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## 30<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

### ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES FOR 2016

Since the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held in Bucharest, Romania, on 26 May 2016, 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 2016 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 26 MAY 2016 AND 22 NOVEMBER 2016

PRIORITY	ACTIONS	RESULTS
Structural reformation of BSEC-URTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Modifications to the BSEC-URTA Statutes in order to improve the organisational structure;</li> <li>- Operationalize road passenger transport section within the BSEC-URTA as of 2016;</li> <li>- 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 products;</li> <li>- Potential new members and observers across the BSEC, LAS and ECO regions and the countries enjoying</li> </ul>	<p>The amendments to the BSEC-URTA Statutes, as approved by the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Bucharest on 26 May 2016, were reported to the Turkish competent authorities for official legal registration.</p> <p>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Working Party on Passenger Transport will be held in Istanbul at the BSEC Premises on 22 November 2016 back to back with the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly.</p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Working Party on Insurance was held in Bucharest on 7 September 2016.</p> <p>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Working Party on Insurance will be held in Istanbul on 21 November 2016.</p> <p>The Working Party works together with interested insurance companies from the BSEC region for possible development of a regional CMR product as a first step.</p> <p>The International Secretariat proposals to the IRU Member Associations THADA (Turkmenistan), ABBAT (Tajikistan) and ICCIMA (Iran) to become BSEC-URTA Observers are still under consideration by the subject Associations.</p> <p>The 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly</p>

	<p>special status with BSEC and ECO organisations;</p>	<p>in Bucharest on 26 May 2016 granted Observer Status to the Arab Union of Land Transport (AULT).</p> <p>A High Level AULT/BSEC-URTA Bilateral Meeting was held in Beirut on 4-5 September 2016 in order to lay out main principles and framework for bilateral cooperation.</p> <p>AULT and BSEC-URTA Secretaries General met in Istanbul on 22 September 2016 and elaborated a comprehensive Action Plan for AULT/BSEC-URTA Bilateral Cooperation in 2016-2017, which will be considered by the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly for approval.</p>
<p>Further enlargement of the geographical coverage of the BSEC Permit, extension of its usage on a voluntary basis to the 3<sup>rd</sup> country transport and shift from one trip usage by a truck to multiple trips usage by a company.</p>	<p>The Meeting of the BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods, which was scheduled to take place at the BSEC PERMIS on 3-4 October 2016, was postponed.</p> <p>BSEC PERMIS and BSEC-URTA requested the BSEC Member States parties to the BSEC Permit to present written information on usage of the permits in 2016 and to consider its development in 2017 by allowing multiple trips and 3<sup>rd</sup> Country transport operations.</p> <p>BSEC-URTA presented its views to the Meeting of Ministers of Transport of BSEC Member States in Belgrade on 1 November 2016, and called on Ministers to make further progress as well as inviting Member States, which are not participating in the BSEC Permit, yet, to join.</p> <p>Maintained contacts with ICCIMA (Iran) in order to encourage together the Iranian authorities consider joining the BSEC Permit system.</p>	<p>BSEC Member States parties to the BSEC Permit system will hold a meeting in Istanbul on 10 November 2016, which will consider implementation of the system in 2017 including its further development.</p> <p>In 2016, the system was based upon 450 permits per country, which are good for both bilateral and transit transport operations among and through territories of the participating States.</p> <p>The Ministers took note of the BSEC-URTA presentation, favourably.</p> <p>Joint efforts with ICCIMA are needed and to be planned in order to obtain a clear position of the Iranian authorities on this matter.</p>

<p>Continuation of implementation of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Harmonization Convention, 1982.</p>	<p>The Meeting of the BSEC Task Force on IVWC and the Meeting of the BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods, which were planned to take place at the BSEC PERMIS on 3-4 October 2016, were both postponed due to lack of participation from the BSEC Member States.</p> <p>BSEC-URTA called on the BSEC Ministers of Transport in Belgrade on 1 November 2016, to re-energise their competent authorities to take part and expand the IVWC Pilot Project.</p>	<p>8 BSEC Member States decided to implement the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN Harmonization Convention. However, it is observed that their actual interest is diluted and cannot energise the project.</p> <p>The Ministers took note of the BSEC-URTA presentation, favourably.</p> <p>BSEC-URTA and BSEC PERMIS plan to address sending separate letters to participating countries to request for their appropriate measures to recognise the IVWCs issued by other Contracting Parties to the Harmonization Convention and to authorise their national weighing stations for the issuance of IVWCs in their territories.</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>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 Iran</p> <p>e-TIR Pilot Project between Moldova and Ukraine</p> <p>e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the Project is implemented with successful results.</p> <p>AITA, Moldovan Customs Authority, AIRCU, Ukrainian Customs Authority and IRU held meetings on technical and organizational matters related to implementation of the Pilot Project.</p> <p>TOBB and ASMAP-UA coordinate to obtain agreement of the Turkish and Ukrainian Customs Authorities to cooperate for an e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine.</p> <p>Turkish and Ukrainian Customs Administrations met in Kiev on 12-14 October 2016 and reached an agreement for implementation of an e-TIR pilot project to apply on combined and intermodal transport.</p>