEC-URTA Statutes (Article 9 and Article 11).

It was 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 such a regional system of arbitration. 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 such a Lobby Action Group.

#### VII. BSEC-URTA REGIONAL OUTLOOK REPORT

**Mr. Adrian Albu**, BSEC-URTA Deputy Secretary General presented the BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report for 2011 (G3334).

According to the report the total number of trips in 2011 has increased by 5,34% comparing to 2010. It is observed that there is a significant increase in the trip within the BSEC region by 39,3% with comparison to 2010, which shows a trade growth within the region. It is remarkable that the foreign trade within BSEC countries has increased by 30%. It was observed that in 2010 there was a big increase in the waiting times at the borders, which slightly decreased in 2011 with the average value of 292,4 minutes.

**The Chairman** thanked **Mr. Albu** for his detailed presentation and opened the floor for comments and questions.

**The Chairman** requested all Member Associations once again to bring this very important issue of the waiting times to the attention of their competent authorities.

**The Chairman** thanked the participants for their active participation and contributions and passed to the next item of the Agenda.

#### VIII. ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES IN 2012 (G3335)

**The Chairman** gave the floor to **Mr. Haydar Ozkan, BSEC-URTA Secretary General**, to make a presentation on the progress achieved regarding the main BSEC-URTA priorities in 2012 (G3335).

The Report highlighted that:

- The template of the BSEC Permit and contents of its usage guide were updated
- Participating Member States to the Project (Armenia, Romania, Serbia and Turkey) present at the meeting of the BSEC SC-F in Belgrade on 29 March 2012 agreed to transform the BSEC Permit Pilot Project into a permanent activity of the BSEC

- Contacts should be maintained with the Turkish Ministry of Transport and the work should continue with the Member Associations in Turkey in order to pursue the Ministry to allow holders of the BSEC Permit to empty entry (unloaded) into Turkey with the purpose to load from Turkey to their registration country (bilateral transport).

During discussions the meeting decided that future actions should be taken by the International Secretariat:

- To print out the BSEC Permit brochure and send to all concerned national authorities in order authorities to consider joining the BSEC Permit System
- To follow up the "Silence Procedure" of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of BSEC Member States for endorsement of the BSEC Permit as a permanent activity of the BSEC Organization.
- Work with the Members, in particular in Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Serbia and Turkey, to convince their authorities consider starting a BSEC Pilot Project on implementation of the IVWCH.
- 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.

The General Assembly noted the Activity Report on the BSEC-URTA Priorities in 2012 (G3335) with appreciation. The Chairman thanked Mr. Ozkan for the presentation of the report and passed to the next agenda item.

## IX. SAFETY OF PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS SUBJECT TO FREQUENT X-RAY CONTROLS AT THE BSEC BORDERS

**The Chairman** gave the floor to **Mr. Umberto de Pretto**, IRU Deputy Secretary General, who made a comprehensive presentation of the *Scientific Study on External Ionising Radiation Exposure during Cargo/Vehicle Radiographic Inspections*, pointing on study methodology, study results and study recommendations. The study was presented to the IRU General Assembly in Geneva on 27 April 2012 and was supported by an IRU Resolution in this regard.

## X. FINANCIAL MATTERS

**The Chairman** invited the elected BSEC-URTA Auditors Ms. Viliana Ivanova (AEBTRI) and Mr. Alper Ozel (UND) to present their Report on the Implementation of the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2011 (G3295). *The Audit Report on Implementation of the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2011 and the BSEC-URTA Accounts for 2011 were adopted, unanimously.*

*The Chairman* proposed to elect new auditors for 2012-2013.

*Mr. Eduart Kasa (ANALTIR) and Mr. Genadie Tauliean (AITA) were elected as the BSEC-URTA Auditors for 2012-2013, unanimously.*

## XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**The Chairman** gave the floor to **Mr. Haydar Ozkan, the Secretary General of BSEC-URTA** who recalled and thanked invitation of AITA to host 28th Meeting of the Management Council and 22nd Meeting of the General Assembly in Chisinau on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and accepted the invitation with gratitude of the AsMAP-UA to host the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Management Council and 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Management Council and 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the General Assembly in Kiev in spring 2013.

## XII. MISCELLANEOUS

**Mr. Vladimir Florea**, President of AITA made a presentation on a joint project with Moldova Customs Administration on waiting time reduction and border crossing facilitation and called on Member Associations to apply such projects.

**The Chairman** invited **Mrs. Natalia Polunina**, Deputy Head Department of Transport Insurance of ROSGOSSTRAKH to make a presentation of the Rosgosstrakh Insurance Company (Russia) on the company's insurance services which they can offer for BSEC-URTA Member Associations.

In addition, BSEC-URTA International Secretariat warmly appraised **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.

### XIII. DECISIONS OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**The Chairman** informed that the Secretariat will prepare summary of decisions of the meeting, which will be submitted to signature of the participants after the meeting.

### XIV. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

**The Chairman**, in his closing remarks, thanked all the participants and Guests of Honor for their participation and active contributions to the work of the General Assembly and thanked ANALTIR for kindly providing the meeting room and necessary facilities for the 21<sup>ST</sup> meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly.

**The Chairman**, expressed special thanks to *its* President Mr. Ilirjan Mataj for his invaluable efforts and personal leadership to promote interests of the industry in Albania.

*The 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly was closed, officially.*

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