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27th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pullman Hotel
Bucharest-Romania
Friday, 9 May 2015, at 11:00 hrs

MINUTES

FIRST SESSION

I. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Vladimir Florea, as Chairman, welcomed the participants and guests of the 27th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Bucharest and thanked high-level representatives of the associations, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC Organization, H.E. Ambassador Traian Chebeleu, Senator of the Parliament of Romania and representative of PABSEC, Mr. Marian Vasiliev, General Director for Road Transport of Ministry of Transport of Romania, Mrs. Adriana Kalapis and Senior Counsellor of Ministry of Transport of Romania, Mr. Eduard Ungureanu for their high-level participation in the General Assembly.

H.E. Ambassador Traian Chebeleu, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC Organization welcomed distinguished guests for honouring with their participation. His Excellency thanked for being invited to the meeting and wished everybody a successful meeting.

Mrs. Adriana Kalapis, General Director for Road Transport of MoT of Romania extended his greetings to the participants of the meeting and expressed his pleasure to attend the meeting, as well.

Mr. Radu Dinescu, Deputy President of BSEC-URTA and Secretary General of UNTRR expressed his pleasure to host the 27th meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly and extended his greetings to the guests and participants of the meeting. At the same time he wished to all participants to have fruitful meeting with advantageous results and decisions.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Vladimir Florea, as Chairman, invited participants to consider the adoption of the Agenda of the 27th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly (G4259/corr.)

The Agenda of the Meeting (G4259/corr.) was adopted, unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Chairman invited to consider the Minutes of the 26th General Assembly.

Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly (G4260) were adopted, unanimously.

IV. ROAD TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN ROMANIA

Mr. Radu Dinescu, Secretary General of UNTRR made a comprehensive presentation on its organization and on the Road Transport System in Romania. He briefly described the activities of UNTRR and highlighted that UNTRR is a leading professional association in Romania, established in 1990 by representatives from Romanian road freight transport sector with an aim to solve problems experienced by the sector at national and international levels. UNTRR promotes and protects the

interests of road hauliers nationally and internationally having from the beginning over 13.000 members - operators that perform internal and international transports of goods and passengers.

During his presentation he talked about the legal framework for establishment of a road transport company in Romania, about the performance of Romanian Logistics Sector, performance of International Road Goods Transport and Romanian Foreign Trade performance and objectives.

V. REPORT OF THE BSEC-URTA MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that the BSEC-URTA Management Council held its meeting prior to the General Assembly meeting. The Chairman briefed on the evaluation of the progress made on the BSEC-URTA Priorities for 2015, the BSEC Permit Pilot Project, the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the Harmonization Convention, the Implementation of TIR- EPD and its related Green Lanes Concept, as well as developments in implementation of the Model Highway Initiative along The Black Sea Ring Highway.

A comprehensive analysis was done on the stage of the implementation of the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods and on the necessity to be amended several deadlines in the MoU Implementation Timetable.

The Management Council discussed the State of Affairs of the TIR Crisis in Russian Federation and its impact on the BSEC Region and decided to bring this issue to the consideration of the General Assembly.

VI. BSEC-URTA REGIONAL OUTLOOK REPORT

The Chairman gave the floor to **Mr. Adrian Albu**, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC-URTA, to present the BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report for 2014 (G4261). It was observed that there is only partial information about the international road transport industry performance in the BSEC region in the year 2013 and 2014 which was provided by Member Associations in 6 BSEC Member States. The meeting called on all BSEC-URTA Member Associations to support the International Secretariat in providing necessary information for the Outlook Report.

The Chairman 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.

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

VII. STAGE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BSEC MOU ON FACILITATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS IN THE BSEC REGION (G4262)

The Chairman gave the floor to **Mr. Adrian Albu**, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC-URTA, to present information on the Stage of Implementation of the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC region. It was noted that the Steering Committee to the Memorandum at its last meeting on 6 April 2015 in Istanbul, updated the deadlines foreseen in the Timetable for MoU implementation and decided that several measures should be taken in order to achieve MoU Objectives. The General Assembly mandated the BSEC-URTA President to participate in the Meeting of Ministers of Transport of BSEC Member States to be held in Chisinau on 14 May 2015 and to call on Ministers to ensure appropriate measures for Implementation of BSEC Transport related Memoranda.

VIII. MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT IN THE BLACK SEA REGION (G4263)

The Chairman gave the floor to **Mr. Adrian Albu**, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC-URTA, to present information on Multimodal Transport in the Black Sea region.

