
31st MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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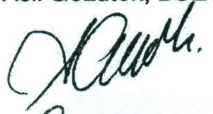
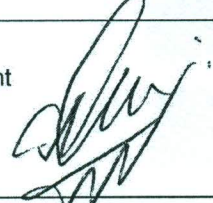


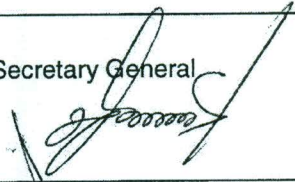


DECISIONS¹

At its 31st Meeting, held in Istanbul on 16 June 2017, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:

1. Thanked the IRU Secretary General, Mr. Umberto de Pretto, the Delegation of the Arab Union of Land Transport (AULT) led by its Vice-Chairman Mr. Carlos Al-Hasem and Secretary General, Dr Mahmoud Abdallatt, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, Mr. Artur Martirosyan, BSEC Project Coordinator, Mr. Evgeny Koziy, as well as BRASS Executive Director, Mr. Ivan Lazarov, for their high-level participation and invaluable contributions to the General Assembly. Welcomed the information by IRU Secretary General that India has just announced its accession to the TIR Convention and expressed its hope that this development will support further facilitation of trade and road transport across and beyond BSEC region.
2. Adopted its Agenda (G4790) and approved the Minutes of its 30th Meeting (G4791).
3. Noted the information provided by Mr. Sancar Suer, Chairman of Executive Committee of TOBB-UND Company on "Services to Road Transport Industry and Prospects for the BSEC region" and supported working together for developing a cooperation framework mutually beneficial to the parties in the future.
4. Took note of the verbal report of the BSEC-URTA Management Council.
5. Endorsed the Conclusions of the joint "BSEC-URTA/IRU/BSEC/TOBB Seminar on Computerization of the TIR Procedures and other Road Transport related Documents" in Istanbul on 15 June 2017 and instructed the International Secretariat to disseminate them to the BSEC PERMIS, competent authorities of the BSEC Member States as well as other concerned regional and international organizations and entities.
6. Took note of the report of the 4th Meeting of the ad hoc Working Party on Insurance (WPI/4771) held in Istanbul on 14 March 2017 as presented by the Chairperson Ms. Natalia Polunina as well as her verbal report informing about recent developments of co-developing a regional CMR product with the participation of Swiss Re. The Working Party will hold its 5th meeting with Swiss Re's participation in September in order to elaborate all parameters of a new regional CMR product for final consideration of the General Assembly at its next meeting.
7. Took note of the report of the 3rd Meeting of the ad hoc Working Party on Passenger Transport held in Istanbul on 22 November 2016 (WPP/4754), as presented by BSEC-URTA Honorary President, Mr. Vladimir Florea.
8. Took note of the Activity Report on BSEC-URTA Priorities for 2017 (G4793):
 - a) Increase and diversify BSEC-URTA revenues:
 - *Contacts were maintained with potential new members and observers.*
 - *AULT and BSEC-URTA agreed to make a joint project application to the IsDB in 2017.*
 - *The Working Party on Insurance continued its work together with interested insurance companies from the BSEC region for possible development of a regional CMR product.*
 - *Preliminary consultations are held with TOBB-UND Company in order to develop a business model for promoting its services on regional level.*
 - b) Develop further and expand BSEC Permit to Eurasia:
 - *The system remained unchanged in 2017. 4 of the 8 participating countries, namely Romania, Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova recognised on reciprocity basis the BSEC Permits good for 3rd country transport operations in their territories.*
 - *ICCIMA (Iran) maintains interest for supporting participation of Iran in the system.*

¹ Adopted unanimously unless otherwise stated.

