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**33<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**


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Grand Hotel Sofia  
Sofia - Bulgaria  
Friday, 8 June 2018 at 10:30 hrs

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**DECISIONS<sup>1</sup>**


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At its 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting, held in Sofia on 8 June 2017, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:

1. Thanked H. E. VELIK ZANCHEV - Deputy Minister of Transportation, IT and Communications, H.E. Ambassador MICHAEL B. CHRISTIDES - BSEC Secretary General, Mr. PETER KANEV - Vice President of Parliamentary Assembly of Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC), Mr. UMBERTO DE PRETTO - IRU Secretary General, the Delegation of the Arab Union of Land Transport (AULT) led by Mr. MALEK HADDAD - Chairman, Mr. CARLOS SALIM AL HASHIM - Vice-Chairman and Dr. MAHMOUD ABDALLATT - Secretary General, Prof. Dr. ZIYA AKINCI – President of the Executive Board of Istanbul Arbitration Centre, Dr. CANDAN YASAN TEPETAS – Secretary General of Istanbul Arbitration Centre, Mr. DIMITAR SAVOV, Director Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA, Ms. TSVETELINA ILIEVA-YORDANOVA, Deputy Executive Director of Road Transport Agency, Ministry of Transport, Information and Technology of Bulgaria, Mrs. ELISAVETA TAKOVA – Chief Expert Customs Activity and Methodology Directorate of National Customs Administration of Bulgaria and Mr. DOBRIL NENOV – Chief Expert Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate of National Customs Administration of Bulgaria for their high-level participation and invaluable contributions to the General Assembly.
2. Paid a moment of silence in the memory of Mr. Alexander CHKEIDZE, former President of GIRCA and Founder Member of BSEC-URTA who passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.
3. Adopted its Agenda (G4982/corr1) and approved the Minutes of its 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting (G4984).
4. Noted the information provided by Ms. Viliانا IVANOVA, Head of TIR Claims of AEBTRI on "Road Transport System in Bulgaria and Services provided by AEBTRI to Road Transport Industry".
5. Took note of the verbal report of the BSEC-URTA Management Council presented by the President of BSEC-URTA.
6. Evaluated the information provided by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General on the repeated queues and long waiting times at the borders of Turkey with Bulgaria and Greece and in order to adopt a BSEC-URTA Resolution on Implementation of Facilitation Measures designed to Optimize Crossing at Turkey, Bulgaria and Greece Main Land Borders, decided to set up a BSEC-URTA Ad Hoc Working Party to analyze the existing problems at the internal and external borders along the main road corridors crossing the BSEC region with a view to find and propose concrete solutions to governments of BSEC Member States, European Union, Middle East and Central Asia and follow up their implementation. In its activities the BSEC-URTA Ad Hoc Working Party will cooperate with experts from IRU, UNECE, BSEC and other international organizations acting in the international road transport field. The results of the BSEC-URTA Ad Hoc Working Party activities will be basis for the above mentioned Resolution, having this time a wider scope and coverage. This Resolution will be later disseminated to the concerned organizations and authorities and will be presented beginning with the forthcoming BSEC Transport and Customs related meetings to be held during the Azeri Chairmanship of BSEC Organization, 1 July-31 December 2018, with the request to be implemented.



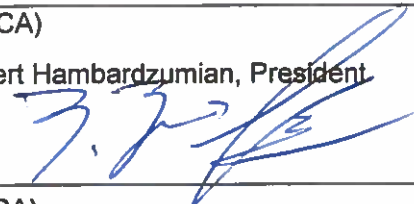
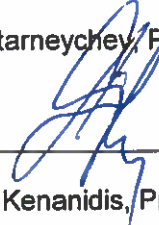






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<sup>1</sup> Adopted unanimously unless otherwise stated.

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7. Took note of the report of the 6th Meeting of the Ad hoc Working Party on Insurance (WPI/4986) held in Istanbul on 7 February 2018 as presented by the Chairperson Ms. Natalia POLUNINA and decided to endorse it.
8. Evaluated the development of cooperation between Istanbul Arbitration Center (ISTAC) and BSEC-URTA and mandated the International Secretariat to follow the implementation of steps foreseen in the action plan for 2018.
9. Took note with appreciation the information provided by the BSEC Secretary General on the BSEC-URTA participation in the BSEC Stand at the International Transport Forum, Leipzig during 23-25 May 2018.
10. Evaluated the Activity Report on BSEC-URTA Priorities for 2018 (G4987) and instructed the International Secretariat to continue a sustainable work for their implementation.
11. Approved the Audit Report on Implementation of the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2017 (G4973). Noted the information provided by the International Secretariat on non-receipt of the Observer fee from Rosgosstrakh for 2018 and following the explanations given by Rosgosstrakh representative Ms. Natalia POLUNINA decided to decrease the contribution fee for 2018 from 10,000 Euro to 2,500 Euro.
12. Took note of the information provided by the BSEC-URTA Secretary General on the appointment of Mr. Alpdogan KAHRAMAN as Deputy Secretary General for the period of 1 April 2018 - 1 April 2019 and expressed its support for reinforcement of the International Secretariat within the available financial resources.
13. Evaluated the information provided by the Legal Adviser, Mr. Sancar Sefer SUER, that there is no legal necessity to develop a commercial company next to BSEC-URTA, the existing provisions according to the Turkish legislation give a possibility to develop as part of BSEC-URTA of an economic structure which could deal with commercial operations of the organization. In this regard the General Assembly decided to establish an economic entity within the Union and authorized the Management Council to take all necessary steps to implement the General Assembly Decision.
14. Decided to grant BSEC-URTA Membership to AMERIT as of 1 January 2019 with a contribution fee of 4,000 EURO.
15. Noted the information provided by BSEC-URTA President on participation of the Secretary General to the founding meeting of Belt Road International Transport Alliance (BRITA) on 19 June 2018.
16. Agreed to hold its next meeting in Yerevan, Armenia on 5th October 2018.
17. Thanked AEBTRI for hosting the meeting and for the very warm hospitality extended to all participants.
18. Adopted and undersigned these Decisions of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Sofia on 8 June 2018.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials in blue ink, including 'gll', 'G. H. ...', 'AEBTRI', and various other signatures]*

<p>Asli Gozutok, BSEC-URTA President</p> 	
<p>(ANALTIR) Ilirjan Mataj, President</p> 	<p>(AIRCA) Herbert Hambardzumian, President</p> 
<p>(AEBTRI) Georgi Petarneychev, President</p> 	<p>(GIRCA) Nino Chkeidze, Secretary General</p> 
<p>(OFAE) Apostolos Kenanidis, President</p> 	<p>(AITA) Dumitru Albulesa, Director</p> 
<p>(UNTRR) Cornel Iordache, Director</p> 	<p>(TOBB) Selcan Balantekin, Expert</p> 
<p>(UND) Recai Sen, Chairman of the Executive Committee</p> 	<p>(ASMAP-UA) Olena Medvedeva, Executive Director</p> 