The presentation showed a constant increase of containers movement between the BSEC Member States and between the BSEC Member States and China, Pakistan and United Arab Emirates as countries which soon will become contracting parties to the TIR Convention.

The Chairman thanked **Mr. Adrian Albu** for his detailed presentation and opened the floor for comments and questions. Several speakers highlighted that such movement of containers in the Black Sea basin could be a momentum for utilization of the TIR system during the intermodal transport chain. The General Assembly instructed the International Secretariat to continue working with the IRU and BSEC PERMIS for developing a Pilot Project on application of the TIR system in Multimodal Transport in the Black Sea region.

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

IX. ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES IN 2015 (G4016)

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 2015 (G4264).

The General Assembly evaluated the Activity Report on the BSEC-URTA Priorities in 2015 and agreed that the following actions should be pursued in the future:

- a) Welcoming to the BSEC-URTA of interested national associations from neighbouring regions, notably across the ECO region.
 - *Organize jointly with UND the Autumn session of BSEC-URTA General Assembly back to back with the celebration of 41st Anniversary of UND occasion for bringing together representatives of the road transport industry from the region and from the neighbouring regions and launch the invitation to join the BSEC-URTA.*
 - *Continue bilateral contacts with Member Associations in ECO countries and encourage joining the BSEC-URTA.*
- b) Further enlargement of the geographical coverage of the BSEC Permit, extension of its usage on a voluntary basis to the 3rd country transport and shift from one trip usage by a truck to multiple trips usage by a company.
 - *Participate in the Meeting of Ministers of Transport of BSEC Member States in Chisinau on 14 May 2015 and Bucharest (autumn 2015) and call on Member States which are not yet participants to the BSEC Permit Project to join it and propose the Project participants to develop it.*
 - *Maintain contacts with ICIMA (Iran) in order to convince Iranian authorities to request the BSEC to join the BSEC Permit Project.*
- c) Continuation of implementation of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Harmonization Convention, 1982.
 - *Under the patronage of BSEC Secretary General and in coordination with Member Associations follow up the planned joint working visits to Ukraine, Serbia and Romania and meetings with national competent authorities to ensure fulfilment of technical requirements necessary for the issuance or usage of the IVWC.*
 - *Participate in the Meeting of Ministers of Transport of BSEC Member States in Chisinau on 14 May 2015 and call for speeding up the pace of implementation of the IVWC Pilot Project.*
- d) Implementation of the TIR-EPD Green Lanes, including new TIR tools and products, on the main road transport corridors in the BSEC region.
 - *Under the patronage of BSEC Secretary General and in coordination with Member Associations follow up the planned joint working visits to Ukraine, Serbia and Romania and meetings with national competent authorities*

The Chairman thanked **Mr. Ozkan** for the presentation of the report and passed to the next agenda item.

X. MUTUAL RECOGNITION BY BSEC MEMBER STATES OF CERTIFICATES OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, DIPLOMAS AND OTHER FORMAL QUALIFICATION EVIDENCE OF PROFESSIONALS ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT

The Chairman presented information to the General Assembly on his participation as BSEC-URTA President together with the IRU Secretary General in the International Conference on Professional Education and Economic Needs of the Black Sea region in Chisinau on 24 April 2015 and on his call on BSEC Organization for mutual recognition By Member States of certificates of professional competence, diplomas and other formal qualification evidence of professionals engaged in international road transport.

Unanimously the General Assembly mandated the BSEC-URTA President to address in this regard the forthcoming Meeting of Ministers of Transport of BSEC Member States to be held in Bucharest in October 2015 and instructed the International Secretariat to address the issue in the meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport, too.

XI. AUDIT REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BSEC-URTA BUDGET FOR 2014 (G4224)

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Alper Ozel (UND) as elected BSEC-URTA Auditor for 2015-2016 to present the report of the audit which was performed during 27-28 February 2015 on the execution of the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2014. At the same time Mr. Ozel presented information on the incoming contribution fees for 2015, too. The General Assembly unanimously approved the Audit Report on Implementation of the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2014 (G4224).

XII. NEXT MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly welcomed the invitation by UND for jointly organizing the autumn session of BSEC-URTA General Assembly back to back with the celebration of 41st Anniversary of UND in Istanbul on 2 October 2015 and agreed upon it.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

No any matter was raised under this agenda item.

XIV. DECISIONS OF THE 27th 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.

XV. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chairman in his closing remarks thanked UNTRR for the excellent organization of the meeting and for the hospitality extended to all the participants. Also thanked all the participants and Guests of Honour for their participation and active contributions to the work of the General Assembly.

The 27th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly was closed, officially.

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