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34th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

METROPOL HOTEL YEREVAN

Yerevan, Armenia

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**BSEC-URTA RESOLUTION
ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FACILITATION MEASURES DESIGNED TO OPTIMISE BORDER
CROSSING AT MAIN LAND BORDERS OF BSEC REGION ALONG THE ROAD TRANSPORT
CORRIDORS CONNECTING EUROPE TO MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA**

As an international organization of road transport associations in twelve Countries around the Black Sea and in its immediate neighborhood, the **BSEC-URTA**:

- is extremely concerned about the major border crossing difficulties at the external and internal borders of Black Sea region along main road transport corridors connecting the region with the European Union, Middle East and Central Asia;
- stresses that in almost all Border Crossing Points (BCPs) along road transport corridors linking Europe to Asia the waiting time of commercial vehicles exceeds 12 hours and the work of BCPs authorities is inefficient and unsynchronized;
- notes that main reasons of high waiting times at BCPs are: inappropriate infrastructure of BCPs which are not properly designed and connected, inefficient working procedures of authorities acting at BCPs which are not always synchronized with customs, non-synchronized work of neighboring borders, insufficient BCP personnel which cannot answer the high demand of commercial vehicles for border crossing;
- deplores the consequence of these difficulties, which results in increased cost of the traded goods carried by international transport within BSEC Region and from the BSEC Region to European Union, Middle East and Central Asia.

To overcome these difficulties, the **BSEC-URTA**:

- appeals to the European Union, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, World Trade organization, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and concerned National Governments to work together in a renewed true partnership with the International Road Transport Union and all its concerned National Associations to radically improve without delay this unsustainable situation by:
 - properly implementing the UNECE transport related conventions, the Trade Facilitation Agreement, the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods and WCO agreements which highly proved to be facilitation tools for the international trade and road transport;
 - simplifying border crossing by the application of the best practices in border crossing procedures such as "Integrated Border Management", "Single Window", "Single Administrative Document", digital documentation, "One-stop check", modern risk assessment methods for selective controls etc., which are only partially applied at the BSEC BCPs.

- o systematically monitoring by UN ECE of the professional competence, performance and ethical conduct of BPCs' personnel involved into activities foreseen by the TIR Convention.
- o promoting and implementing the good examples in border crossing procedures, infrastructure design and management existing at some border crossing points such as between Moldova and Ukraine, Turkey and Georgia, Georgia and Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia, Armenia and Iran.
- o promoting and implementing the eVisa online application for the professional drivers nationals of BSEC Member States.

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