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Istanbul, 22 November 2016

30th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BSEC Premises
Istanbul, Turkey
Tuesday, 22 November 2016, at 14:00 hrs

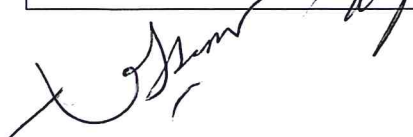
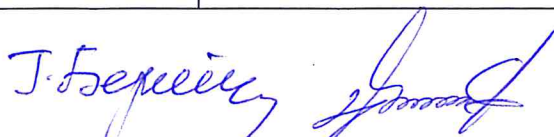
DECISIONS

At its 30th Meeting, held in Istanbul on 22nd November 2016, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:

1. Thanked the BSEC Deputy Secretary General, H.E. Ambassador Traian Chebeleu, IRU Secretary General, Mr. Umberto de Pretto, AULT Chairman Mr. Malek Haddad and AULT Secretary General Dr. Mahmoud Abdallatt for their high-level participation and invaluable contributions in the General Assembly.
2. Adopted the Agenda (G4640/Corr) and approved the Minutes of its 29th Meeting (G4641).
3. Took note of the UND Presentation on challenges and opportunities before inter-regional road transport, which focused on development of combined transport across the Caspian Sea.
4. Took note of the verbal report of the BSEC-URTA Management Council.
5. Evaluated the Activity Report on the BSEC-URTA Priorities in 2016 as follows (G4643):
 - a) Structural reformation of the BSEC-URTA
 - *Review of the BSEC-URTA Statutes was accomplished during the 29th meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly.*
 - 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.
 - *System remained unchanged in 2016.*
 - *Progress targeted during upcoming meeting of the Steering Committee of the MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC region.*
 - c) Continuation of implementation of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Harmonization Convention, 1982.
 - *Contacts with Serbia, Ukraine and Romania still pending.*
 - d) Implementation of the TIR-EPD Green Lanes, including new TIR tools and products, on the main road transport corridors in the BSEC region.
 - *eTIR Pilot Project Turkey/Iran continues in Phase 2 with participation of more fleet operators.*
 - *eTIR Pilot Project Moldova/Ukraine in the pipeline. IRU-Customs Administrations Technical Meeting was held.*
 - *eTIR Pilot Project Ukraine/Turkey was agreed upon by Turkish and Ukrainian Customs Administrations on 12-14 October 2016.*
6. Took note of the report of the 2nd Meeting of the ad hoc Working Party on Insurance (WPI/4632) and verbal report of its 3rd Meeting held one day before, as presented by the International Secretariat.

7. Took note of the verbal report of the 2nd Meeting of the ad hoc Working Party on Passenger Transport, as presented by BSEC-URTA President.
8. Considered the IRU-BSEC Study on Intermodal TIR (G4642).
9. Upon recommendation of the Management Council, decided to renew the MoU between BSEC-URTA and transport related BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partners, namely BASPA, BINSAs and BRASS, on the occasion of the International Black Sea Transport Forum 2016 in Istanbul on 23 November 2016 (G4644), and mandated Secretary General and President for its signature.
10. Adopted report of the International Secretariat on State of Affairs of the Cooperation with the AULT including the BSEC-URTA/AULT Joint Action Plan 2016-2017 (G4645). Welcomed the AULT proposal to organise regular bilateral working meetings to monitor implementation of the Joint Action Plan.
11. Reviewed the vision, mission and strategic objectives of the BSEC-URTA and adopted the BSEC-URTA Working Programme for 2017 (G4645).
12. Upon request of the competent Turkish authorities dated on 8 November 2016, TOBB proposal dated on 21 November 2016 as well as recommendation of the ad hoc Working Party on Transport Insurance dated on 21 November 2016 and the recommendation of the Management Council, adopted the attached amendments to the BSEC-URTA Statutes and Financial Regulations in Annex 1.
13. Upon recommendation of the Management Council and in compliance with Article 6 of the BSEC-URTA Statutes; decided to grant Observer status to LVS for 5 years (1 January 2017-31 December 2021) with an annual contribution fee of €1,000.
14. Approved the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2016 (G4646). Requested the Management Council to review level of contributions by Member Associations and propose any improvements, if possible, to the next meeting of the General Assembly.
15. Elected Mr. Ilirjan Mataj (ANALTIR) and Mr. Radu Dinescu (UNTRR) as BSEC-URTA Vice-Presidents for 2017-2018 in accordance with Article 10 of the BSEC-URTA Statutes.
16. Elected Ms. Asli Gozutok (TOBB) as BSEC-URTA President for 2017-2020.
17. Upon recommendation of TOBB, elected Mr. Vladimir Florea as Honorary President as of 1st January 2017, when he completes his 10 years of serve as BSEC-URTA President.
18. Upon proposal of the President-elect, elected Mr. Georgy Petarneychev (AEBTRI) as Deputy President for 2017-2018.
19. Requested incoming Management Council to identify and take adequate measures to improve executive capacity of the International Secretariat.
20. Decided to hold its 31st Meeting in Turkey back-to-back with BSEC Ministerial Meeting under the Turkish Chairmanship-in-office from 1 January to 30 June 2017.
21. Thanked TOBB and UND for their generous hospitality and kind support extended to all the participants.
22. Adopted and undersigned these Decisions of the 30th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Istanbul on 22 November 2016.

