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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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### ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES FOR 2018

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Since the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held at Tirana - Albania, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 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 2018 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 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017 AND 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>RESULTS</b>
Increase and diversify BSEC-URTA revenues	Develop new Members / Observers / Donors / Sponsors;  Develop commercial activities.	Following contacts of BSEC-URTA President and the International Secretariat, IRU Member Associations THADA (Turkmenistan), ABBAT (Tajikistan) and ICCIMA (Iran) consider becoming BSEC-URTA Observers.  The International Secretariat continued consultations with VIATRANS and TOBB-UND Company in order to develop a business model for promoting their services on regional level.

<p>Develop further and expand BSEC Permit to Eurasia</p>	<p>Meeting of competent BSEC organs;</p> <p>System expansion;</p> <p>Development of a Multiple Permit System.</p>	<p>A Meeting of the BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods back-to-back with a Seminar on Trade and Transport Facilitation in the BSEC region were held on 18-19 October 2017.</p> <p>In 2018, the BSEC Permit system is based upon 500 permits per country, which are good for both bilateral and transit transport operations among and through territories of all 8 participating States.</p> <p>4 out of the 8 participating countries, namely Romania, Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova recognized on reciprocity basis the BSEC Permits good for 3<sup>rd</sup> country transport operations in their territories.</p> <p>ICCIMA (Iran) has continued interest for supporting participation of Iran in the BSEC Permit system subject to decision of its competent authorities and acceptance of BSEC Organization. ICCIMA is required to encourage the Iranian authorities make a final decision on this matter.</p> <p>4 out of the 8 participating countries, namely Albania, Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova agreed to initiate in 2018 a Pilot Project for a Multiple BSEC Permit System.</p>
<p>Support Working Party on Insurance developing BSEC CMR Insurance</p>	<p>Organize meetings of the <i>Ad hoc</i> Working Party on Insurance;</p>	<p>The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BSEC-URTA <i>ad hoc</i> Working Party on Insurance was held at the premises of TOBB Plaza in Istanbul on 7 February 2018.</p> <p>BSEC-URTA Members, Observers, IRU, invited insurance companies as well as the representative of Russian law company URVEST participated in the meeting</p> <p>Participants agreed that in order to push the establishment and presentation of the regional CMR+ Product, the following steps should be done.</p> <p><b>Next steps and further actions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Clarification with SWISS RE possibility of including Turkey into the CMR+ Pilot Project.</li> <li>2) Market search for evaluation of proposals on creation of IT-platform.</li> <li>3) Technical analysis and elaboration of Financial Plan for IT-platform and generally for the CMR+ Project.</li> <li>4) After 3-4 countries are determined for participation in the CMR+ Pilot Project</li> </ol>

	<p>and concrete steps in creation of IT-platform are elaborated the International Secretariat submits to the IRU fund for financing support. As B Plan be ready to elaborate other mechanisms of searching donors/investors such as BSTDB.</p> <p>5) Elaborate the Road Map for CMR+ initiative with duly written steps, and then approve it on the 33rd Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly, which will be held on 8 June 2018 in Sofya, Bulgaria.</p> <p>6) Preparation of legal basis, regulatory documents (like MoU, agreements etc.) between BSEC-URTA, Associations and insurers and reinsures.</p> <p>Explore an integrated “arbitration” component, if possible.</p> <p>A MoU between ISTAC and BSEC-URTA was signed on 7 November 2017.</p> <p>The International Secretariat held a coordination meeting with the leadership of the international Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC) in Istanbul on 24 April 2018. The meeting was useful to identify the possibility of embedding a free-of-charge arbitration component in a future BSEC CMR insurance product, which is dealt with by the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Party on Insurance.</p> <p>Following issues have been discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of BSEC-URTA Arbitrators and Technical experts (The catalogue that was prepared by ISTAC for construction sector will be used as a source for the transport sector).</li> <li>• Preparation of Brochures about ISTAC in English and Russian language.</li> <li>• Invitation of ISTAC to the BSEC-URTA General Assembly for discussing and improving the mutual cooperation.</li> </ul>	
Follow and contribute to integration of “single window” system among BSEC Member States	Participate in the BSEC meetings of Working Parties on Transport, Customs and Trade and Economic Development and promote and request implementation of the “single window” system among BSEC Member States.	Appropriate meetings will be held in the second semester of 2018 under the Azeri Chairmanship of BSEC Organization (1 July-31 December 2018).

Follow eTIR Pilot Projects	e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Iran;	After implementation with success of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage of the Project, the Customs authorities of Iran and Turkey continue accepting the coverage of e-guaranties issued for the transport operations between the two countries.
	e-TIR Pilot Project between Moldova and Ukraine;	AITA, Moldovan Customs Authority, AIRCU, Ukrainian Customs Authority and IRU held meetings on technical and organizational matters related to implementation of the Pilot Project.
	e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine;	A coordinating meeting of the Turkish and Ukrainian Customs Authorities, ASMAP-UA and TOBB and IRU and BSEC-URTA for development of e-TIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Ukraine was held during 9-10 May in Istanbul and Izmir, Turkey. Custom Authorities from Turkey and Ukraine are evaluating results of the meeting in order to set up an action plan for beginning of the Pilot Project.
	e-TIR connecting Ukraine with Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan.	Customs authorities from concerned countries and member associations signed protocols in order to start implementation of the Pilot Project.

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