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Istanbul, 28 November 2014

## 26<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BSEC Headquarters  
Istanbul, Turkey  
Friday, 28 November 2014, at 13:30 hrs

### DECISIONS

At its 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting, held in Istanbul on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly

1. Thanked the Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC Organization, H.E. Ambassador Trayan Chebeleu, the Secretary General of IRU, Mr. Umberto De Pretto, the Deputy General Director for Road Transport of MoTMAC of Turkey, Mr. Hüseyin Yılmaz for their high-level participation and invaluable contributions in the General Assembly as well as the BSEC-URTA Honorary President Mr. Çetin Nuhoğlu, who saluted all the Member Associations and thanked all for their efforts to stay together and try to deliver real benefits to their members, i.e. the BSEC transport operators.
2. Adopted the Agenda (G4110) and approved the Minutes of its 25 Meeting (G4111).
3. Noted with interest the information on the Road Transport system in Turkey as presented by UND and contributed by Mr. Hüseyin Yılmaz.
4. Took note of the verbal report of the BSEC-URTA Management Council.
5. Noted the updated BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report (G4112). Observed that the total number of trips in 2014-I has decreased by 25% compared with 2013-I. The journeys dropped by 11.5 % within the BSEC, 37.0% to the EU24 countries and 6.0% to the rest of the world. On the other hand, however, it is observed that the intra-BSEC trade grew by 3,36% and the total BSEC foreign trade rose by 8,54% over the same period.

ASMAP-UA stressed the fact that BSEC road transport operators carried less while trade grew in the first half of 2014 compared with the same period in 2013. This was indicating perhaps to a bigger problem that road transport losing its market share to other modes of transport or non-BSEC transport operators increase their share within the BSEC region.

President invited the Member Associations to check their national statistics once again and requested the Secretariat to bring this matter to the consideration of the next meeting with deeper analysis.

6. Evaluated the Activity Report on the BSEC-URTA Priorities in 2014 (G4113):
  - a) **Further enlargement of the geographical coverage of the BSEC Permit and extension of its usage on a voluntary basis to the 3<sup>rd</sup> country transport.**
    - Welcomed Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Romania recognize on a reciprocity basis the BSEC Permit for 3rd country transport operations among subject countries in addition to transit and bilateral operations.
    - Also welcomed the Participating States having requested from BSEC PERMIS to increase the number of BSEC Permits to be issued per country from 250 to 350 in 2015.
    - Noted, however, that the Bulgarian authorities have not shown any interest to join the BSEC Permit Project in visible future despite efforts of BSEC-URTA President and the International Secretariat in consultation with AEBTRI.
    - Supported initiatives of the International Secretariat to promote the BSEC Permit beyond the BSEC region, notable to ICCIMA in Iran, and welcomed the Iranian authorities already considering contacting the BSEC Organization with a view to joining the Project, if possible.
    - Called for further development of BSEC Permit by expanding its geographical coverage, extending its usage for 3rd country transport operations and shifting its usage from single to multiple journeys in the future.

