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32nd MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tirana International Hotel

Tirana - Albania

Friday, 13 October 2017 at 10:00 hrs

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ISTANBUL ARBITRATION CENTER (ISTAC) AND THE UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORT ASSOCIATIONS IN THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION REGION (BSEC-URTA)

At its 31st Meeting, held in Istanbul on 16 June 2017, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly, mandated the Secretary General and Legal Advisor to elaborate a draft MoU with ISTAC and requested the Secretariat to include in the agenda this item for consideration and approval of the General Assembly at their next meeting in Tirana on 13 October 2017.

The text of the above MoU is reproduced below.

COOPERATION PROTOCOL between ISTAC & BSEC URTA

I-) PARTIES

Parties of the protocol are;

The Istanbul Arbitration Centre located at TOBB Plaza, Harman Sokak No:10/6, Esentepe/Istanbul (hereinafter the ISTAC) and Union of Road Transport Associations in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Region located at TOBB Plaza, Harman Sokak, No: 10 Kat:10, Esentepe / Istanbul (hereinafter BSEC URTA).

II-) PURPOSE

ISTAC, that is established for the purpose of resolving domestic or international disputes via arbitration or other alternative dispute resolution methods and BSEC URTA, that is established in order to promote actively the development of road transport in the BSEC countries and the region and to undertake all the necessary action to reduce and progressively eliminate the barriers to the road transport; *aims to cooperate* in promotion, announcement and spreading of alternative dispute resolution and ISTAC to BSEC URTA members operating in road transport sector, organization of conferences, trainings and lectures about the ISTAC Arbitration & Mediation Rules, provision of a contact point service and lists of persons that may be able to work as an arbitrator or an expert by BSEC URTA.

III-) IMPLEMENTATION:

Parties to the protocol accepts and commit;

- a) to make announcements to the BSEC URTA members by the BSEC URTA, concerning ISTAC Arbitration & Mediation Rules and advantages offered by these rules in the field of road transport,
- b) to encourage BSEC URTA members to apply the ISTAC in order to use ADR methods,

- c) that the “CONTACT POINT” that will be established by the BSEC URTA, will work in full coordination with and under the instruction of an authorized board member of ISTAC and ISTAC Secretary General,
- d) that main functions of the Contact Point to be established will be,
1. to work for the dissemination of arbitration and alternative dispute resolution methods (ADR) and ISTAC Rules, to make necessary announcements and provide information to BSEC URTA members in that manner,
 2. to work for the promotion and announcement of ISTAC,
 3. to ensure that the person or persons to be appointed by BSEC URTA and its members to work for the contact point, will start to perform their duties, after the training program to be given by ISTAC,
- e) that a link will be provided from the websites of the both Parties about the cooperation to be established between the respective institutions and the relevant announcements will be made,
- f) that ISTAC will cooperate in order to organize trainings, conferences or seminar programs on arbitration and mediation for BSEC URTA members, and that the content, duration and method of these activities will be implemented within the framework of a task plan jointly designed by the two institutions,
- g) that the criteria for the persons to be proposed by the BSEC URTA to serve as an arbitrator or expert at ISTAC will be jointly determined by the two institutions and subsequently the list prepared in this regard shall be submitted to the ISTAC,
- h) that BSEC URTA provides maximum support to the work in order to establish a working commission within ISTAC related to BSEC URTA’s field of activity, especially road transport and logistics issues, and participates in the commission to be established,
- i) to work in order to develop and share best practice examples for alternative dispute resolution in the area of road transport and logistics.

This protocol, in duplicate, signed by the following authorities on the date

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| On behalf of ISTAC President of the Executive Board Prof. Dr. Ziya Akıncı | On behalf of BSEC URTA |
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