



**UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORT ASSOCIATIONS IN THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION REGION  
(BSEC-URTA)**

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**FOURTH MEETING OF BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Baku – AZERBAIJAN  
Thursday, 30 October 2003, at 10:00 hrs

**BSEC-URTA LEGAL PERSONALITY**

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After its founding by the Member Associations in witness whereof the International Road Transport Union in Antalya (Turkey) on 24 October 2001, BSEC-URTA started its activities within the framework of a Statutes undersigned by its founding members thereof.

At its Fifth Meeting in Antalya on 26 October 2001, the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs welcomed establishment of the BSEC-URTA as an important development in the strengthening of the private sector cooperation in the BSEC region, and granted the BSEC-URTA the sectoral dialogue partnership status.

Meantime, under Article (3) of the BSEC-URTA Statutes, the Union have established an International Secretariat with its seat in Istanbul (Turkey), which has been well functioning since 4 February 2002.

All of the above developments paved the way to institutionalization of BSEC-URTA and this process required attaining of a legal personality for the BSEC-URTA to fulfill its legal, financial and administrative duties and obligations on strict legal grounds. As a result of this requirement and taking note of the fact that its seat is located in Istanbul, the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat had started the necessary initiatives before the competent Turkish authorities to obtain a legal personality some time ago.

Processing of this application for a legal personality was recently finalized by the Turkish authorities on the highest level possible by means of a Decree of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Turkey, which was made on 28 July 2003 and approved thereafter by the President of the Republic of Turkey (see the text of Decree in Annex 1).

Its approval and recognition on such a high level has constituted a very satisfactory proof of credibility and legal personality for BSEC-URTA anymore.

However, by adoption of the above Decree, BSEC-URTA is legally obliged to conduct its work in compliance with the form and methodology foreseen by the relevant Turkish legislation, particularly *Law no. 3335 of the Republic of Turkey on Establishment of Organizations Having International Nature* and *Law no. 2908 of the Republic of Turkey on Associations*.

In compliance with this obligation, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly will be required to start keeping an official book by its Fourth Meeting in Baku on 30 October 2003, whereby the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary General will have to be appointed officially and its Secretary General be authorized to represent and act on behalf of legal personality of the BSEC-URTA with all the powers vested into him.

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