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ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES FOR 2014

Since the 25th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland on 2 April 2014, the International Secretariat participated in events of importance for the industry, contributed to international gatherings and worked for promotion of the BSEC-URTA and its objectives.

A summary of these activities according to the BSEC-URTA strategic objectives, Working Program for 2014 and short-term priorities set by the BSEC-URTA Management Council is given in the attached table.

BSEC-URTA ACTIVITY REPORT ON SHORT TERM PRIORITIES BETWEEN 2 APRIL 2014 AND 28 NOVEMBER 2014

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY	ACTIONS	RESULTS
Facilitation	Further enlargement of the geographical coverage of the BSEC Permit and extension of its usage on a voluntary basis to the 3 rd country transport.	Maintained contacts with AEBTRI and OFAE to try to obtain consent of the Bulgarian and the Greek authorities joining the BSEC Permit Project. Initiated contacts with ICIMA and MT Road Transport Directorate of Iran in order to join the BSEC Permit Project.	Despite Secretariat's best efforts and close consultations with the AEBTRI and with the OFAE, with the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the BSEC, it was impossible to convince concerned authorities to join the project. In coordination with BSEC-URTA International Secretariat, the BSEC PERMIS has sent out to BSEC Member States a questionnaire on continuation of the Permit in 2015 and 2016. It was requested answer to it until 15 November 2015 in order to make the necessary arrangements for printing of the BSEC Permit for 2015. Consultations will be maintained with ICIMA until a position of Iranian authorities will be obtained.

	Introduction of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Harmonization Convention, 1982.	Led the BSEC Pilot Project on early introduction of the IVWC, and launching it during the Administrative Committee meeting of the Harmonization Convention to be held in Geneva on 9 October 2014.	<p>In coordination with the BSEC Secretary General, paid working visits to Moldova and Romania to ensure fulfillment of technical requirements necessary for the issuance or usage of the IVWC.</p> <p>Held consultations with GE, MD, RO and UA authorities for issuance of the first IVWC to a MD truck, including its recognition by a RO or GE/UA border authority. The first ever certificate issued by MD and recognized by UA and GE was presented to the meeting of AC.3 on 9 October in Geneva.</p> <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure assignment of a National Focal Point in each participating state; -Ensure appointment of the national issuing authority in each country; -Ensure that the required technical adjustments and capacity building activities are realized.
	Promotion of the TIR-EPD Green Lanes and Single Window on the main road transport corridors in the BSEC region.	Supported implementation of the Green Lane concept at the Albita (RO)-Leuseni (MD) border crossing point, at Capitan Andreevo (BG) border crossing point with Turkey and at UA borders with EU.	<p>In coordination with the IRU and National Associations in Moldova and Romania, established contacts and organized bilateral meetings with the Heads of Customs Authority in Moldova and Romania, and promoted the EPD Green Lane concept.</p> <p>Despite of Secretariat's best efforts, there are no developments in implementations of Green Lanes concept at mentioned RO, MD, BG borders.</p> <p>Held consultations with ASMAP-UA and UA authorities, awaits a meeting with the Minister of Infrastructure of UA and continues lobbying for a positive approach by UA authorities on the subject matter.</p>
	Support the implementation of transport, auxiliary and logistic infrastructure development according to the IRU Model Highway Initiative (MHI) along the Black Sea Ring Highway.	Promote development of complementary infrastructure necessary for more secure and efficient transit along Baku-Tbilisi-Batumi-Trabzon Motorway section of the Black Sea Ring Highway network.	Since last General Assembly, there are no developments on finalization of the Draft Agreement between MoT of AZ, GE and TR on Implementation of the MHI on Baku-Tbilisi-Batumi-Trabzon Motorway.