Vladimir FLOREA, BSEC-URTA President	
(ANALTIR) Ilirjan MATAJ	(ABADA) Tofiq NURULLAYEV

(AIRCA) Herbert HAMBARDZUMYAN	(AEBTRI) Georgy Petarneychev
(GIRCA) Alexander CHKHEIDZE	(OFAE) Apostolos KENANIDIS
(AITA) Grigore BERNAVSCHI	(UNTRR) Radu DINESCU
(UND) Fatih ŞENER	(TOBB) Halim METE
(ASMAP UA)	

Annex 1

BSEC-URTA STATUTES	
CURRENT VERSION	NEW VERSION
<p>Article 2 – Functions</p> <p>BSEC-URTA shall act in all matters of transport policy, road transport policy in particular. The principal task of BSEC-URTA shall be, in particular, on its own initiative and independently, to promote actively the development of road transport in the BSEC countries and the region as well as the neighbouring regions to safeguard the interests of its Members vis-à-vis the Governments and international bodies and to undertake all the necessary action to reduce and progressively eliminate the barriers to the road transport and support road transport play its substantial role in the multi-modal supply chain. BSEC-URTA shall aim at developing cooperation and promoting exchange of information and experience among its members as well as facilitating multilateral cooperation projects in the field of transport on a regional or inter-regional basis. BSEC-URTA shall carry out its activities in close co-operation with the IRU, the BSEC and its Related Bodies as well as</p>	<p>Article 2 – Functions</p> <p>BSEC-URTA shall act in all matters of transport policy, road transport policy in particular. The principal task of BSEC-URTA shall be, in particular, on its own initiative and independently, to promote actively the development of road transport in the BSEC countries and the region as well as the neighbouring regions to safeguard the interests of its Members vis-à-vis the Governments and international bodies and to undertake all the necessary action to reduce and progressively eliminate the barriers to the road transport and support road transport play its substantial role in the multi-modal supply chain. BSEC-URTA shall aim at developing cooperation and promoting exchange of information and experience among its members as well as facilitating multilateral cooperation projects in the field of transport on a regional or inter-regional basis. BSEC-URTA shall carry out its activities in close co-operation with the IRU, the BSEC and its Related Bodies as well as</p>

