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ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES FOR 2015

Since the 27th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held in Bucharest, Romania, on 9 May 2015, 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 2015 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 9 MAY 2015 AND 3 DECEMBER 2015

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY	ACTIONS	RESULTS
Re-opening of the Silk Road	Welcoming to the BSEC-URTA of interested national associations from neighbouring regions, notably across the ECO region.	Invited IRU Member Associations from the ECO region namely THADA (Turkmenistan), ABBAT (Tajikistan) and ICCIMA and ITCA (Iran) to attend as guests the 28 Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Istanbul on 3 December 2015.	It is expected that cooperation will develop with participating Associations in Istanbul meeting.
Facilitation	Further enlargement of the geographical coverage of the BSEC Permit, extension of its usage on a voluntary basis to the 3 rd country transport and shift from one trip usage by a truck to multiple trips usage by a company.	Participated in the meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport held in Istanbul on 5-6 October 2015, made an analysis on the stage of implementation of provisions of MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC region and called on Member States which are not yet participants to the BSEC Permit Project to join it and proposed the Project participants to develop it.	The BSEC Working Group on Transport in Istanbul on 5-6 October 2015 took note of developments related to the Project of the BSEC Permit and invited the participating countries to take further actions for its development.

		<p>Participated in the Meeting of Ministers of Transport of BSEC Member States in Bucharest on 21 October 2015, presented developments under the implementation of the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport and called for speeding up the pace of its implementation. Concerning the BSEC Permit called on Member States which are not yet participants to the Project to join it and proposed the Project participants to develop it.</p> <p>Participated in the Meeting of BSEC Member States parties to the BSEC Permit system in Istanbul on 20 November 2015, presented information on usage of the permits in 2015 and called for development of the permit in 2016 by allowing multiple trips and 3rd Country transport operations.</p> <p>Maintained contacts with ICCIMA (Iran) in order to encourage Iranian authorities consider joining the BSEC Permit Project.</p>	<p>It is expected that following the Ministerial meeting in Bucharest on 21 October 2015, participating countries to the BSEC Permit Project will consider transforming the single trip permit to a multiple trips permit valid for one calendar year, as from 2016.</p> <p>BSEC Member States parties to the BSEC Permit system in Istanbul on 20 November 2015 decided to continue the permit system unchanged in 2016 (1 round trip/permit covering bilateral and transit transport in amount of 450 units/country)</p> <p>Mutual contacts with ICCIMA are maintained until a position of Iranian authorities will be obtained.</p>
	<p>Continuation of implementation of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Harmonization Convention, 1982.</p>	<p>Participated the meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport held in Istanbul on 5-6 October 2015, made an analysis on the stage of implementation of the IVWC Pilot Project and called on Member States parties to the Pilot Project for measures to align national legislation provisions to the Harmonization Convention.</p> <p>Participated in the Meeting of Ministers of Transport of BSEC Member States in Bucharest on 21 October 2015, and concerning the IVWC Pilot</p>	<p>The BSEC Working Group on Transport in Istanbul on 5-6 October 2015 took note of developments related to the IVWC Pilot Project and invited the participating countries to take further actions for its development. The Working Group instructed the PERMIS to address some countries which answered a UNECE questionnaire on implementation of Annex 8 to the Harmonization Convention in regard acceptance on their territories and issuance by their national authorities of IVWC, namely: Denmark, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland and United Kingdom.</p> <p>It is expected that following the Ministerial meeting in Bucharest on 21 October 2015 participating countries to the IVWC Pilot Project to consider measures for recognition of</p>

		Project called on parties to the project to speed up the pace of its implementation.	those IVWCs issued by other parties to the Harmonization Convention in parallel with measures for authorization of national weighing stations. The planned joint BSEC-BSEC-URTA meetings with authorities in Serbia, Ukraine and Romania are still pending due to reasons related to the concerned national authorities. Despite BSEC-URTA efforts, the implementation of the IVWC Pilot Project in the BSEC region has a very low pace.
	Implementation of the TIR-EPD Green Lanes, including new TIR tools and products, on the main road transport corridors in the BSEC region.	Planned joint BSEC-BSEC-URTA meetings under the patronage of BSEC Secretary General with concerned national authorities in Serbia, Ukraine and Romania.	The planned joint BSEC-BSEC-URTA meetings with authorities in Serbia, Ukraine and Romania are still pending due to reasons related to the concerned national authorities.

In parallel with activities developed under the 4 Short Term Priorities set by the BSEC-URTA Management Council summarized above, the International Secretariat has engaged in several other ones related to objectives enlisted in the Working Programme for 2015:

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IRU-BSEC Interaction	Contribution to implementation of the MoU between the BSEC Organization and the IRU if and when possible.	<p>Participation with the IRU Secretary General in the BSEC International Conference on Professional Education and Economic Needs in the Black Sea region held in Chisinau on 24 April 2015.</p> <p>Meeting between the IRU Secretary General and the newly appointed Secretary General of BSEC Organization, H.E. Amb. Michael Christidis at the BSEC Premises on 15 September.</p>	<p>Following the Conference, the issue of Mutual Recognition by BSEC Member States of Diplomas, Certificates and other Evidence of Competence for Professionals Engage in Road Transport was raised during the meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport on 5-6 October 2015 in Istanbul. The meeting agreed that in this regard an Ad Hoc Group of Experts meeting should be convened in the first half of 2016 under the Russian Federation Chairmanship of BSEC Organization.</p> <p>Coordinated approach on cooperation on ways and activities for implementation of the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC region.</p>

Combined and Intermodal Transport	Improvement of existing and development of new combined and intermodal transportation services in the BSEC region.	<p>Conduct a survey on the movement of containers between the major Black Sea ports.</p> <p>Elaborate a Pilot Project on movement of a container under the coverage of the TIR system from Armenia or Georgia destined for Ukraine or Moldova.</p>	<p>Survey results will be presented at the 28 Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Istanbul on 3 December 2015.</p> <p>A container loaded with mineral water was shipped under the coverage of a TIR carnet from Georgia - Ahaltsihe (departure on 17.10.15) to Ukraine-Odessa (arrival on 22.10.15). Conclusions will be presented at the 28th Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Istanbul on 3 December 2015.</p>
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