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30th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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MINUTES OF THE 29TH MEETING OF BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BUCHAREST-26 MAY 2016

FIRST SESSION

I. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Vladimir Florea, as Chairman, welcomed the participants and guests of the 29th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Bucharest and thanked the BSEC Business Council Secretary General Victor Arkhypov, representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC Organization Senator Marian Vasilev, IRU Secretary General Umberto de Pretto, the Delegation of the Arab Union of Land Transport (AULT) led by its Secretary General Dr. Mahmoud Abdallatt, as well as high-level representatives of the associations, for their participation and invaluable contributions to the General Assembly

Mr. Radu Dinescu, Deputy President of BSEC-URTA and Secretary General of UNTRR expressed his pleasure to host the 29th 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 29th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly (G4520/corr.)
The Agenda of the Meeting (G4520/corr.) was adopted, unanimously.

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

The Chairman invited to consider the Minutes of the 28th General Assembly.

Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly (G4521) 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. He briefed on the progress made on the BSEC-URTA Priorities for 2016, 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

The Chairman showed that the Management Council reviewed the draft Resolution on EU Transport and Competition Matters (G4524/corr.) and agreed to present it to the consideration of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly for approval. At the same time the Management Council endorsed modifications to the BSEC-URTA Statutes as elaborated by the International Secretariat according to the decisions of its 38th meeting in Istanbul on 4 February 2016, and agreed to recommend to the General Assembly their adoption in order to improve efficiency of the Organisation and reinforce its activities on inter-regional level (G4525/corr). He informed that was also discussed the request of AULT for Observer status to the BSEC-URTA and the Management Council agreed to recommend to the General Assembly granting it on reciprocity basis to the AULT for indefinite period and without any financial contribution to the BSEC-URTA Budget.

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 2015 (G4522). It was observed a minor decrease in the total BSEC international road transport market due to shrinking foreign trade of BSEC countries. The meeting called on all BSEC-URTA Member Associations to support the International Secretariat in providing necessary information for the Outlook Report.

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

VII. REPORT OF THE AD HOC WORKING PARTY ON PASSENGER TRANSPORT

The Chairman gave the floor to Ms Asli Gozutok (TOBB) to present information on the work done so far by the BSEC-URTA Ad Hoc Working Party on Passenger Transport. It was noted the report of the ad hoc Working Party on Passenger Transport as presented by Ms. Gozutok and it was endorsed its Working Programme for 2016-2017 (WPP/4538/corr).

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

VIII. REPORT OF THE AD HOC WORKING PARTY ON INSURANCE

The Chairman asked the International Secretariat to present the work done so far by the BSEC-URTA Ad Hoc Working Party on Insurance. The meeting took note of the report of the ad hoc Working Party on Insurance as presented by Mr. Sancar Suer and endorsed its Working Programme for 2016-2017 (WPI/4506).

The Chairman thanked Mr. Suer for his presentation and 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 2016 (G4523)

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 2016 (G4523). The followings were noted:

- a) Structural reformation of the BSEC-URTA

- *Review of the BSEC-URTA Statutes is due to be completed 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 Serbian Chairmanship-in-office in the second half of 2016.*
- c) Continuation of implementation of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Harmonization Convention, 1982.
- *New EU countries confirmed to the UNECE their readiness to recognise IVWC.*
 - *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 reached Phase 2 with participation of more fleet operators.*
 - *eTIR Pilot Project Moldova/Ukraine in the pipeline.*
 - *eTIR Pilot Project Ukraine/Turkey under consideration of the concerned authorities.*

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

X. RESOLUTION ON EU TRANSPORT AND COMPETITION MATTERS (G4524/CORR.)

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Radu Dinescu who presented the draft of a Resolution which calls on EU Member States to stop discriminating the non EU Hauliers performing transport operations in transit or in bilateral transport by increasing the transit and bilateral permit quotas, abolishing actual requirements on wages of professional drivers and obligatory weekend rest while performing transport operations out of vehicles parked in organized and secure parking places, fines, etc.

Unanimously the General Assembly approved the Resolution(G4524/Corr) and mandated the International Secretariat to take necessary action for its dissemination and promotion on international level.

