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Tbilisi, 25 October 2013

24th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel
Tbilisi – Georgia
Friday, 25 October 2013, at 09:00 hrs

DECISIONS

At its 24th Meeting, held in Tbilisi - Georgia on 25th October 2013, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly


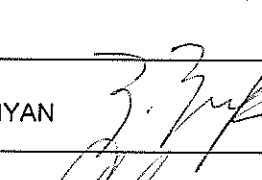
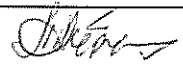
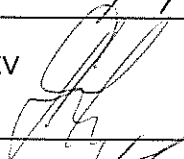

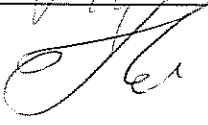
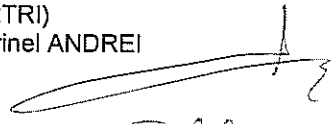
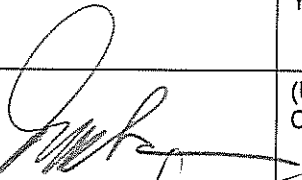
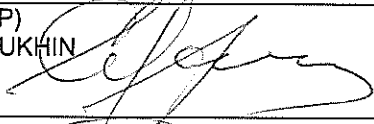
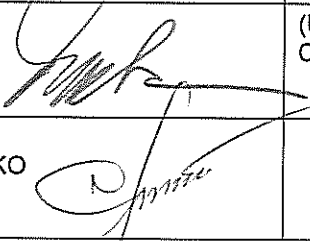

1. Thanked the Deputy Minister of Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Ms. Natia Mikeladze, the Deputy Head of the Department of International Relations, Georgia Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance, Ms. Maka Khvedelidze and the IRU Head of TIR Department, Mr. Marek Retelski for their high-level participation and invaluable contributions in the General Assembly.
2. Adopted the Agenda (G3867/corr.) and approved the Minutes of its 23rd Meeting (G3868).
3. Took note of the verbal report of the BSEC-URTA Management Council.
4. Thanked Ms. Maka Khvedelidze, Deputy Head of the Department of International Relations, Georgia Revenues Service for her comprehensive presentation on exemplary reformation of the Georgian Customs Services, which was realised by concentration of all border controls and transfer of authority by all other national agencies to merely the Customs officials. Requested the Georgia Revenues Service to be more active in sharing its experiences at the level of the BSEC Working Group on Customs and also lead full implementation of the TIR-EPD Green Lanes at its borders with Turkey, in particular.
5. Noted the updated BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report (G3869). Observed that the total number of trips has increased by 7.7% comparing to 2012-I, from which it is observed an increase of 2.0 % within the BSEC and the trips to EU24, and 7,0% increase in the trips to the rest of the world.
6. Noted the Activity Report on the BSEC-URTA Priorities in 2013 (G3870) with appreciation.

Agreed that the following actions should be pursued in the future:

- a) **Further enlargement of the geographical coverage of the BSEC Permit and extension of its usage on a voluntary basis to the 3rd country transport.**
 - *Maintain cooperation with all concerned National Associations, notably the AsMAP-UA and their competent authorities in Ukraine to obtain Ukraine's participation in the BSEC Permit Project in 2014;*
 - *Continue bilateral contacts with AEBTRI and the competent authorities in Bulgaria to encourage participation in the BSEC Permit Project;*
- b) **Introduction of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Harmonisation Convention, 1982.**
 - *work for implementation of the IVWC Pilot Project in partnership with Member Associations and the Governments in Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine in accordance with the foreseen implementation schedule under the specific working document G3871.*
- c) **Promotion of implementation of the TIR-EPD Green Lanes and Single Window on the main road transport corridors in the BSEC region.**

- Continue bilateral contacts with the National Associations and their competent authorities in Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Ukraine and Turkey to encourage implementation of Green Lanes concept at their main border crossing points;
 - Continue bilateral contacts for implementation of the TIR EPD in Albania, Armenia, Georgia and Greece
- d) **Support the implementation of transport, auxiliary and logistics infrastructure development according to the IRU Model Highway Initiative (MHI) along the Black Sea Ring Highway.**
- Participate in the next meetings of the Working Group on the Model Highway Initiative established between Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey, BSEC and IRU;
 - Further promote the Model Highway along other parts of the Black Sea Ring Highway.
7. Evaluated the state of affairs of the Pilot Project on implementation of the IVWC in the BSEC region (G3871) and welcomed that 7 BSEC Member States already confirmed to the BSEC PERMIS their willingness to participate in the Pilot Project. Also welcomed the statement of AEBTRI that Bulgaria considers participating in this project in a favourable manner as well as other ongoing projects and initiatives, in particular the BSEC Permit and the Green Lanes at the Bulgarian borders for trucks with electronic pre-declarations.
 8. Evaluated the state of affairs regarding implementation of the TIR Convention on the territory of the Russian Federation and expressed its disappointment for continuation by the Russian Federal Customs of the unilateral decision to impose additional guarantees to the goods under the coverage of the TIR Carnet entering the territory of Russian Federation. Noted the views and proposals of AsMAP-UA and TOBB, also seconded by all Members present, that the industry should begin considering more active actions at national level including, if required, blockage of their main road connections to Russia in order to ensure that the crisis reaches the highest level of consideration within the Russian Federation Government and that the IRU could be required to take additional contacts with the FCS aiming to find a mutually agreeable solution as soon as possible.
 9. Upon the recommendation of the Management Council, adopted the Resolution on the Continuous Functioning of the UN TIR Convention, 1975, in the Russian Federation, unanimously, and mandated the BSEC-URTA President to submit to the BSEC PERMIS and Governments of the BSEC Member States (G3905).
 10. Reviewed the vision, mission and strategic objectives of the BSEC-URTA and adopted the BSEC-URTA Working Programme for 2014 (G3873).
 11. Upon recommendation of the Management Council, granted to the Hellenic Syndicate of Land Goods Transport the Observer status for 5 years (1 January 2014-31 December 2018) with an annual contribution fee of € 2.000.
 12. Approved the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2014 (G3874/corr.).
 13. Elected Mr. Tofiq Nurullayev (ABADA) and Mr Andrey Kurushin (ASMAP) as the BSEC-URTA Vice-Presidents for 2014.
 14. Decided to renew the term of office of Mr. Haydar Özkan as the BSEC-URTA Secretary General for another period of four years from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2017.
 15. Upon kind invitation of AsMAP-UA to host the 25th Meeting of the General Assembly decided to hold its next meeting in Kiev on 16 May 2014.
 16. Thanked GIRCA for the excellent organization of the meeting and the hospitality extended to the participants and expressed special thanks to its President Mr. Alexander Chkeidze for his invaluable efforts and personal leadership to promote the interests of the industry in Georgia.
 17. Adopted and undersigned these Decisions of the 24th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Tbilisi, Georgia on 25 October 2013.

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 <p>Vladimir FLOREA, BSEC-URTA President</p>	
<p>(AIRCA) Herbert HAMBARDZUMYAN</p> 	<p>(ABADA) Tofiq NURULLAYEV</p> 
<p>(AEBTRI) Georgi PETARNEYCHEV</p> 	<p>(GIRCA) Alexander CHKHEIDZE</p> 
<p>(AITA) Vladimir FLOREA</p> 	<p>(ARTRI) Florinel ANDREI</p> 
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<p>(TOBB) Halim METE</p> 	<p>(UND) Cahit SOYSAL</p> 
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