- ASMAP-UA and AITA stressed the importance of the vision of BSEC Permit as a strategic tool for and beyond BSEC region and emphasized that it should be further developed.
- b) Introduction of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Harmonisation Convention, 1982.**
- Thanked Member Associations and national authorities in Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia for the historic issuance of the first IVWC in Moldova on 30 September 2014 and its subsequent recognition en route in Ukraine and Georgia.
  - Noted with appreciation UNECE-AC3 and the UNECE Transport Division recognize this historic development on the occasion of a special ceremony in Geneva on 9 October 2014.
  - Called for other Participating States of the relevant BSEC Pilot Project, namely Albania, Armenia, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine, to follow Moldova in introducing the IVWC at national level.
  - AITA expressed its appreciation to the BSEC-URTA management and the Secretariat for their support in introducing IVWC in Moldova and stressed that all Members should do more to promote this tool to the transport operators.
- c) Promotion of implementation of the TIR-EPD Green Lanes on the main road transport corridors in the BSEC region.**
- Welcomed Moldova organize Green Lanes at Leuseni Border with Romania, and invited Romania to apply the same at corresponding Albita border.
  - Noted, however, that Bulgaria is not ready yet to apply Green Lanes at Capitan Andreevo Border with Turkey, which already applies Green Lanes at corresponding Kapikule Border.
  - Requested ASMAP-UA to assist the International Secretariat promoting to the competent national authorities the application of Green Lanes at Ukrainian borders with the EU.
- 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.**
- Noted that there was no progress in implementing the MHI concept along the Baku-Tbilisi-Trabzon motorway across Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey despite these three countries signed a special cooperation agreement in Turkey in November 2012.
  - Instructed the International Secretariat assist the IRU General Secretariat on this matter as much as possible.
7. Upon recommendation of the Management Council, agreed to write a formal letter to PERMIS with the request of their possible actions to allow the BSEC Council of MFA to review the progress in implementing the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods since its inception.
8. Evaluated the state of affairs regarding implementation of the TIR Convention in the BSEC region 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. Thanked the IRU Secretary General for his informative presentation on this matter and requested the Member Associations to do more in convincing their Governments to pass a message to Russian Government for resolution of this problem as soon as possible and before 28 February 2015, which is the new deadline set by the Russian Government for the termination of the guarantee agreement between Federal Customs Administration and ASMAP. This being stated, thanked the IRU for its energy to make accession to and implementation of TIR System simpler and more attractive.
- UND informed that President Putin and President Erdogan would meet in Ankara on 1 December 2014 and agreed to contact the Ministry of Economy and office of the President with the request that President Erdogan calls for reinstatement of TIR System in the Russian Federation as soon as possible.
9. Reviewed the vision, mission and strategic objectives of the BSEC-URTA and adopted the BSEC-URTA Working Programme for 2015 with amendments (G4115/corrigendum).
10. Upon recommendation of the Management Council, decided to mandate BSEC-URTA Deputy President Mr. Radu Dinescu to get in touch with the OFAE management for a final time in order for this Organisation to decide honouring its obligations towards the BSEC-URTA and re-confirm its serious interest to participate in the work of BSEC-URTA in the future.

Appreciated highly the readiness of BSEC-URTA Honorary President to bring this matter to the agenda of a planned meeting between Prime Ministers of Greece and Turkey in Athens in December 2014.

It was agreed that we should be able to achieve staying together and the doors of BSEC-URTA should remain open to those Associations which are serious in taking part and contributing to the work of BSEC-URTA in the future.

11. Upon recommendation of the Management Council, decided to terminate membership status of ARTRI, in compliance with Article 19 of the BSEC-URTA Statutes, as of 31 December 2014, in regards with the withdrawal letter of this Organisation dated on 27 October 2014. UND highlighted that this is an unfortunate development and counted that ARTRI will correct its position in the future.
12. Upon recommendation of the Management Council and under Article 5 of the BSEC-URTA Statutes, decided to renew Observer status of ROSGOSSTRAKH for 5 years (1 January 2015 – 31 December 2019) with an annual contribution fee of € 10,000, and grant Observer status to MEDJUNARODNI TRANSPORT for 5 years (1 January 2015 – 31 December 2019) with an annual contribution fee of € 1,000.
13. Upon recommendation of the Management Council and under Article 5 of the BSEC-URTA Statutes, decided to terminate the Observer status of AMERIT and HSLT within the BSEC-URTA with immediate effect due to non-payment of their first annual contribution fees for 2014 despite all statutory warnings, yet.
14. Agreed that BSEC-URTA should be more ready in the future to welcome Observers from new countries, particularly towards East.

UND informed that the IRU National Association in Belorussia expressed interest to participate in the work of BSEC-URTA on the occasion of a recent bilateral contact in Minsk.

15. Approved the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2015 (G4116).
16. Re-elected Mr. Vladimir Florea as BSEC-URTA President with the term of office 1 January 2015-31 December 2016.
17. Endorsed the proposal of BSEC-URTA President for Mr. Radu Dinescu as Deputy President for 2015-2016.
18. Endorsed the nominations for the positions of two BSEC-URTA Vice-Presidents for 2015 made by ABADA (Mr. Tofiq Nurullayev) and GIRCA (Mr Alexander Chkheidze) in accordance with Article 9 of the BSEC-URTA Statutes.
19. Decided to hold its next meeting in Bucharest on 7 May 2015 in connection with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Transport Festival and a special International Conference on Competition in Road Transport, which will be organised by UNTRR in Bucharest on 8 May 2015.  
  
Agreed to hold its next meeting in an enlarged format by also inviting the IRU National Associations in the 10 ECO Member States, which could also attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Transport Festival and the special International Conference.
20. Thanked the BSEC PERMIS for the excellent organization of the meeting and the UND for the hospitality extended to all the participants.
21. Adopted and undersigned these Decisions of the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Istanbul on 28 November 2014.

Vladimir FLOREA, BSEC-URTA President	
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