



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

DEC/GA09/06

Istanbul, 11 May 2006

NINTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BSEC PERMIS Headquarters, Istanbul – TURKEY
Thursday, 11 May 2006, at 10:00 hrs

DECISIONS*

At its Ninth Meeting, held in Istanbul on 11 May 2006, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:

1. Approved the Minutes of its Eighth Meeting (MIN/GA08/05) without any amendments;
2. Noted with interest the UND's presentation about its management system and the general rules and regulations in the Turkish international road transport market. Emphasized that, UND's good example particularly in relation with reconstruction of the Turkish border crossing facilities with Iran according to a "Build-Operate-Transfer to the State (BOT)" scheme, constitutes a "best example" for Public-Private-Partnership that could also be considered by other Associations and Governments in the BSEC region, and thanked UND for its readiness to provide further detailed information and share its experiences with any other interested BSEC-URTA Member Association;
3. Appreciated the presentation by EKOL Logistics Company, a UND member, and decided to award it with a special BSEC-URTA Plaque of Merits for its successful contribution to the economy and society as a whole, as acknowledged by the Turkish international road transport industry, and invited it to apply the IRU for inclusion in the future editions of the latter's best industry practices report, if any;
4. Noted with consent the verbal report of the 14th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA Management Council;
5. Studied the BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report and requested the Member Associations to actively cooperate with the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat to ensure regular updates to be considered by each General Assembly meeting in the future;
6. Noted with satisfaction that the BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report indicates to a continuous fast increase in the trade between the BSEC Member States much above the average trade growth in the world as well as the growing share of BSEC Member States in the whole world trade from 15,08 % in 2003 to 17,01 % in 2005;
7. Was concerned with the increasing average waiting times at the BSEC borders, according to the IRU BWTO, by much above 100 % from 2004 to 2005;
8. Noted the information provided by the IRU's that its BWTO system is modernized by the end of 2006 where the data automation and coverage of new border gates will be possible, and expressed its full support for development of this system as a useful tool for analysis of day-to-day developments in the road transport industry in the BSEC region;
9. Appreciating the participation of the ECMT Secretariat in its meeting, evaluated the recent developments regarding the ECMT Multilateral Quota System. In this respect, brainstormed about technical and political possibilities for the interested BSEC Member States to introduce additional quota within the framework of the ECMT Multilateral Quota System, to each other and on a voluntary basis;
10. Established a Working Party composed of representatives from AIRCU, AITA, ARTRI and UND with the task of preparing a strategy framework document for the BSEC-URTA in the above

* Adopted unanimously unless otherwise stated herein.



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framework, whose work should be coordinated by the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat and guided by the BSEC-URTA President;

11. Expressing its concerns regarding the developments for introduction of mandatory retro reflecting marking of HGVs according to newly amended UNECE type approval Regulation Nr. 48, exchanged information about the position of their Governments in this regard and decided that the BSEC-URTA President should write an official letter to the national authorities in the BSEC Member States with a copy to the related BSEC-URTA Member Association, requesting for their written objection against the amended Regulations;
12. Obtained information and clarifications from the IRU about the joint ECMT-IRU Survey on Secure Truck Parking Areas, which is underway, and encouraged the BSEC-URTA Member Associations to actively contribute to this Survey, if not yet;
13. Noted the latest developments about the Digital Tachograph according to the new EU Driving and Rest Time Rules Regulation and related amendments to the AETR Agreement, and encouraged the Member Associations to participate and promote the IRU Academy's forthcoming Seminar on Digital Tachograph in St. Petersburg on 28-29 September 2006;
14. Approved the BSEC-URTA Activity Report (DOC/GA09/ACTIV/06) and in this framework:-
 - urged the BSEC-URTA Member Associations to lobby actively vis-à-vis their national authorities with the request to inform the BSEC PERMIS about their readiness to sign the draft BSEC Agreement on simplification of visas for the professional lorry drivers in the BSEC Member States,
 - appealed to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and Romania asking their assistance in accelerating their ongoing national procedures for ratification of the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC Region so that it can enter into force without further time delay. In this regard, Requested the BSEC-URTA President to write to the respectful Ministers with the request of their personal interest and support for entry into force of the BSEC MoU as soon as possible,
15. Adopted the report of BSEC-URTA Auditors and approved the accounts of the BSEC-URTA for 2005 including their recommendations for opening of a BSEC-URTA Reserve Fund account and introducing a new item in the future BSEC-URTA budgets for depreciation, and entrusted the BSEC-URTA Management Council to implement these recommendations as appropriate;
16. Upon proposal of the BSEC-URTA Management Council, agreed by majority, to give an exceptional exemption to the AIRCA for its contribution fee to the BSEC-URTA Budgets for 2005, 2006 and 2007. In this case, the AIRCA will not be requested to pay the due balance of its contribution fee for 2005 and any contribution fees for 2006 and 2007. However, the AIRCA shall be requested to start payment of its contribution fees to the BSEC-URTA Budget starting from the budgetary period of 2008. Result of the related vote on this decision: ABADA, against – AEBTRI, AITA, AIRCU, ANALTIR, ARTRI, GIRCA, OFAE, UND, in favour – AIRCA, ASMAP, absent.
17. Elected Mr. Gia Tshipuria (GIRCA) and Mr. Manuel Trifanciuc (ARTRI) as the BSEC-URTA Auditors for 2006;
18. Upon proposal of the BSEC-URTA Management Council, adopted a set of amendments to the BSEC-URTA Statutes (Annex 1 – STATUTES/GA09/06/Amendments: Set of amendments to the BSEC-URTA Statutes), and upon joint written request of the Presidents of AEBTRI, AITA, ANALTIR and UND adopted another set of parallel changes to the BSEC-URTA Financial Regulations (Annex 2 – REG/GA09/FIN/06/Amendments: Set of amendments to the BSEC-URTA Financial Regulations) in order to create "Observer" status in the BSEC-URTA, unanimously;
19. Under the newly amended BSEC-URTA Statutes as above and upon proposal of the BSEC-URTA Management Council as stipulated thereabove, decided to grant Observer status to Medjunarodni Transport Association, which is a non-profit organization, for 2007 and 2008 with an annual



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Observer's fee of € 2000, and to the Ingosstrakh Insurance Company, which is a profit making organization, for 2007 and 2008 with an annual Observer's fee of € 3000;

20. Accepting the kind invitation of the UND, decided to hold its next meeting in Antalya (Turkey) on 19 October 2006, which would also be marking the 5th Anniversary of the BSEC-URTA, which was born in Antalya 5 years ago, however, agreed that UND could make a change to the foreseen date for practical reasons of the organization, which should be notified to all BSEC-URTA Member Associations at least one month before the holding of its next meeting;
21. Expressed its utmost gratitude to the BSEC-PERMISS for opening its headquarters to the Spring 2006 meetings of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly and the Management Council and to the UND for the warmest and the most generous hospitality extended to the BSEC-URTA Member Associations.

Ilir Mataj, BSEC-URTA President	
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