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ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES FOR 2016

Since the 28th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 3 December 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 3 DECEMBER 2015 AND 26 MAY 2016

PRIORITY	ACTIONS	RESULTS
Structural reformation of BSEC-URTA	<p>-Modifications to the BSEC-URTA Statutes in order to improve the organisational structure;</p> <p>-Operationalize road passenger transport section within the BSEC-URTA as of 2016;</p> <p>-Ad hoc Working Party on Insurance to serve as a platform for insurance companies and members and observers to exchange information on existing or possible transport insurance;</p> <p>- Potential new members and observers across the BSEC, LAS and ECO regions and the countries enjoying special status with BSEC and ECO organisations;</p>	<p>The International Secretariat drafted a document <i>Review of the BSEC-URTA Status (G4525)</i> to be presented to the 29th Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Bucharest on 26 May 2016.</p> <p>As per Article 10 (Ad hoc Working Parties) of the Statutes, BSEC-URTA President set up an ad hoc Working Party on Passenger Transport.</p> <p>The International Secretariat convened the First Meeting of the Working Party on Passenger Transport in Istanbul on 15 April 2016. The report of the meeting (WPP4505) will be presented to the 29th Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Bucharest on 26 May 2016.</p> <p>The Second Meeting of the Working Party on Passenger Transport will be held in Bucharest on 25 May 2016.</p> <p>The International Secretariat convened the Meeting of the Working Party on Insurance in Istanbul on 22 April 2016. The report of the meeting (WPI4506) will be presented to the 29th Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Bucharest on 26 May 2016.</p> <p>On the occasion of informal bilateral meetings the International Secretariat proposed to consider becoming Observers to the BSEC-URTA to IRU Member Associations THADA (Turkmenistan), ABBAT (Tajikistan) and ICCIMA(Iran) AULT (Jordan)</p> <p>The 28 meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly in</p>

		<p>Istanbul on 3 December 2015, was attended as guest of honour by a delegation of the Arab Union of Land Transport (AULT) which stated its readiness to exchange with BSEC-URTA Observer Status in 2016.</p> <p>On 18 March 2016 the BSEC-URTA Secretary General and the AULT Secretary General signed in Chisinau, Moldova a MoU and agreed to grant each other organization Observer Status. The Signing Ceremony was witnessed by the IRU Secretary General.</p> <p>On 6 April 2016, a BSEC-URTA Delegation participated the AULT General Assembly held in Dubai.</p> <p>On 8 April 2016 BSEC-URTA Secretary General and AULT Secretary General signed in Istanbul an AULT / BSEC-URTA Bilateral Cooperation Plan of Action 2016-2017 be presented to the 29th Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Bucharest on 26 May 2016.</p>
<p>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.</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>BSEC-URTA Delegation will participate in the Meeting of Ministers of Transport of BSEC Member States in Sochi on 1 June 2016, will present developments under the implementation of the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport and will call for speeding up the pace of its implementation. Concerning the BSEC Permit will call on Member States which are not yet participants to the Project to join it and will propose the Project participants to develop it.</p> <p>Maintained contacts with ICCIMA (Iran) in order to encourage Iranian authorities consider joining the BSEC Permit Project.</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>It is expected that following the Ministerial meeting in Sochi on 1 June 2016 and with the support of the incoming BSEC Chairmanship of Serbia (1 July-31 December 2016), participating countries to the BSEC Permit Project to consider transforming as from 2017 the single trip permit to a multiple trips permit valid for one calendar year.</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>BSEC-URTA Delegation will participate in the meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport to be held in Sochi on 30-31 May 2016, will make an analysis on the stage of implementation of the IVWC Pilot Project and will call on Member States parties to the Pilot Project for measures to align national legislation provisions to the Harmonization Convention and to speed up the pace of implementation of the project.</p> <p>BSEC-URTA Delegation will participate in the Meeting of Ministers of Transport of BSEC Member States in Sochi on 1 June 2016 and concerning the IVWC Pilot Project will call on parties to the project to speed up the pace of its implementation.</p>	<p>The BSEC Working Group on Transport in Istanbul on 5-6 October 2015 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. The Working Group in Sochi on 30-31 May 2016 will be informed by the BSEC PERMIS on the results of the contacts with the above mentioned countries and will analyze developments related to the IVWC Pilot Project.</p> <p>It is expected that following the Ministerial meeting in Sochi on 1 June 2016 and with the support of the incoming BSEC Chairmanship of Serbia participating countries to the IVWC Pilot Project to consider measures for recognition of those IVWCs issued by other parties to the Harmonization Convention in parallel with measures for authorization of national weighing stations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Despite BSEC-URTA efforts, the implementation of the IVWC Pilot Project in the BSEC region has a very low pace.</p>
<p>Implementation of the TIR-EPD Green Lanes, including new TIR tools and products, on the main road transport corridors in the BSEC region.</p>	<p>e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine</p> <p>e-TIR Pilot Project between Moldova and Ukraine</p> <p>e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine</p> <p>Joint BSEC-BSEC-URTA meetings under the patronage of BSEC Secretary General with concerned national authorities in Serbia, Ukraine and Romania.</p>	<p>Successful results highlighted by Press Conference organized by TOBB with Turkish Minister of Trade and Customs, Iranian Ambassador in Turkey and IRU Secretary General in Ankara on 3 February 2016</p> <p>Participation in the Meeting of AITA, Moldovan Customs Authority, AIRCU, Ukrainian Customs Authority and IRU on technical and organizational matters related to the implementation of the Pilot Project</p> <p>Coordination with TOBB and ASMAP-UA for finding the consent of Turkish and Ukrainian Customs Authorities to start cooperation under a e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine</p> <p>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.</p>