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<p>transport related leading organisations, associations and entities in the neighbouring regions.</p>	<p>transport related leading organisations, associations and entities in the neighbouring regions. In order to generate revenues for the realisation of its abovementioned objectives, BSEC-URTA may establish economic, commercial, industrial enterprises or form partnerships, or participate in existing enterprises or partnerships.</p>
<p>Article 10 – Elections</p> <p>The term of office of the BSEC-URTA President is 4 years. The President will be elected by two-thirds majority of the Members and simple majority of the core Members. If this cannot be reached, a second round of elections will be held between the two candidates having the highest votes in the first round. In this case, the new President will be elected by simple majority of the Members and simple majority of the core Members in the second round of elections.</p> <p>The President may nominate a BSEC-URTA Deputy President among any representatives of the Member Associations or Honorary Members, who is elected together with the President. The term of office of the BSEC-URTA Deputy President, if any, is 2 years, which begins at the same date as the President. The election of the BSEC-URTA Deputy President is subject to the same rules as the President.</p> <p>BSEC-URTA Founding President shall be the life-time BSEC-URTA Honorary President.</p> <p>The term of office of the BSEC-URTA Vice-Presidents is 2 years each. The Vice-Presidents will be nominated by rotation in English alphabetical order of the names of the countries represented in BSEC-URTA. For selecting one Vice-President A-Z alphabetical order will be followed while Z-A for selecting the other Vice-President.</p> <p>If due to this rotation, the President or the Deputy President and Vice-Presidents are foreseen to come from the same country at the same time, the Vice-President will be elected from the next country in the alphabetical order.</p> <p>The nominations for the posts of President and of Vice-President must be addressed by the Members to the BSEC-URTA Secretary General 30 days prior to the elections, and be annexed to the agenda of the meeting, except in imperative and exceptional cases approved by BSEC-URTA.</p> <p>Voting shall take place under the conditions set out in Article 9 above.</p>	<p>Article 10 – Elections</p> <p>The term of office of the BSEC-URTA President is 4 years. The President will be elected by two-thirds majority of the Members and simple majority of the core Members. If this cannot be reached, a second round of elections will be held between the two candidates having the highest votes in the first round. In this case, the new President will be elected by simple majority of the Members and simple majority of the core Members in the second round of elections.</p> <p>The President may nominate a BSEC-URTA Deputy President among any representatives of the Member Associations or Honorary Members, who is elected together with the President. The term of office of the BSEC-URTA Deputy President, if any, is 2 years, which begins at the same date as the President. The election of the BSEC-URTA Deputy President is subject to the same rules as the President.</p> <p>BSEC-URTA Founding President as well as any President, who served BSEC-URTA as President for at least 10 years, shall be the life-time BSEC-URTA Honorary President(s).</p> <p>The term of office of the BSEC-URTA Vice-Presidents is 2 years each. The Vice-Presidents will be nominated by rotation in English alphabetical order of the names of the countries represented in BSEC-URTA. For selecting one Vice-President A-Z alphabetical order will be followed while Z-A for selecting the other Vice-President.</p> <p>If due to this rotation, the President or the Deputy President and Vice-Presidents are foreseen to come from the same country at the same time, the Vice-President will be elected from the next country in the alphabetical order.</p> <p>The nominations for the posts of President and of Vice-President must be addressed by the Members to the BSEC-URTA Secretary General 30 days prior to the elections, and be annexed to the agenda of the meeting, except in imperative and exceptional cases approved by BSEC-URTA.</p> <p>Voting shall take place under the conditions set out in Article 9 above.</p>
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The President shall preside over the work of the Management Council.

In his absence, the Management Council shall be presided by the Deputy President, if any, or the Vice-President who is the longest standing and subsidiary, the eldest.

The Management Council has the following functions:

- 1) It shall be responsible for co-ordinating the work of BSEC-URTA with view to strengthening and increasing the efficiency of its internal and external activities.
- 2) It shall take note of the activities of BSEC-URTA and determine the priorities for work.
- 3) It shall institute a continuous dialogue and defend the unity of the BSEC-URTA and the profession, while respecting the responsibilities of BSEC-URTA.
- 4) It shall entrust the Secretary General with applying and complying with all the transport policy decisions taken in accordance with Article 2 of these Statutes.
- 5) It may also invite anyone to assist in its work.
- 6) It shall supervise the implementation of the working programme approved by the BSEC-URTA.
- 7) It shall examine the requests for Member or Observer status or any nominations for Honorary Member status as well as a necessity to suspend, prolong, terminate or annul an existing status under Articles 4, 5 and 6 of these Statutes.

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- 4) **Its Members, including those with consultative status, shall be ready to take active role in leading ad hoc BSEC-URTA Working Parties and participating in the BSEC-URTA delegations to the meetings of the BSEC Organization.**
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BSEC-URTA President shall have the authority at any time to assign special tasks and responsibilities to Deputy President, if any, Vice-Presidents as well as Honorary Presidents with a view to fulfilling the abovementioned functions.

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	<p>[NEW] Article 22 – Legislation</p> <p>On matters, which are not regulated under these Statutes, the laws of the Republic of Turkey shall apply, notably the Law no. 3335 on Establishment of Organizations with International Nature, Law no. 5253 on Associations, Civil Law no. 4721 and regulations enforced under these laws.</p>
<p>BSEC-URTA FINANCIAL REGULATIONS</p>	
<p>CURRENT VERSION</p>	<p>NEW VERSION</p>
	<p>SECTION VI</p> <p>Organizational and Travel Expenses</p> <p>[NEW] Article 8</p> <p>Reimbursement of travel expenses of the members, including members of the Management Council and any assigned persons by the President, shall be within approved budget of the BSEC-URTA and subject to President's prior written approval of such missions.</p>

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