



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

DEC/GA16/09

Geneva, 4 November 2009

SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Conference Centre Varembé (CCV)
Geneva – Switzerland
Wednesday, 04 November 2009, at 15:00 hrs

DECISIONS¹

At its Sixteenth Meeting, held in Geneva on 4 November 2009, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:

1. Thanked the BSEC Secretary General and the IRU Secretary General for addressing the General Assembly and contributing to its work, for their kind participation and high level continuous support to the activities of the BSEC-URTA,
2. Adopted as amended the Agenda (DOC/GA16/AG/09/Corrigendum) and the Order of Business (DOC/GA16/OB/09/Corrigendum) and approved the Minutes of its Fifteenth Meeting (MIN/GA15/09),
3. Took note of the verbal report of the BSEC-URTA Management Council,
4. Studied the updated BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report (DOC/GA16/OUTLOOK/09). Noted with concern that the statistics confirm the immense pressures on the BSEC road transport operators stemming from shrinking trade, rising idle fleet capacities and continuous existence of barriers to the road transport in the BSEC region,
5. Expressed disappointment with the lack of new signatories BSEC Member States to the *BSEC Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures for Professional Lorry Drivers Nationals of the BSEC Member States* since its last meeting and requested the Member Associations from the BSEC Member States, which did not sign this Agreement, yet, to cooperate with the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat more actively in order to convince their national authorities to sign this Agreement as soon as possible (REP/GA16/BVPD/09),
6. Expressed the hope that Albania, Armenia and Moldova, which signed the abovementioned Agreement but did not complete the national procedures for its ratification, yet, will ratify this Agreement so that it can enter into force as soon as possible,
7. Warmly welcomed the decision of the BSEC Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to approve the creation and pilot implementation of the BSEC Permit among interested BSEC Member States in 2010,
8. Evaluated and approved the road map for introduction of the BSEC Permit, which was proposed by the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat and mandated the Secretariat to give necessary financial support to the BSEC PERMIS for design and printing of the *BSEC Permit* and the *User Guide* in the languages of the Participating Member States (REP/GA16/PERMIT/09),
9. Also welcomed the decision of six interested BSEC Member States to establish an *Ad Hoc* Project Group in order to work for creation of a regional license similar to the ECMT Licence, and mandated the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat to give every possible support to the *Ad Hoc* Project Group in 2010 in order to reach its objectives (REP/GA16/LICENCE/09),
10. Noted the conclusions of the *UNECE-BSEC Joint Seminar on Implementation of the New Annex 8 to the International Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods* and requested the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat to monitor closely any follow up actions by the BSEC PERMIS and to keep this subject on the agenda of future meetings of the transport related BSEC competent bodies, particularly the SC.F (REP/GA16/ICHFCG/09),
11. Noted the BSEC-URTA Activity Report (DOC/GA16/ACTIV/09) with appreciation,

¹ Adopted unanimously unless otherwise stated.

12. Reviewed the vision, mission and strategic objectives of the BSEC-URTA and adopted the BSEC-URTA Working Programme for 2010 (DOC/GA16/WP/09),
13. Decided not to amend Paragraph 1 of the BSEC-URTA Statutes, which was proposed by the Management Council under the related working document (STATUTES/GA16/09/Amendments),
14. Bearing in mind the recommendation of the Management Council, decided to renew the Observer status of the MT and Ingosstrakh Russia for five years from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2014 with an annual contribution of EUR 2.000 and EUR 5.000, respectively,
15. Bearing in mind the recommendation of the Management Council, decided to grant to the UNTRR the status of the BSEC-URTA Member beginning from 1 January 2010 with an annual contribution of EUR 6.000,
16. Adopted the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2010 (DOC/GA16/BUDG/09),
17. Elected Messrs Tofiq Nurullayev (ABADA) and Evgeny Moskvichev (ASMAP) as its Vice-Presidents for 2010,
18. Renewed the term of office of Mr. Haydar Özkan as its Secretary General from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2013,
19. Welcomed and accepted GIRCA's kind invitation to host next meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Tbilisi in Spring 2010, of which the exact dates will be announced by the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat in consultation with the GIRCA later,
20. Adopted the BSEC-URTA Calendar for first half of 2010 (DOC/GA16/CAL/09),
21. Adopted and undersigned these Decisions of the 16th meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Geneva on 4 November 2009.

Vladimir FLOREA, BSEC-URTA President	
(ANALTIR) Ilir MATAJ	(AIRCA) Herbert HAMBARDZUMYAN
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