



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

DEC/GA12/07

Sofia, 02 November 2007

TWELFTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Grand Hotel, Sofia – BULGARIA
Friday, 02 November 2007, at 10:00 hrs

DECISIONS¹

At its Twelfth Meeting, held in Sofia on 02 November 2007, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:

1. Adopted the Agenda (DOC/GA12/AG/07) and Order of Business (DOC/GA12/OB/07) and approved the Minutes of its Eleventh Meeting (MIN/GA11/07),
2. Thanked the Host Association, AEBTRI, for arranging two comprehensive presentations about the road transport system in Bulgaria and the activities of successful Bulgarian enterprises,
3. Adopted the Chairman's report on the last meeting of the BSEC-URTA Management Council in Sofia on 1 November 2007, where the Council pursued progress on key objectives of the BSEC-URTA in 2007: *ensure successful launch of the BSEC Steering Committee on road goods transport facilitation; develop further the cooperation with transport related BSEC NGOs; work for possible creation of a BSEC-URTA commercial company*, and endorsed the draft BSEC-URTA Budget 2008 for consideration and approval of the General Assembly.
4. Studied the updated BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report (DOC/GA12/OUTLOOK/07) and observed with satisfaction that the foreign trade volume of BSEC countries increases much faster than the world average and there is also a continuous increase in the volume of foreign trade between the BSEC Member States. Instructed the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat to seek further comments from the concerned Member Associations about this situation and to continue publishing updated versions of these statistics, regularly,
5. Deeply concerned with the deteriorating border crossing situation between the BSEC-EU borders, the General Assembly adopted a BSEC-URTA Resolution on Border Crossing Difficulties at External Frontiers of the EU (RES/GA12/BWT/07),
6. Noted the BSEC-URTA Activity Report (DOC/GA12/ACTIV/07) with appreciation,
7. Noted the scientific conclusions of the Black Sea Ring Highway Caravan, which was organised by the International Secretariat and the Member Associations in partnership with the IRU. It emphasized that these conclusions provide another proof of invisible heavy cost of non-physical barriers, namely border waiting times, visa and transport permit expenses, on the BSEC economy as a whole. Therefore, it welcomed that these conclusions were made public again during a Press Conference, today, with the participation of the Minister of Transport of Bulgaria, BSEC-URTA Management Council and Member Associations as well as the BSEC and IRU Secretaries General. Furthermore, it requested each Member Association to do its utmost to publicise and use as arguments these scientific conclusions in their activities at national level.
8. Adopted the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2007 (DOC/GA12/BUDG/07),
9. Amended the BSEC-URTA Statutes to create status of Honorary Membership according to document (STATUTES/GA12/07/Amendments),

¹ Adopted unanimously unless otherwise stated.



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10. Elected Messrs Dimitrios Dotzios (OFAE) and Gia Tsipuria (GIRCA) as its Vice-Presidents for 2008,
11. Welcomed and accepted the kind invitation of Ingosstrakh Insurance Company to host next meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Moscow in Spring 2008, of which the exact dates should be announced by the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat in consultation with the Ingosstrakh Insurance Company later,
12. Adopted the BSEC-URTA Calendar for 2008 (DOC/GA12/CAL/07).

Vladimir FLOREA, BSEC-URTA President

(AEBTRI)
Georgi PETROV

(ANALTIR)
Eduard KASA

(AITA)
Ghenadie TAULEAN

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Leonid DOKIL

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(OFAE)
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Izzet Salah