- c) Support Working Party on Insurance developing BSEC CMR Insurance:
- *4th Meeting of the ad hoc Working Party took place in Istanbul on 14 March 2017. With support of the President, JLT Turkey was engaged to elaborate a base report on structure of an ideal insurance pool and draw a road map for a competitive single CMR policy based upon market data and statistics from CIS, EU and Turkey.*
 - *An inter-regional transport insurance forum is planned together with AULT in Istanbul back-to-back with autumn session of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly.*
 - *IRU initiatives for eCMR along a Balkan route are followed, closely.*
 - *Exploratory contacts were started with the International Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC) for a possible free-of-charge arbitration component embedded in a future BSEC CMR insurance product.*
- d) Submit AULT/ BSEC-URTA joint ADR Project to IsDB:
- *A coordination meeting was held with the AULT Secretary General on setting up a project action plan in Istanbul on 22 March 2017.*
 - *On the occasion of 104th Ministerial Session of the Arab Economic Unity Council in Cairo, Egypt on 24 May 2017, BSEC-URTA Secretary General continued consultations with AULT Chairman and Secretary General towards an implementation road map.*
- e) Follow eTIR Pilot Projects:
- *2nd stage of the e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Iran is implemented with successful results*
 - *AITA, Moldovan Customs Authority, AIRCU, Ukrainian Customs Authority and IRU held meetings on technical and organizational matters related to implementation of a new Pilot Project between Moldova and Ukraine.*
 - *TOBB and ASMAP-UA cooperated to obtain agreement of the Turkish and Ukrainian Customs Authorities for an e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine.*
9. Expressed its disappointment for lack of progress in further development of the BSEC Permit despite the news that Russia considers joining. Requested President and Secretary General to meet with BSEC Secretary General in order to obtain his assistance in reviving the interest of the Member States.
10. Welcomed the report by the Legal Advisor Mr. Sancar Suer on a recent meeting with Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC), which agreed developing cooperation with BSEC-URTA for specialised, speedy and low cost alternative dispute resolution services to BSEC road transport industry. Welcomed remarks by IRU Secretary General about potentials of transforming this cooperation from regional to global levels also involving the ICC in the future. Mandated the Secretary General and Legal Advisor to elaborate a draft MoU with ISTAC, which will contain a time bound road map, for consideration of Management Council and approval of the General Assembly at their next meetings.
11. Took note of concerns stated by the AULT Delegation on recent developments in the Gulf region, which penalised the road transport much, and expressed readiness to consider and support a future AULT declaration or position paper on this matter if it will be made available to it by the AULT side in the future.
12. Approved the Audit Report on Implementation of the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2016 (G4800).
13. Elected Mrs. Vilianna Ivanova (AEBTRI) and Mr. Eduart Kasa (ANALTIR) as BSEC-URTA Auditors for 2017 in order to replace and undertake remaining term of office of Ms. Asli Gozutok, who was elected as BSEC-URTA President from 1 January 2017, and Mr. Alper Ozel, who left UND in May 2017.
14. Upon recommendation of the Management Council, granted Observer status to TOBB-UND Company for 5 years (1 January 2017-31 December 2021) with an annual contribution fee of €1,000.
15. Took note of the information provided by the BSEC-URTA Secretary General and expressed its support for reinforcement of the International Secretariat within the available financial resources.
16. Upon kind invitation of ANALTIR, agreed to hold its next meeting in Tirana in 12-13 October 2017.
17. Thanked TOBB for hosting the meeting and for the very warm hospitality extended to all participants.
18. Adopted and undersigned these Decisions of the 31st Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Istanbul on 16 June 2017.

Asli Gozutok, BSEC-URTA President 	
(ANALTIR) Ilirjan MATAJ, President 	(ABADA) Tofiq NURULLAYEV, President 
(AEBTRI) Georgi PETARNEYCHEV, President 	(GIRCA) Gia Tsipuria, Secretary General 
(AITA) Grigore BERNAVSCHI, President 	(UNTRR) Radu DINESCU, Secretary General 
(TOBB) Halim METE, Vice President	(UND) Fathi SENER, Executive Committee Chairman 