XI. AULT REQUEST FOR BSEC-URTA OBSERVER STATUS

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr Adrian Albu who informed the meeting on the official letter from AULT received by the International Secretariat requesting to be granted BSEC-URTA Observer Status. He also informed the meeting on the Management Council decision to propose the General Assembly to grant Observer status to AULT on a reciprocity basis. The Chairman invited the Secretary General of AULT, Dr. Mahmmud Abdallatt to present his organization and motivate the request for being granted Observer status.

Upon the presentation made by AULT Secretary General and following the proposal of the BSEC-URTA Management Council, the General Assembly granted Observer status on reciprocity basis to the AULT for indefinite period and without any financial contribution to the BSEC-URTA Budget.

XII. UN GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT (GPST) (G4527)

The Chairman invited the IRU Under Secretary General Mr. Igor Rounov to present the meeting information on the UN Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport (GPST) (G4527), In the end of his presentation Mr. Rounov called on BSEC-URTA and its Members to fill in the GPST Membership Application Form and be part of the future UN work on GPST. He informed that BSEC-URTA may develop future cooperation with GPST, which cooperates with the World Bank to monitor main transport connections between Europe and Asia. The General Assembly welcomed the information presented and the invitation made by Mr. Rounov and decided to consider it on a level of member association basis.

XIII. BSEC TRANSPORT FORUM 2016

The Chairman gave the floor to the BSEC-URTA Secretary General, Mr. Haydar Ozkan to inform the General Assembly in regard organization of a BSEC Transport Forum in 2016.

Mr. Ozkan presented the General Assembly the discussions during the meeting of the Management Council which led to a proposal to the General Assembly to approve organization of such an event. The General Assembly approved organization of the BSEC Transport Forum 2016 in Istanbul on 30 November 2016 in partnership with the IRU (G4528) and mandated usage of €12.000 from the BSEC-URTA reserves for this purpose. The International Secretariat will make contacts with the BSEC PERMIS and the AULT to obtain their support, as possible, to this Forum, which will also mark 15th Anniversary of the BSEC-URTA.

XIV. AMMENDMENTS TO THE BSEC-URTA STATUTES

The Chairman invited the Secretary, Mr. Haydar Ozkan to present the meeting the amendment proposals to the BSEC-URTA Statutes having the purpose to improve efficiency of the Organisation and reinforce its activities on inter-regional level.

The meeting considered article by article the actual Statutes of BSEC-URTA and in a parallel mirror view the amendment proposals and decided to adopt the set of modifications to the BSEC-URTA Statutes, which were proposed by the BSEC-URTA Management Council in order to improve efficiency of the Organisation and reinforce its activities on inter-regional level (G4525/corr). At the same time the General Assembly decided that any changes to the terms of office with respect to the BSEC-URTA elections will take effect starting from 1 January 2017.

XV. AUDIT REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BSEC-URTA BUDGET FOR 2015 (G4530)

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Alper Ozel (UND), elected auditor on behalf of BSEC-URTA Auditors (2014-2015) to present the General Assembly the Audit Report on the BSEC-URTA Budget and Accounts- 2015. The General Assembly approved the Audit Report on Implementation of the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2015 (G4530).

XVI. ELECTION OF BSEC-URTA AUDITORS FOR 2016-2017

The Chairman asked the Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Adrian Albu to inform the meeting on the subject matter. Mr. Albu showed that the term of office of the elected auditors for 2014-2015 expired with the report presented by Mr. Alper Ozel and according to the Audit rules the meeting should elect three persons for the auditing of implementation of the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2016 and 2017.

The General Assembly unanimously elected Ms. Asli Gozutok (TOBB), Mr. Gia Tsipura (GIRCA) and Mr. Alper Ozel (UND) as Auditors for 2016-2017.

XVII. NEXT MEETING OF BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Chairman recalled the decision of the General Assembly to organise the BSEC Transport Forum 2016 in Istanbul on 30 November 2016 in partnership with the IRU (G4528) which will also mark 15th Anniversary of the BSEC-URTA. He proposed the General Assembly to approve holding the 30th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly back to back with the above mentioned Forum. The General Assembly decided to organise the autumn session of BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Istanbul on 1 December 2016 back to back with the BSEC Transport Forum 2016 in Istanbul on 30 November 2016.

XVIII. DECISIONS OF THE 29TH 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.

XIX. 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 29th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly was closed, officially.